

# Achievement



Student Bulletin Board – have a showcase or bulletin board display all about students...have a “student of the week,” newspaper articles, BUG award list (bringing up grades), academic accomplishments, attendance, special awards, just a short bio about an “invisible” student, etc. Change it frequently and maybe hide riddles and clues for readers to solve for a little prize (pens & pencils, ice cream sandwich, novelty eraser, etc.).

Postcards – At least once a month, staff members can be given a postcard to mail to a student or a parent of a student who deserves recognition for academic performance, good citizenship, improvement in some area, election to office, selection to a team, a successful audition, or just a smile. The emphasis is on trying to find something positive about every student during the year. Keep data records.

Passing the Button – Start the year by sharing the story of the “warm fuzzies.” Make about 50 buttons with clip art of a “thumbs up” or happy face. Give the buttons to the SGA and have each SGA member give their button to the first person who does a good deed for him/her. When giving away a button, the giver should tell why he/she received the button in the first place, then what the new student did to deserve the button, and finally, ask them to pass it on the same way.

Dynamite Gifts - To recognize someone who has done a dynamite job take a Pringles potato chip can, cover it in school colors and fill it with candy (or leave the chips in it!). Have a string coming out of a hole in the lid and a note attached saying, “You’re dynamite!”

Spirit Board – “Out of site, out of mind!” Not with a bulletin board which tracks class competition points! Have a thermometer, paw prints, etc. representing points for each grade level that changes weekly (or as each spirit competition takes place).

Athlete of the Week - Coaches submit names to a student committee who selects the recipients (would also include student managers, etc. who work with teams)

Pride Buttons - Students who are observed making an effort to promote a clean campus are presented with a numbered Pride Button. Drawings are held for prizes donated to the 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!