

How to Stay
Connected:
FOCUSING on What
Matters MOST!

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Ideas for everyone!



WEB



Yearbook



Renaissance



ASB



Parent Events



Staff(ulty) Events



Clubs and student VOICE





WEB Playlist ideas

WELCOME
EVERY
BODY!



WEB Playlist ideas

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- ⊗ Virtual Student Leader trainings before school
- ⊗ ALL 6th graders invited to a week of orientation sessions
- ⊗ New to DRA orientation sessions (Spanish too)
- ⊗ ALL 6th graders & new students assigned to a student leader mentor
- ⊗ Weekly + emails to 6th graders from our leaders
- ⊗ ALL 6th graders divided to teams to meet on Mondays for follow up lessons, SEL and "family outings"
- ⊗ Shared student leadership opportunities



Yearbook Playlist ideas

Everyone has a story to tell!



Yearbook Playlist ideas

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- ⊗ Hard copy production of yearbook
- ⊗ 8th grade slide show curated content
- ⊗ Digital yearbook with additional expanded coverage
- ⊗ Weekly newsletter 100% produced by students --started during a PANDEMIC!
- ⊗ Shared student leadership opportunities
- ⊗ Photo collection strategies and community outreach



Renaissance Playlist ideas

Respect

Recognize

Reward

+ Reinforce

Results



Renaissance Playlist ideas

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- ⊗ Shared student leadership opportunities
- ⊗ Shout outs collected from staff, students & families
- ⊗ Live Streamed Rallies on YouTube
- ⊗ Production of rally content & input from DRA community
- ⊗ Staffulty nominations for student recognition
- ⊗ Glow in the Dark Rally
- ⊗ SWITCH it up Video Game Rally
- ⊗ Office Drive through Honor Roll events



ASB Playlist ideas

Activities, Events, Sales, Support, Equity & Voice



ASB Playlist ideas

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- ⊗ Shared student leadership opportunities
- ⊗ Weekly activity calendar to all students and on-line
- ⊗ Grade level activities every Thursday since the start of school
- ⊗ School-wide activities every Friday since the start of school
- ⊗ On-line sales with no contact pick-up at library extended hours
- ⊗ Regular emails and shout outs to staff members
- ⊗ Fright Night Haunted House, PJ Dance, Mock Election, Patriot Day Art Show, Pet Show, Halloween Poster Contest
- ⊗ Guest Speakers, Virtual Field Trips, Events, Coding
- ⊗ RRW, Great Kindness Challenge, PRIDE Week, College Week



Parent Playlist ideas

Connect, Educate, Inform, & COMMUNICATE



Parent Playlist ideas

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- ⊗ Parent orientation events
- ⊗ Quarterly Parent night Q & A sessions
- ⊗ DRA Parent Academy: Recurring monthly meetings for key topics
- ⊗ PTO with school-wide Padlet contests
- ⊗ Question form on school website
- ⊗ Access to school and student newsletter
- ⊗ Access to activity calendar
- ⊗ Synergy messages or emails for events and student progress
- ⊗ Shout out opportunities for rallies
- ⊗ Email summaries from all Google Classrooms



Staff(ulty) Playlist ideas

Support, Connect, Encourage & Value



Staff(ulty) Playlist ideas

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- ⊗ Shout outs in daily announcements
- ⊗ Google Classrooms created for MTSS focus areas and school items
- ⊗ SEL trainings and materials in staff meetings, and G.C.
- ⊗ PBIS incentives
- ⊗ Virtual field trips and speakers arranged for College & Career Week, Holocaust survivors, athletes, charities, local attractions
- ⊗ Tall Oaks appreciation activity
- ⊗ Collection & care for staff members
- ⊗ Contests for donated items--pick up at library or delivery
- ⊗ Mail letters, cards, gift cards and chain letter
- ⊗ Teacher directed spa day and dance party



Clubs & Student Playlist ideas

We are here to hear YOU!



