## Motivating and Rewarding Your Staff

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A to Z Advising

#### Dealing with it All

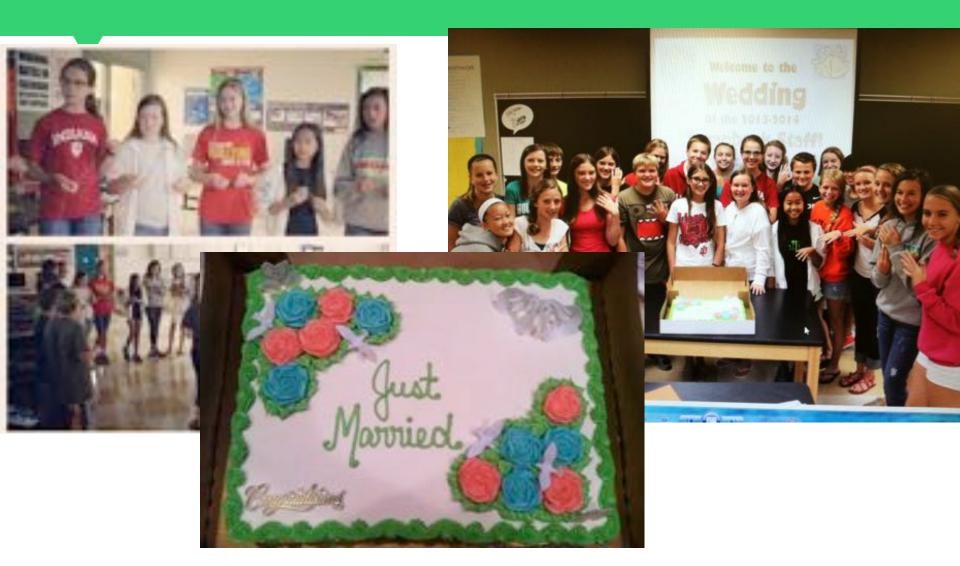
- Avoid burnout!
- It's important to STOP and take time to celebrate and motivate your staff

## Here are some ways to **celebrate** and **motivate** your staff throughout the year



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qR3rK0kZFkg

#### Celebrate: Get Married!



### Motivate: Apparel





Westfield Middle School

2014
2015





#### MICHAELA

This student has access to all school areas and free attendance to school-related events for journalism purposes only.

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#### **CAMERA MODES**

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#### Celebrate: Staff Spirit Week

- Dress like a Font Day (watch college humor's font conference video first)
- Dress like a Yerd Day
- Theme days
- Snuggie Day



### Celebrate: Holidays



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Motivate: Decorate Your Space





Celebrate: Yerd of the Month



### Celebrate: Candy





#### Motivate: Go to Workshops









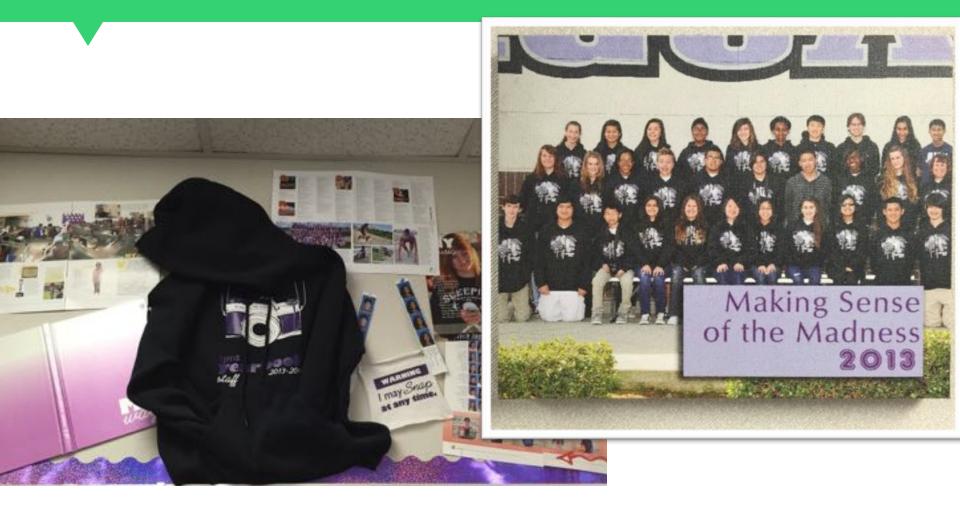
#### Motivate: Sales

#### Ad Sales - The Mad "Adder" Club

- Similar to commission-based businesses
- Make different levels for ad sales ("Tea Party Level", "White Rabbit Level", etc.)
- Students get to move up the ladder
- Various rewards/ prizes per level



