

MONTHLY PLAYBOOK

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HEY, YOU! WE LIKE YOUR STYLE!

You love your school, and you want to make a difference. Maybe you're the administrator who hams it up during spirit week, or the educator who greets your students each day at the door. Maybe you're just starting to discover what makes you a changemaker. Whomever you are, you're passionate about students doing well and being recognized.

It's nice to meet you – we're your people!

USING THIS PLAYBOOK

This playbook was created by other Jostens Renaissance educators, with you in mind! We know you may not have all the resources that are ideal for making change, but that's ok. This playbook was made knowing the people using it may not have a team of people, large budgets or lots of time.

➞ **Start small. Focus your efforts.**

➞ **People will see and feel the difference, and over time they'll get on board.**

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- Get a login for JostensRenaissance.com. As a customer, you have access to helpful articles and videos that are referenced in this playbook. You'll need a username and password to access them. If you don't have one, reach out to Renaissance@jostens.com.
- Start by defining your goals on the next couple of pages. Once you know where you want to focus, it'll be easier to explain why you are doing what you're doing. And – BONUS – you'll be able to measure whether it's working.
- Each month, select and implement one or more of the recommended activities. Regardless of whether you are focusing on General Culture & Climate, Teacher Morale, Academic Achievement or Character Development, we recommend always doing a relationship-builder.

AND THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT!



A TEAM OF PEOPLE, READY TO HELP

Whether you already have a fan club at your school or not, you are not alone! Jostens Renaissance comes with a team of people who believe in what you are doing and are here to help, starting at the Jostens corporate office. Our Renaissance Education team is made of former teachers and administrators, and we like nothing more than helping schools (and you!) succeed.

If you ever have a question, need some input or are wondering where to find a specific resource – CONTACT US!
Email Renaissance@jostens.com and you'll hear back in a jiffy.

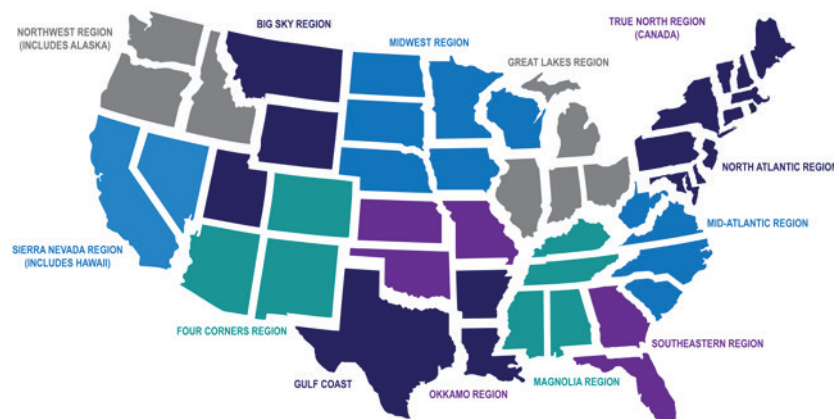
Here for you, the Jostens Renaissance team

CONNECT WITH EDUCATORS NEAR YOU!

Join your region to connect with a community of enthusiastic educators – people who believe in the power of a positive culture and climate to improve staff morale, academic achievement and character development.

Each region is led by a champion, a volunteer educator who has seen the power of Jostens Renaissance in their school. Educators in each region share ideas and successes with one another through Facebook groups and a monthly email newsletter.

Want to personally connect with your champ or get more involved in this community?
Email Renaissance@Jostens.com to get connected today.