Clubs & Student Playlist ideas

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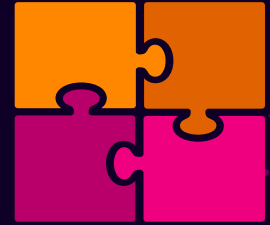
- ⊗ Shout outs in daily announcements
- ⊗ Weekly, student-produced video news broadcast
- ⊗ Daily written and video announcements
- ⊗ After school mentoring and tutoring program
- ⊗ Six week rotations for enrichment/intervention during the day
- ⊗ iReady mentoring program
- ⊗ Student leaders connected to each 6th grader and new student
- ⊗ Grade level Google Classroom for delivery of all materials
- ⊗ 11 new clubs started in a PANDEMIC! (joining the 10 that have been meeting since the first day of school - student VOICE)
- ⊗ Homeroom sessions 4/week for academics, behavior, and SEL



Other connections

- ⊗ District-wide events for student leaders organized in collaboration by student leaders & advisors across schools
- ⊗ District-wide spirit events with input from all school sites and district stakeholders
- ⊗ Student initiative to include preferred pronoun in Zoom sessions
- ⊗ Backgrounds, music, filters, and Snap filter use for student engagement and connection
- ⊗ Expanded elective offerings based on student selection
- ⊗ PBIS reward program with student voice & input
- ⊗ Rally themes, song playlists, question forms for speakers

When it comes to ★ students or staff...★

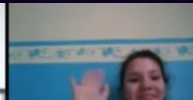
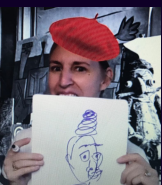
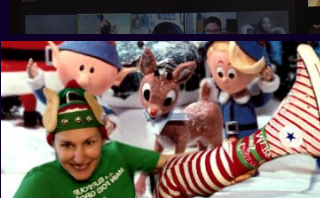
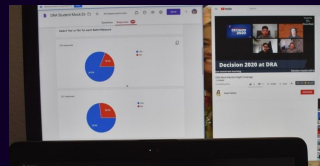
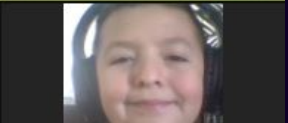


- ⊗ Don't make decisions ABOUT us Without US!
- ⊗ Use the WHOLE CHILD lens
- ⊗ Remember your **WHY**
- ⊗ Use names! Connect daily & be curious
- ⊗ Add SEL! Already have it? Add MORE!
- ⊗ Ask staffuly, ask students, ask parents what is needed...then make a plan to execute that



Worth a 1,000 words...

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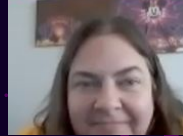
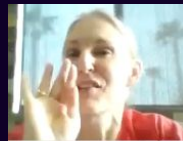
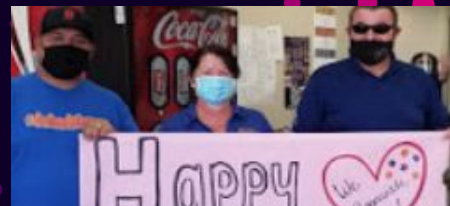
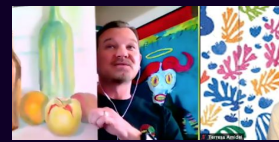
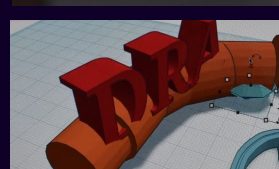
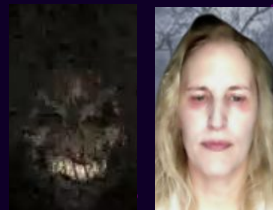
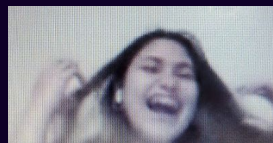
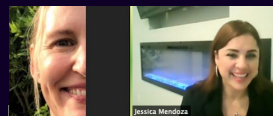
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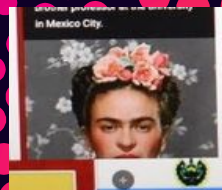
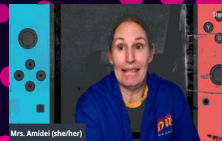
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