#### Celebrate: Leave a Legacy



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We spend all year taking photos, interviewing students, writing captions and stories and designing spreads for our peers. Everybody knows what we do, but no one knows how we do it. This is the long-awaited documentation of what goes on behind the scenes in yearbook. The lessons, the deadlines, the work nights and the Saturdays. The icebreakers, the parties, the pins and the food the laughs, the tears, and the memories. This is our yearbook, this is our staff, this is





#### **Motivate: Press Pass Promise**

- Make it Matter!
   Invite the
   Administration in to
   conduct a swearing
   in ceremony
- Right hand over your heart, left hand on your badge and repeat after me:

#### The Press Pass Promise

On my honor, I will by:

To respect the privileges of my position,

To be responsible at all times.

And to live by the Yearbook Contract.

#### The Yerd Law

I will do my best to be

honest, fair, and responsible for what I say and do.

to be courageous and meet new people,

to turn onesies into twosies.

to let the theme be my guide,

and to

respect myself and others.

respect authority.

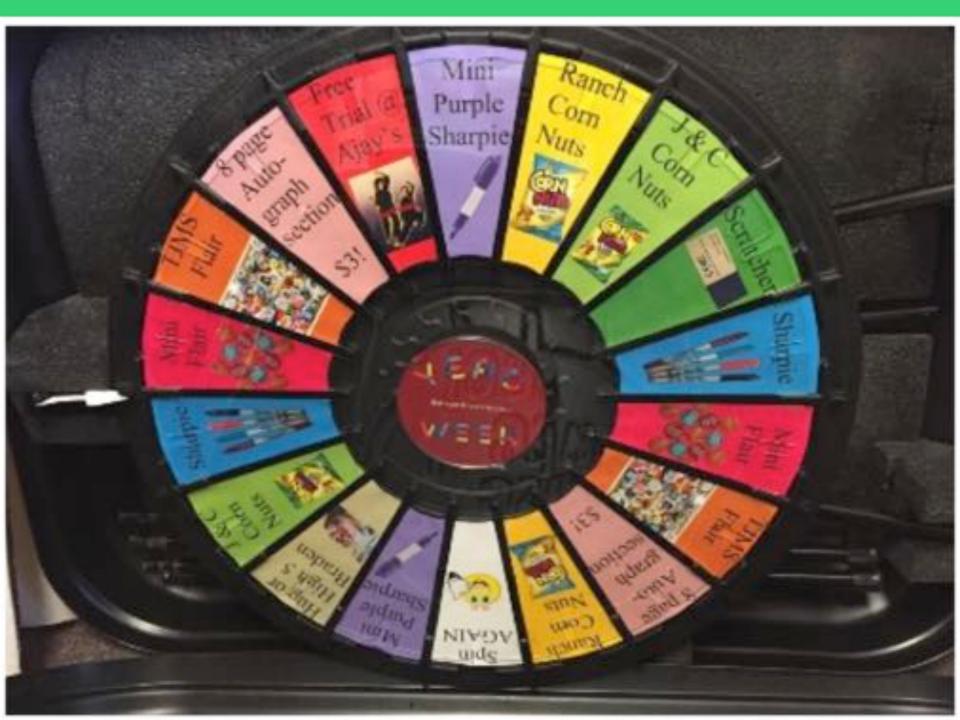
be open to criticism and feedback.

make the school a better place, and

be a Yerd not a Turd.

#### Celebrate: Yerd Week





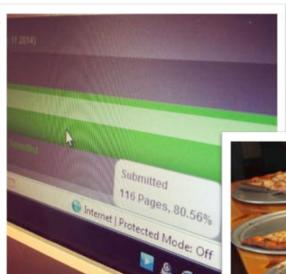


#### Celebrate: Submissions

- 50% = 50/50 party (Floats, pizza, cookies 50/50 bars)
- 80% = Listen to 80's music all week; 90% = 90s music
- 100 pages (1 + 2 cookies), 144 pages (dozens!), etc.