See more about your Renaissance Region by scanning the QR code or going to: www.JostensRenaissance.com/regions

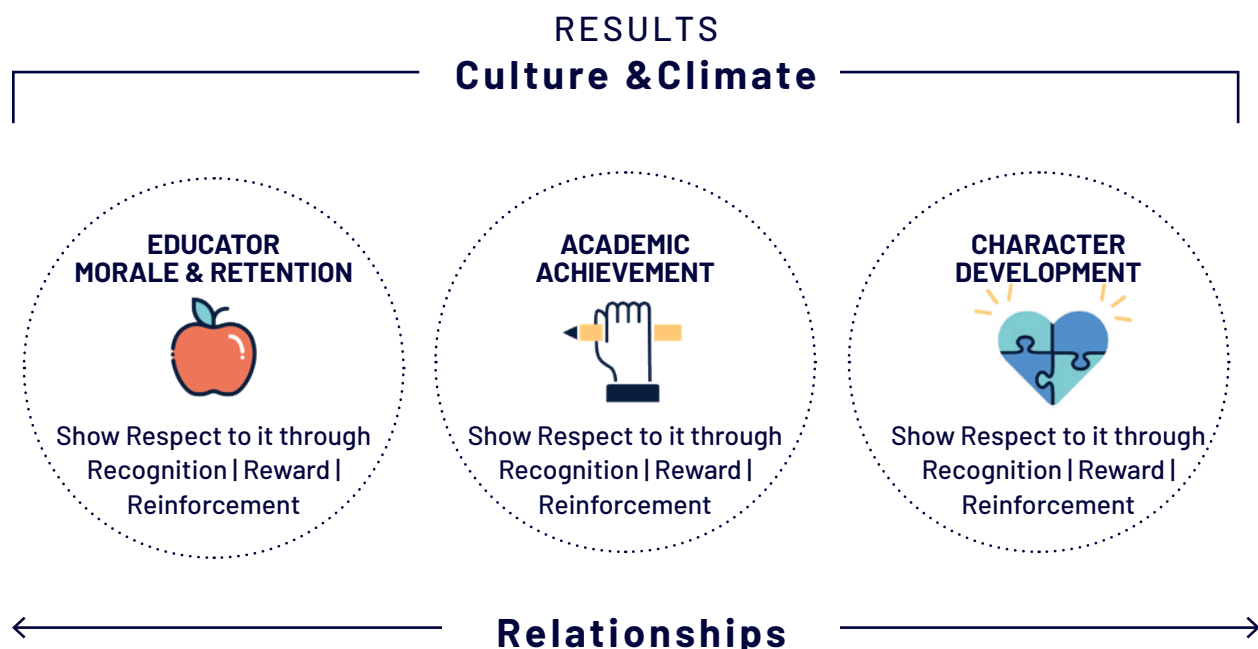
JOSTENS RENAISSANCE IS A FRAMEWORK FOR BUILDING A CULTURE AND CLIMATE WHERE TEACHERS LOVE THEIR JOB AND STUDENTS THRIVE IN SCHOOL.

Jostens Renaissance is, by design, a contrast to the prescriptive educational programs that we've all seen come in and out of vogue. And perhaps best of all, it is provided at no additional cost to Jostens customers!

Schools have been using the Jostens Renaissance framework and resources for more than 30 years for:

- **Educator Morale & Retention**
- **Academic Achievement**
- **Character Development**

There are countless ways a school can engage with the Jostens Renaissance framework. But for many, the easiest way to begin is by focusing on improving a few specific, measurable facets of their school performance. This way, each action can be precise in its intent, and the results can be more clearly tracked. Data nerds, rejoice!



RESPECT + RECOGNITION + REWARD + REINFORCEMENT + RELATIONSHIPS = RESULTS™

The Jostens Renaissance Results Formula™ works like this:

Identify the values that you **RESPECT** and then **RECOGNIZE** and **REWARD** actions you want to see. **REINFORCE** your values through traditions and words, while looking for ways to create strong **RELATIONSHIPS**. All of this drives **RESULTS**.

But what does that mean, *Results*?

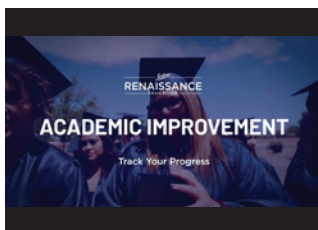
Of course, they're different for each school, but to give you an idea of what can happen, here are a few real-life examples from Jostens Renaissance schools:



Educator Morale & Retention

Summerville High School, SC

In their first year of Jostens Renaissance, teacher retention at Summerville High School climbed from 80.6% to 95%.

