



SEPTEMBER:

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Transfer Team

Has your school had students transfer in this fall? Let's welcome them with open arms! With the help of your school's mascot and a handful of your leaders, spontaneously surprise each new transfer on campus with a small gift bag filled with school spirit and pride! Finally, invite each to any upcoming events to get them involved in your campus community!

We're Glad You're Here!

Foreign exchange students can often feel nervous and out of place in a new environment. With the help of your leaders (and an online translator), write individualized notes of welcome in each students' native language and hand them out during class! This simple activity is an incredible way to show others the inclusive nature of your school.

Welcome Wagon!

New staff members deserve to feel seen and appreciated. Turn a simple rolling cart into a mobile *Welcome Wagon* filled with snacks, drinks, and spirit gear. During the week, have a small group of your leaders surprise each new staff member in their class with a simple pick me up and words of welcome!

You're Invited!

Let's face it—dozens of posters advertising back-to-school events can feel overwhelming to some students. Prior to your first big event of the year, have a small crew of student leaders (and even other committed students) visit each classroom to personally invite others to take part in activities. While time-consuming, this personalized approach is a great way to get others involved early in the year!

Guest Announcements!

Looking for an adorable activity that will have your campus raving? Email a local elementary school and ask 1st/2nd grade teachers to record "pep talks" from their students. Each morning during audio announcements, play one pep talk to encourage students to have a great day!

Self-Care Day!

Who said that spirit days need to be a week long? Also, who said they need to be wild and outlandish?

Early in the week, promote a *surprise spirit day* to take place on Wednesday or Thursday. Encourage students to wear sweats, comfy clothes, or pajamas.

Finally, add small moments of comfort throughout the day like soft music during passing periods, therapy dogs, or even warm treat deliveries to random classrooms!

Welcome Home!

Every student deserves to know that they're cared for. With your leaders' help, create a large, handmade banner with the phrase **Welcome Home** proudly displayed on the front. Individually write every students' name on the banner and hang it in front of your school for all to see!

Lemonade as you Leave!

Looking for a crazy-simple activity your students will love? Just before the end of a school day, fill large water jugs full of simple lemonade mix. Announce that students can fill their water bottle on the way out of school for a simple and surprising treat!

Fanny Pack Friday

Has this activity been around for a long time? Yes.

Does it still work? Absolutely!

This Friday, have your leaders wear fanny packs full of bit-sized candy. As they walk through the halls during passing period, ask each of your leaders to distribute candy, high-fives, and compliments!