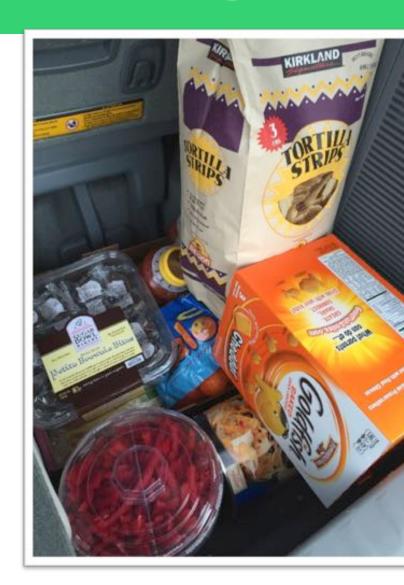






#### Motivate: Grids & Grub Nights

- After School Snack
- 4:00 RPS Battle
- 4:30 Snack Release
- 5:00 10 minute Tag Break
- 5:30 Snack Release
- 6:00 Game/Challenge
- 6:30 Dinner (Nacho bar or parent provided)



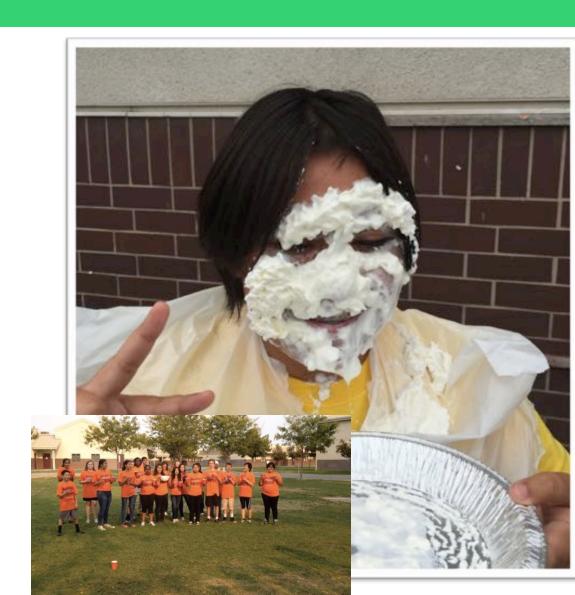
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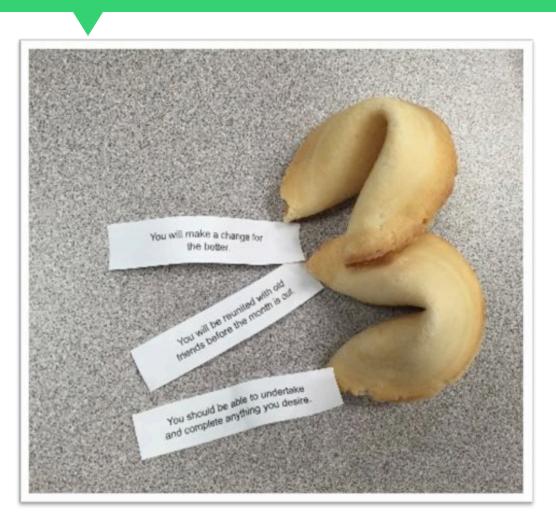


#### Motivate: Volunteer

- Challenge your staff to support other groups on campus (ASB, Clubs, etc.)
- Example:
  - Schoolwide
     canned food
     drive split yerds
     into teams &
     winners pie the
     losers at lunch.



### Motivate: Monday Meetings





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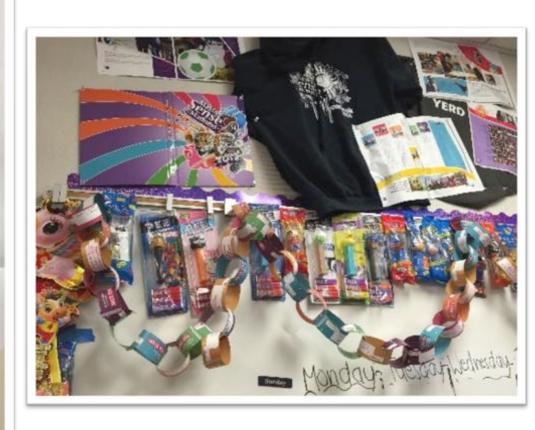
It's long hours in front of the computer. It's bringing many ideas

#### TOGETHERand

blending them into one. We laugh, brainstorm, take photos, design, eat, write, edit, save and eat some more.