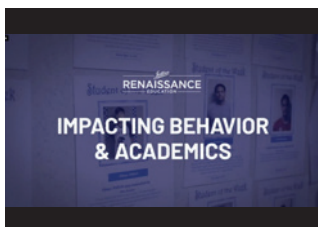


Academic Achievement

Somers Point School District, NJ

After implementing Jostens Renaissance, Somers Point School District saw:

- In math, a 29% increase in students testing at/above grade level.
- In reading, a 19% increase in students testing at/above grade level.



Character Development

Horizon Middle School, CO

Prior to Jostens Renaissance, just 19% of students at Horizon Middle School were achieving both a 3.0 GPA or higher and zero discipline referrals. After implementing Renaissance, 60% of students are now achieving this high standard.



View these videos by scanning the QR code or going to:
www.JostensRenaissance.com/what-is-renaissance/

JOSTENS RENAISSANCE STARTER ASSESSMENT

The following Starter Assessment is an abbreviated and modified version of the in-depth online survey available to Jostens customers for use with their school community. Once complete, the assessments act as a guide that helps schools create an action plan.

JostensRenaissance.com offers ideas and resources to make your plan a reality based on areas of need. While the website offers resources for any school, Jostens customers have access to a greater breadth and depth of resources.

RESPECT

Based on the people who are praised and recognized, the visuals on your walls and the way people speak, what values would most people say are respected in your school?

RECOGNITION

Does your school have a plan in place that encourages frequent recognition for positive behaviors and academic achievement?

REWARD

Does your school have a plan that makes it possible for all students to earn tangible rewards on a regular basis for their academic performance and behavior?

RELATIONSHIPS

In what ways are positive relationships encouraged between students and Staffulty (staff + faculty)?

REINFORCE

Are your school's most important values reinforced on a regular basis through the look of your school, the recognition and rewards offered, and the relationships between students and Staffulty?

RESULTS

Think about your school's strengths and weaknesses, including, but not limited to, academic performance, attendance, behavior and morale. What are three areas that could be improved?

YOUR SCHOOL'S DATA

Culture-building is a work of heart, and at times progress is hard to see. That's why it's vital to track your school's data from year to year.

Choose one or more of the results below to measure, and work toward improvement. Remember: you don't need to do it all. Many Jostens Renaissance schools report greater success when they narrow their focus.



GENERAL CULTURE & CLIMATE

A school that feels safe, supportive and enjoyable

Common data points include:

- Student/parent satisfaction ratings
- Club sport participation

Starting Data Point:

Ending Data Point:



EDUCATOR MORALE & RETENTION

Staff and faculty feel valued

Common data points include:

- Teacher retention rate
- Job satisfaction ratings

Starting Data Point:

Ending Data Point:



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Academic progress & a belief in the importance of learning

Common data points include:

- Average GPA improvement
- Standardized test scores
- Attendance rates
- Graduation rates
- On-Track-to-Graduate rates for at-risk students
- Drop-out rates

Starting Data Point:

Ending Data Point:



CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Acting in a way that respects the community and self

Common data points include:

- Annual/term discipline referral numbers

Starting Data Point:

Ending Data Point:

BACK TO SCHOOL (AUGUST/SEPTEMBER)

The first day and week of school are opportunities to make a strong, positive first impression! Seize the chance to help everyone feel supported, appreciated and excited to be back in the building with one another.



RELATIONSHIPS

Welcome Back Postcards:

Reinforce relationships with families by sending a postcard home to every student, hand signed by their teacher. It's a bit of a lift, but it's worth the effort! A simple, friendly connection now can pay dividends later.



CULTURE & CLIMATE

First Day of School:

Reinforce a culture of joy and inclusivity through visible and tangible start-of-school experiences. Don't be quiet about it – this is a chance to set the tone for the year!

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STAFFULTY MORALE

Themed Mailbox Gifts:

On the first day of school, Recognize your staff and faculty (aka Staffulty) with small, themed gifts and messages in their mailboxes. Think, for example, a highlighter with a note saying, *"Thanks for being a highlight of your students' day!"*

Love, the Secret Ingredient – video and discussion:

Use this *The Green Room* professional learning episode at a staff meeting or PD day to reinforce the power of the profession and the impact teachers make.



CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Announce Character Criteria:

Kick off the school year by sharing the character traits you'll be recognizing and celebrating throughout the school year at rallies and through awards like Student of the Month. Announce and celebrate traits like generosity, kindness, grit and school involvement.

Goals – video and discussion:

Use Season 5, Episode 17 of *The Harbor™* by Jostens with students to reinforce the need to identify both small and large goals, as well as to hold each other accountable as we work toward achieving them.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Announce Academic Criteria:

Start the year by announcing key academic criteria. Prepare to recognize students at upcoming events or the Renaissance Rally by sharing what GPA, grades or academic growth levels will qualify.

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www.JostensRenaissance.com/playbook-Back-to-School

NOTES

What we did:

Partners to involve (in the school and in the community):

What worked and what didn't:

Remember for next year:

OCTOBER

By now everyone has started to fall into daily routines. You have the power to help people avoid the habits of complacency and negativity by using one or more of the activities below! We always recommend doing the relationship-builder as well.



RELATIONSHIPS

High-Five Fridays: Reinforce positive relationships between Staffulty and students by encouraging teachers to stand in the hall during passing time and high five students as they walk by. High-Five Fridays are easy, free and effective!



CULTURE & CLIMATE

Club Rush: Reinforce the value of club participation and encourage student leaders by offering a Club Rush event. Set up tables where students can learn more about the activities offered at your school and sign up to join.

MAKE IT HAPPEN!



STAFFULTY MORALE

Room Service Cards:

Reinforce your appreciation for Staffulty members by delivering a beverage and snack that was pre-ordered using these Room Service cards. It's especially meaningful if students are the ones delivering the treats.

Climate and Culture – video and discussion:

Use this *The Green Room* professional learning episode at a staff meeting or PD day to reinforce the idea that every person in the school impacts the atmosphere in the building. Culture and Climate is a team sport.



CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Why You're Awesome

Pads: Recognize students by writing them a quick, specific compliment about a positive character trait. These Why You're Awesome notepads make it easy, which may be why they're one of our most popular products for classrooms and the office. Available in the Ren Store.

Showing Up – video and

discussion: Use Season 6, Episode 28 of *The Harbor™* by Jostens with students to reinforce a school culture of supporting all students, clubs and athletics by attending a variety of events.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Random Knock:

Reward entire classrooms for their performance with a Random Knock. Show up unexpectedly, with treats in hand, on an unannounced day. If the class met the criteria determined by your school, like zero tardies or 100% homework completion, students get a treat.

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Remember for next year:

NOVEMBER

Send people into Thanksgiving break with a greater appreciation for the people around them by doing one or more of the activities below, plus the relationship-builder.

"No one who achieves success does so without the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude."

– Alfred North Whitehead



RELATIONSHIPS

Curbside Coffee: Recognize bus drivers for doing the critically

important job of getting students to school. As the first and the last impression of the day, bus drivers bookend your school culture. Celebrate them with a surprise cup of coffee!



CULTURE & CLIMATE

Gratitude Wall: Recognize members of your school

community by encouraging them to submit gratitude notes. Then, you can display those notes publicly and even read them during daily announcements.

MAKE IT HAPPEN!



STAFFULTY MORALE

Thankful Thursday:

Recognize Staffulty for their impact on students through demonstrations of gratitude. These can be short gratitude videos, decorated doors, personal notes on Starfish Notecards (available in the Ren Store) or anything else that lets Staffulty know they're appreciated.

Reaching At-Risk Youth

– video and discussion:

Use this *The Green Room* professional learning episode at a staff meeting or PD day to generate ideas for connecting with all students within your school.



CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Community Service:

Reinforce the values of gratitude and giving by using the Community Service lesson from the Renaissance Leadership Curriculum. This lesson helps students identify and evaluate local opportunities for meaningful service projects.

Gratitude – video and

discussion: Use Season 5, Episode 5 of *The Harbor™* by Jostens to reinforce a culture of gratitude, which fosters an atmosphere in which everyone feels more valued and connected.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Honors Café: Reward students for meeting academic goals with a special dining experience. This could be more involved, like teachers serving students at a banquet, or something as simple as a celebratory pizza party!

