EVERYONE MATTERS!

EPIC Student and Staffulty Recognition Ideas

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STUDENT RECOGNITION

- C.O.W.
- Scholar Athletes
- Performing Arts Scholar
- Student of the Month
- HEART Awards (Core Values)
- Special Needs/Best Buddies
- New Student Welcome
- Santa's Workshop
- Sign on the Line
- Teacher's Choice Awards
- Rise Up Poetry Night

C.O.W (CONQUEROR OF THE WEEK)

- Nominated by ANYONE for really any reason
- Can tie it to your school's Core Values, Mission, Vision, etc.
- Get name, find classroom, email teacher ahead of time
- Make poster with name and WHY they are receiving the COW
- Take picture and post on social media!
- If you can include nominator…even better!

SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

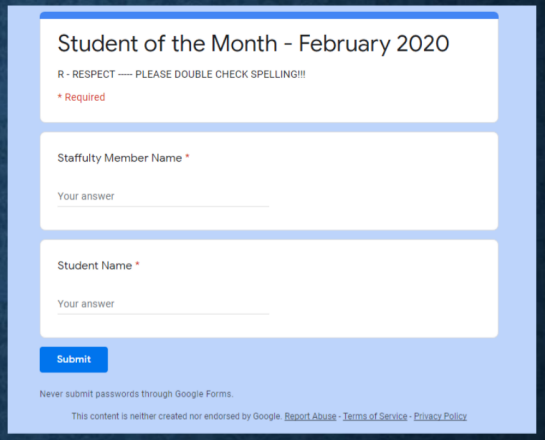
- Do one for each Home League Game
- Contact Coach or Athletic Director to see who has been performing well on the field/court
- Check with counselors to make sure grades are acceptable
- Poster with name and sport
- Take picture and post on social media!

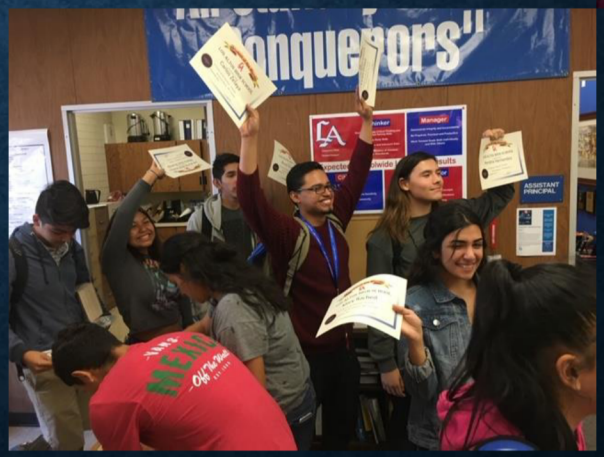
PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLAR

- Do one for every Performance
- Contact Director to see who their outstanding performers have been
- Check with counselors to make sure grades are acceptable
- Poster with name and Performing Art group
- Take picture and post on social media!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

- One of the best and easiest events we do!
- Send email out to entire Staffulty (not just teachers!) to gather nominations
- Choose a theme (Honesty, Kindness, etc)
- Pro-tip…use Google Forms
  - Makes spreadsheet for you!
- Make certificates for students
- Take pics and post in your main lobby
- Call home THAT DAY and notify parents!
- Feed kids (pizza is cheap and everyone loves it!)



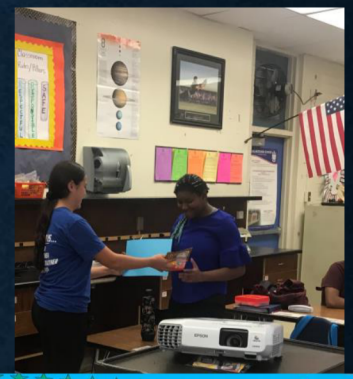


H.E.A.R.T. AWARD (CORE VALUES)

- Celebrate your school's Core Values
  - Great staff project if you don't already have them
- Execute similarly to Student of the Month (previous slide) but choose students who embody your Core Values
- After school in front of main office
- Drive-thru event (music certificate, treats, picture backdrop, yard sign, etc.)
- Invite families to attend and celebrate with us
  - Lesson learned from Covid!

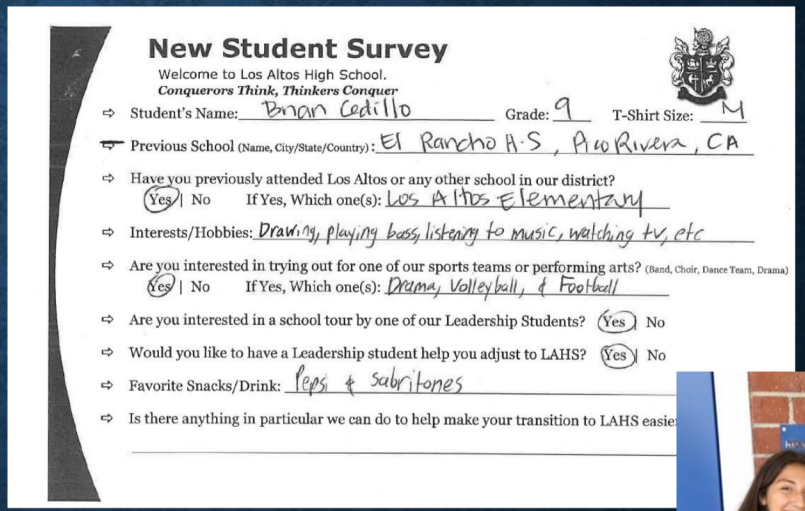
SPECIAL NEEDS/BEST BUDDIES

- Members of our Student Leadership head up the Best Buddies Program
- Partner with our special needs population
- Homecoming Float
- Monthly celebrations (Back to School, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.)



NEW STUDENT WELCOME

- Most important recognition we do!
- Create survey and have attendance staff hand out when the new student checks in
- Within a week, we make contact in a class
- Announce new student and give entire class treats as a celebration (Costco snack box)!
- Take new student outside, meet student leader buddy and invite to lunch, event, etc.
- Follow up with monthly transfer lunch!



New Student Survey

Welcome to Los Altos High School.
Conquerors Think, Thinkers Conquer

- Student's Name: Brian Cedillo Grade: 9 T-Shirt Size: M
- Previous School (Name, City/State/Country): El Rancho H.S, Pico Rivera, CA
- Have you previously attended Los Altos or any other school in our district?
  (Yes) | No If Yes, Which one(s): Los Altos Elementary
- Interests/Hobbies: Drawing, playing bass, listening to music, watching tv, etc
- Are you interested in trying out for one of our sports teams or performing arts? (Band, Choir, Dance Team, Drama)
  (Yes) | No If Yes, Which one(s): Drama, Volleyball, & Football
- Are you interested in a school tour by one of our Leadership Students? (Yes) No
- Would you like to have a Leadership student help you adjust to LAHS? (Yes) No
- Favorite Snacks/Drink: Pepsi & sabritones
- Is there anything in particular we can do to help make your transition to LAHS easie

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

- Solicit donations from your Staffulty
- Partner with local law enforcement (CHP)
- Alumni in businesses who can donate (Carvana)
- Decorate a room like Santa's Workshop
  - Cookies, Hot Cocoa, Music, Tree, etc.
- Target Homeless, Foster, Free/Reduced. Mix in some "other" students.
- Choose a gift to GIVE to a friend/family member
- We wrap gift and deliver on last day of school.