WE create something
greater than ourselves. Working
together, our staff CAN
do amazing things. The memories
we preserve will last well beyond
our years within these walls.

YEARBOOK TRULY MAKES A DIFFERENCE.



#### **Motivate: Embrace the Theme**





#### Motivate: Games

#### Take a cue from The Ellen Show

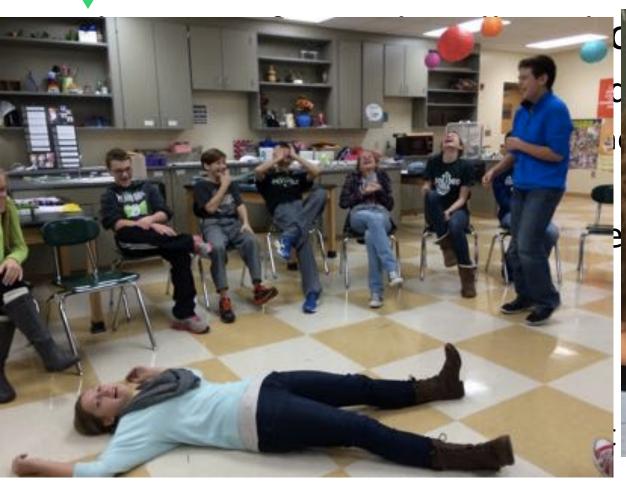
- "Wonderful Web Video Wednesdays"
  - Watch something cute or funny once a week
  - Staffers can suggest videos too
- 5 min Dance Breaks or RPS Battles
- Know or Go Game
  - Fun way to review yearbook trivia
- Heads Up Game
  - Gets kids to think fast on their feet good journalism skill!



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### **Motivate: Getting to Know You**

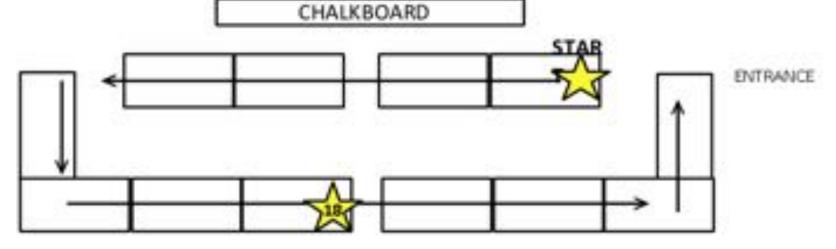
 Seating icebreakers – everyday for the first week

Read this card completely. Do not enter the room until you understand the instructions. You may talk about the instructions before you enter the room. When you understand the instructions, give the card back to Ms.

- 1) Complete this challenge in complete silence: Remain silent for the entire activity. Do not talk or whisper after you enter the room.
- 2) In the room, line up in order by height.
- 3) Then take your seats with the shortest person in Seat 1.
- 4) Do not skip seats.
- 5) When the class is seated, the student in Seat 12 raises his or her hand, and when called on reports that the class is ready.

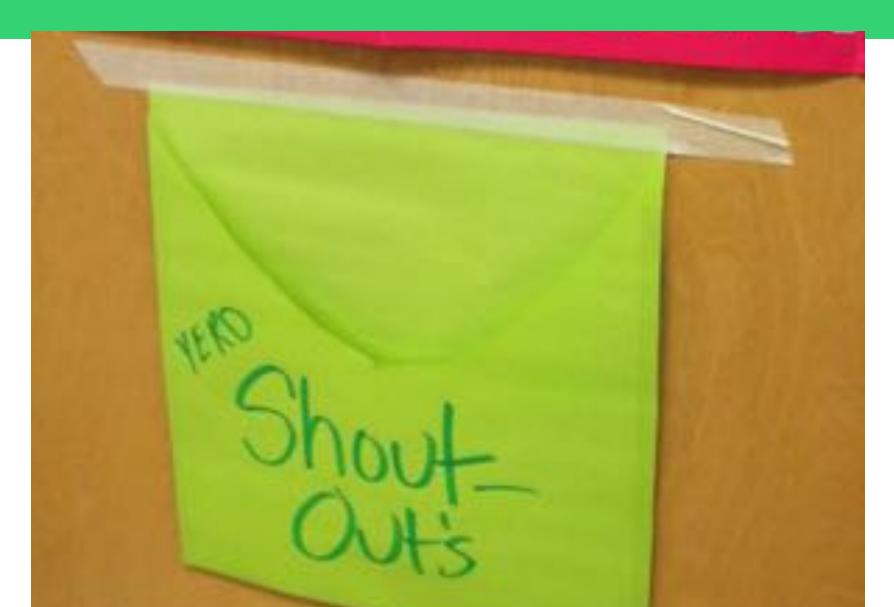
#### STOP – BEFORE YOU SIT-READ THESE DIRECTIONS