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What worked and what didn't:

Remember for next year:

JOIN US AT A JOSTENS RENAISSANCE EVENT!

Jostens Renaissance school culture and climate events are the ultimate Renaissance experience. Each one is part inspiration, part practical strategy you can easily bring home to your school.

Our events are exceptionally good at helping faculty and staff feel re-energized about education, gain access to thousands of ideas, and build practical action plans for their schools and classrooms.

JOSTENS RENAISSANCE GLOBAL CONFERENCE

WHEN: JULY

The crown jewel in the Jostens Renaissance experience, JRGC is designed for both students and Staffulty (staff + faculty). Attend alone to get a taste of Renaissance or send a team of people who are empowered to take action — they'll leave with a list of actions they are excited to take!

HAPPY R VIRTUAL EVENTS

WHEN: MONTHLY DURING SCHOOL YEAR

An hour of joyful virtual learning and discussion for administrators and educators. Join us monthly on topics ranging from recognition and reward to building strong relationships.

REGIONAL EVENTS

WHEN: SEE JOSTENSRENAISSANCE.COM FOR DATES

You deserve to love going to school each day! . . . And so do the students and staff around you! That's what Jostens Renaissance Regional Conferences are all about. Join us for an inspiring day filled with ideas for making a positive impact on your school's culture and climate.



See more details by scanning the QR code or going to:
www.JostensRenaissance.com/school-culture-and-climate-events/

RESOURCES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

As a Jostens customer, you have access to valuable resources on JostensRenaissance.com. Here are some examples!



GENERAL CULTURE & CLIMATE

SCHOOL CULTURE SURVEY

This survey can be used to learn about where your school is excelling and potential areas of opportunity. Use it with the Get Started Course for a powerful combo!

THE PULSE RECOGNITION SURVEY

This resource is a brief, scientifically validated online survey that is designed to gather and summarize perceptions on the ways students are recognized, encouraged and rewarded in their school.

LEADERSHIP CURRICULUM

Project-based and engaging, the Leadership Curriculum combines the study of leadership with the action of building a healthy school-wide culture and climate.



EDUCATOR MORALE

The Green Room is a professional learning video series designed to create dialogue and reflection among educators.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The Idea Exchange: Curated by educators from across North America, the Idea Exchange offers tried-and-tested solutions that inspire academic growth.



CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

The Harbor™ by Jostens is a video resource focused on character development through engaging content and classroom discussions.

DECEMBER

The time between Thanksgiving and winter break is short, but it offers an opportunity to ensure everyone feels some joy before they take time apart. Solidify the work you've done this fall with one or more of the activities below, plus the relationship-builder.



RELATIONSHIPS

Just Checking In Cards:

Recognize students who check in on each other by asking them to pay it forward and check in on someone else, and have a drawing for a small prize to give them a little extra incentive.



CULTURE & CLIMATE

Door Decorating Themes:

Reinforce staff camaraderie and student connections by having a classroom door decorating contest. Encourage contestants to decorate based on personal interests, or provide everyone with a school-wide theme.

MAKE IT HAPPEN!



STAFFULTY MORALE

Secret Staff Dress-up Day:

Reinforce a playful, fun vibe by having all Staffulty dress in an unexpected way on a designated day. Even costume skeptics can be won over with these easy ideas. Shhh! It's a surprise for students!

Social-Emotional Learning

– video and discussion:

Use this *The Green Room* professional learning episode at a staff meeting or PD day to reinforce the value of acknowledging the emotional needs of both students and Staffulty alike.



CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

I Witnessed Something Awesome Postcards:

Recognize students when they do something special with these popular postcards. (Pro Tip: Really make someone's day by mailing the note to parents as a surprise.) Available in the Ren Store.

It's Supposed to Be Fun –

video and discussion: Use Season 6, Episode 27 of *The Harbor™* by Jostens with students to reinforce the idea that having a positive attitude is within our control, and that having fun is an important facet of life.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Where Are You Headed

Wall: Recognize seniors while reinforcing the ultimate goal of education – a fulfilling life after graduation. Create a wall display where all post-secondary plans are celebrated, including college, military and work.

