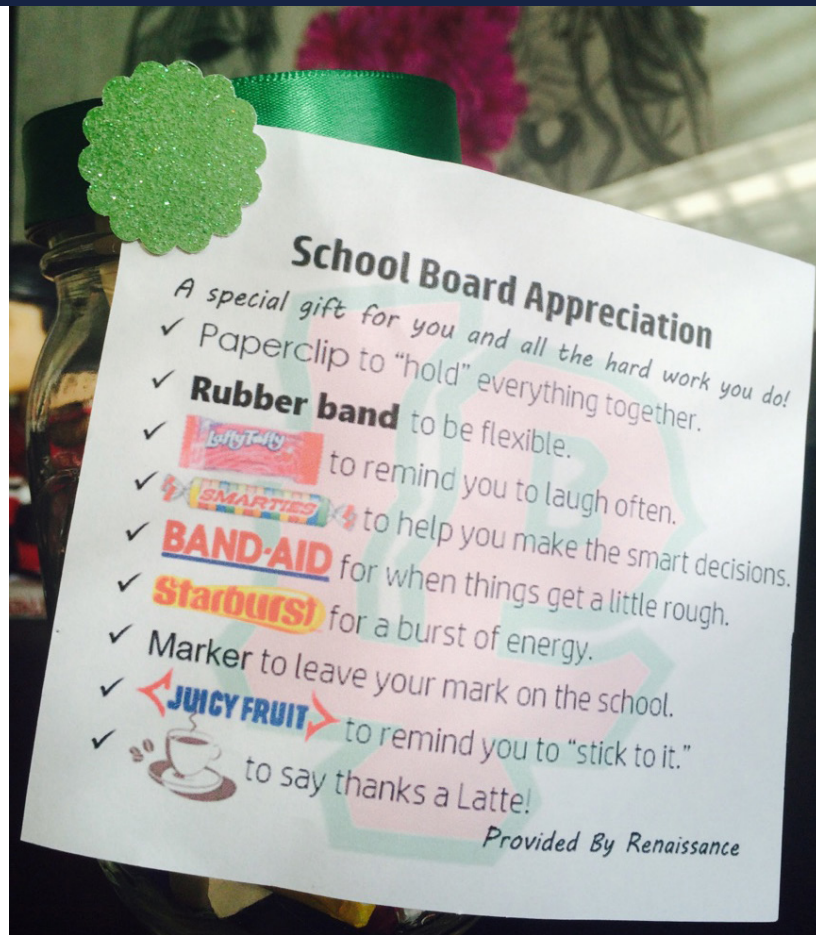


# Renaissance Recognition

## Idea #108: School Board Survival Kit



**School type:** K-12

**Activity goal:** To recognize School Board members for their contributions to the students, Staffuly, and community

**Prep Time:** 1-2 hours

**People required:** Renaissance students and advisor, School Board members

**Space requirements:** School Board meeting space

**Timing:** Regularly scheduled School Board meeting – will take less than 10 minutes at the meeting

**Materials:** School Board Survival Kit, certificate for each member

**Cost:** Less than \$10/School Board member

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### OVERVIEW

The goal of this activity is to recognize School Board Members for their contributions to the students, Staffuly, and community. We recognize students, teacher, staff, and administrators but often forget to recognize our school boards.

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Choose a Board Meeting to recognize School Board Members.
2. Speak with the Superintendent about adding the Board recognition to the agenda.
3. Create Board survival kits – Survival Kit: 1 mason jar, 1 paper clip (to “hold” everything together), 1 rubber band (to be flexible), 1 Laffy Taffy (to remind you to laugh often), 1 Smarties (to help you make the smart decisions), 1 Band Aid (for when things get a little rough), 1 Starburst (for a burst of energy), 1 marker (to leave your mark on the school) , 1 Juicy Fruit (to remind you to “stick to it”), 1 \$5 gift card to a local coffee shop (to say thanks a Latte) – this could be replaced with a k-cup or a packet of instant coffee.
4. Create Board appreciation certificates so that Board members can have something to commemorate the recognition after they’ve consumed their survival kit.
5. Have the students write a 3-5 minute speech outlining the purpose of this recognition and thanking the Board for their contributions to the students, Staffuly, and community.
6. Let local media know that you will be recognizing the School Board – getting news coverage will add to the recognition of the board and will also help get your school and Renaissance program some nice publicity. (Be sure to post on social media and tag @J\_Renaissance so that we can share the story too!)
7. Meet as a whole Renaissance group at the Board meeting.
8. Students deliver the speech to the Board and entire meeting audience.
9. Present each Board member with the survival kit and certificate.