 Sit in birthday order so that the person with the birthday closest to January 1 sits in the seat closest to the main door.



- The year you were born doesn't matter.
- Don't skip seats.
- You have until 1 minute after the bell to be in order
- When everyone is seated, the student in Seat 18 will raise his or her hand and report that the class is ready to begin.

#### **Celebrate: Shout Outs**



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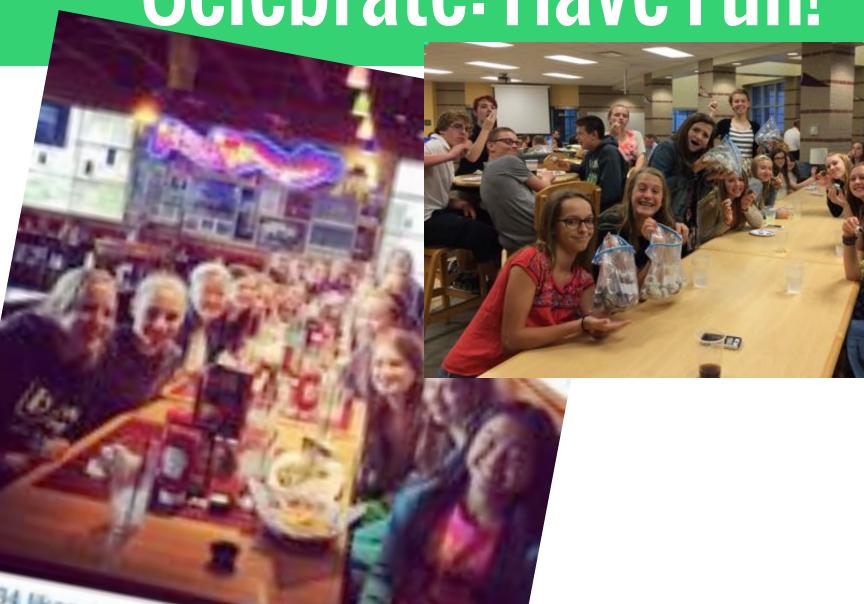
#### Celebrate: Pen Pals



### Celebrate: Have Fun!



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#### **Celebrate: The Yerdy Awards**

THE 3<sup>40</sup> ANNUAL YERDY AWARDS

## MOST LIKELY TO SCARE AN INTERVIEW SUBJECT

GOES TO:

MARY

#### Celebrate & Motivate: FOOD



- 4. Chips/ pretzels/ popcorn
- 3. Any form of Cake
- 2. Pizza
- 1. Oreo Balls!

#### Oreo Truffle Ball Recipe

#### Ingredients

- 1 pkg. Oreos Regular or Mint Flavor
- 1 container of chocolate frosting (8 oz.)
- 1 pkg of chocolate bark or candy coating

- 1. Finely crush the cookies in a food processor or a ziploc bag with a rolling pin.
- 2. Microwave the chocolate frosting for 5-10 seconds
- 3. Stir in ¾ of the frosting (add more if it seems to dry) and mix together with crushed Oreos. (I usually do this in my kitchenaid, you could also use a hand held mixer. Mixing it with your hands also works well but is very messy.)
- 4. Mash the two together completely.
- 5. Roll the mixture into 1" balls and place on wax paper covered cookie sheet.
- 6. Place in refrigerator for a 5-10 minutes (to help retain shape when dipping in melted chocolate).
- 7. Melt chocolate as directed on the package and then dip balls into chocolate, tap off extra and set aside on wax paper covered cookie sheet to dry.
- 8. Refrigerate for another 5-10 min and enjoy!

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