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Partners to involve (in the school and in the community):

What worked and what didn't:

Remember for next year:

JANUARY

Just a day, or Day One — you decide. January offers an opportunity for fresh beginnings and renewed focus on Results. Don't lose momentum now — do one or more of the activities below, plus the relationship-builder, to keep the energy going!



RELATIONSHIPS

Positive Principal Referrals:

Recognize a wide range of students for good behavior with this positive twist on the principal referral. The result is stronger relationships between administrators, students and parents, which can open up vital lines of communication. Learn more on JostensRenaissance.com.



CULTURE & CLIMATE

Renaissance Rally: Reinforce

academic growth, strong character, and school spirit in general, with a Renaissance Rally – one of the most powerful events on a Renaissance campus. It's not hard to do, and we've got plenty of information online about how to do one.

MAKE IT HAPPEN!



STAFFULTY MORALE

Hot Chocolate and

Coffee Bar: Reinforce your appreciation for your Staffulty by choosing a day to set up a hot chocolate and coffee bar, complete with delicious flavorings and toppings.

How to Be a Rock Star Educator – video and

discussion: Use this *The Green Room* professional learning episode at a staff meeting or PD day to reinforce the idea that every teacher can be a rock star educator.



CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Compliment Clothespins:

Recognize character strengths in students by having adults give character clothespins to students. Students can then pay it forward when they see another student display the admirable trait. Available in the Ren Store.

Grit – video and

discussion: Use Season 3, Episode 11 of *The Harbor™* by Jostens with students to reinforce the importance of grit in reaching goals. This episode includes suggestions for developing a gritty work ethic.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Monthly Perfect

Attendance: Reward students who had perfect attendance last month by posting their names in a highly visible place and providing candy or another reward. They'll be smiling all the way to the next honor roll!

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What worked and what didn't:

Remember for next year:

FEBRUARY

Some see February as the hardest month of the school year, but it doesn't have to be. Here's your chance to make it fun and, perhaps, even inspirational. Implementing just one or two of the activities below, plus the relationship-builder, can make a real impact.



RELATIONSHIPS

Cafeteria Takeover: Recognize your hardworking cafeteria staff by taking over their duties for a day. If possible, reward them with a nice lunch in the staff lounge or at a restaurant off campus.



CULTURE & CLIMATE

Minute to Win It Games: Reinforce relationships across social groups by creating fun moments during non-academic times, like playing Minute to Win It games during lunches.

MAKE IT HAPPEN!



STAFFULTY MORALE

Fizzy Fun Friday: Reward Staffulty by stocking the fridge in the staff room with a variety of sodas. Bonus points for quirky sodas that make people smile or cheesy notes like, "Thanks for everything you DEW to help students succeed!"

Educational Equity – video and discussion: Use this *The Green Room* professional learning episode at a staff meeting or PD day to reinforce your determination to make sure all your students are seen, heard and loved.



CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Town Hall Meeting: Reinforce school values and the idea that everyone's thoughts matter by hosting a Town Hall meeting for students. Learn about a format and suggested topics on [JostensRenaissance.com](https://www.JostensRenaissance.com).

Privilege – video and discussion: Use Season 6, Episode 11 of *The Harbor™* by Jostens to initiate discussion around the concept that privilege can impact our opportunities and choices.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Progress Raffle: Reward students who have improved their GPA (or another factor) by having a raffle for worthwhile prizes.

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What worked and what didn't:

Remember for next year:

MARCH

Have you heard the phrase, “March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb”? Don’t let your school community face the end of the year feeling meek. By doing one or more of the activities below, plus the relationship-builder, you can help everyone finish with the strength of a lion!



RELATIONSHIPS

Guess the Teacher: Reinforce student connections with Staffuly by having teachers post or share photos of themselves when they were students in the grade level they teach. Brace yourself for big hair, bow ties and fun conversations!



CULTURE & CLIMATE

Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament: Reinforce a sense of community with a surprisingly exciting school-wide Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament. This is one of our favorites!



