

Invisible Students

Invisible Student - Each student council member is to find eight invisible students and send them a gram saying they're special.

Bulletin Board - with candid photos. Include names and a caption explaining each picture. Leave names off a couple and offer prizes for students who can identify the picture and write an appropriate caption.

Tin Grin Board - Acknowledge students who have their braces either put on or taken off.

With the Principal - Milk, juice, donuts, or whatever are served by the principal monthly for students who have done something special for the school or who have improved behavior or grades. Include new students enrolled during the month as a way to introduce them. Might also include a student the administration needs the recognition.

Photos & Biographies - Set aside a location on campus to post photos and biographies about ordinary students. A good way to have a large number of students identified. These pictures and bios might also be displayed in the front windows of local businesses.

Pal Program - Each of the easily recognized students (athletes, spiritleaders, student council members) select at random a student that might otherwise go unnoticed. Act as a secret pal for one week. Decorate their locker, send notes, small gift, then host a lunch for all pals and make sure everyone is properly introduced.

Pictures - Have a picture taken of the entire class and sell to the members for little or no profit. Several companies offer the rectangular photos.

Pictures - Ask the school photo company for an extra set of ID pictures. Arrange each into the year of the class, ie: 88. Display early in the year.

Name of Names - Have SGA sketch out the school emblem and duplicate one for each student and staff member in the school. On each one write the name of either a student or staff member. Tape these to one of the interior walls of the school in the shape of the name of the school. Might include a large sign saying "We are one, we are many!"

Classroom Notice - Have staff commend at least one student in front of their class per week. Although this might seem embarrassing, students look forward to the special notice

Printed Pens or Pencils - Imprint pens or pencils with "You're Special" and the school logo. Have teachers hand them out for positive behavior.

Grams - Thank you grams sold at almost nothing, ten cents, students send to staff or other students thanking them for something or saying something positive. These should be semi-censored to assure all are positive.

Candy Canes - Council gives candy canes to each student in the school before the winter break. Cards are attached to the candy and are personalized with the recipients name. They are delivered to a homeroom teacher for distribution. Any students left out should be quickly identified by the teacher.

SGA Guides - Council members return a week or two before school begins to act as guides for new students and their parents visiting the registration office.

SGA Meeting Guests - Have each member of student council bring a student with them to the meeting (every meeting or every 2nd or 3rd meeting). The guest is someone who they didn't know before and one who is not greatly involved in co-curricular activities. There should be a reception following the meeting. Students should be introduced as guests during the meeting and the minutes should include their names. Pictures could be taken and posed on a bulletin board with the SGA minutes.

YES - Establish a YES committee of about 6 students. Each committee member recognizes three students per month for anything possible. It is most important to cover the entire student body. Recognition is a button saying YES (you're extra special) at (name of school).

Leadership for Student Activities magazine always has great ideas for recognition. Go to <http://www.nasc.us> for more information and a wealth of resources!