MAKE IT HAPPEN!



STAFFULTY MORALE

Paper Plate Awards: Recognize Staffuly by having students create colorful, personalized awards out of paper plates. They’re fun content for the yearbook as well!

The Legends Never Make It – video and discussion: Use this *The Green Room* professional learning episode at a staff meeting or PD day to encourage lifelong learning.



CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Daily Words of Wisdom: Reinforce your school’s values by starting or ending the day with an inspirational quote. You can also share it on social media to build awareness in your community!

Judgement – video and discussion: Use Season 1, Episode 1 of *The Harbor™* by Jostens to reinforce the need to think deeply about how we form our own judgements and to look honestly at how our opinions impact others.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Attendance Madness: Reward good attendance by allowing a head start to lunch for all the students in the grade with the best attendance last month. Amp this one up with a traveling trophy to be displayed in the front office.

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What worked and what didn't:

Remember for next year:

APRIL

No senior slide is happening on your watch! Use one or more of these activities, plus the relationship-builder, to help keep everyone's eyes on the prize!



RELATIONSHIPS

Test Day Desk Messages:

Reinforce Staffulty support of student success by encouraging teachers to write quick personalized notes on the Work Is Worth It Post-it™ Notes available on the Ren Store.



CULTURE & CLIMATE

Frivolous Fun Scavenger Hunt:

Reinforce a culture of joy by creating a scavenger hunt in which students search for designated items, like dollar store dinosaurs, around campus. Sometimes it's good to just have some frivolous fun!

MAKE IT HAPPEN!



STAFFULTY MORALE

Honorary Diploma:

Recognize Staffulty who made a difference to graduating seniors by having a senior present a certificate to them while dressed in their cap and gown. This touching tradition is a Renaissance favorite.

How to Be a Game Changer – video and discussion:

Use this *The Green Room* professional learning episode at a staff meeting or PD day to inspire your team to be open to fresh initiatives and to think creatively about how they work.



CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

On the Spot Awards:

Recognize students in the moment for actions showing good character qualities by giving them this award. Then publicly recognize the recipients at a rally or event. Awards available in the Ren Store.

Finishing Strong – video

and discussion: Use Season 2, Episode 23 of *The Harbor™* by Jostens to reinforce the opportunity that the end of the school year offers to make an impact.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Wall of Fame:

Recognize students with achievements in designated areas (i.e. a minimum ACT score, 4 or higher on an AP exam, or National Merit Finalist) with a post on a bulletin board and social media.

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What worked and what didn't:

Remember for next year:

END OF YEAR

The moment has finally come! Your chance to cement the work you've done all year long! With graduation and summer vacation on the horizon, this is a season of built-in opportunities to create powerful experiences. Take advantage of them, then bask in the recognition YOU receive for creating positivity and heartfelt traditions.



RELATIONSHIPS

Thank You Day: Reinforce

relationships by organizing a day in which every member of the school community writes a thank you note to another person in the school. This quick activity helps everyone to recognize the many acts of kindness that occur during a school year.



CULTURE & CLIMATE

Staffulty vs. Student Game:

Reinforce the relationships built this year by organizing a competition that includes Staffulty and students.

MAKE IT HAPPEN!



STAFFULTY MORALE

Year-End Celebration:

Reward Staffulty on their final duty day by celebrating them with a special experience such as lunch from food trucks or a trip to the local bowling alley.

First Days of School – video and discussion:

Use this *The Green Room* professional learning episode at a staff meeting or PD day to get your Staffulty thinking about how to kick off the school year in a special way next fall.



CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Name-Your-Own Awards:

Recognize students who exemplify your school's values by giving them an award named after your mascot (i.e. The ICE Awards - Identifying Colonel Excellence). Look for ways to include students who may not receive academic awards.

Graduation – video and discussion: Use Season 5, Episode 9 of *The Harbor™* by Jostens to reinforce the importance of graduation and the role community support plays in achieving a large goal like this.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Senior Walk: Recognize seniors and reinforce graduation as a big darn deal by organizing a parade of seniors, decked out in caps and gowns, down school halls. This tradition truly tugs on the heartstrings!

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