

MAKE YOUR DAY

A SCHOOL-WIDE CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS
TEACHERS TO TEACH AND ALLOWS STUDENTS TO LEARN



[MYD Conference](#),
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Mesa, Arizona.



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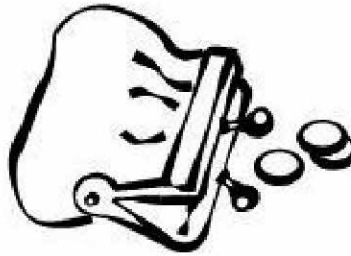
to share knowledge.



Earl's Corner - 'Twas the Night Before...

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the school,
Not a creature was stirring - no need for the rule.
The students were home with their family and friends,
The teachers relieved as the semester now ends.
Visions of next year abound with them all,
Carrying forward the strengths of the Fall.
The teachers have visions of peace and goodwill,
Hoping that students develop the skill
Of doing their best, while interfering with none,
And finding that learning can be lotsa fun.
Here's hoping the new year finds many ways

To grant all fulfillment and make all our days.



Cheryl's Two Cents - New Ideas for the New Year

I recently attended a [TASH](#) conference in Nashville. George Sugai, an internationally recognized expert in SWPBS (Schoolwide Positive Behavior Support), shared ideas that he "stole" from schools that have implemented SWPBS through him. (Note: MYD is simply a published version of SWPBS.)

As we all know, school climate is positively effected when expectations are stated positively. An example one of his colleagues found will on a trip to Asia: Instead of "Don't Walk on Grass," the sign stated, "The grass longs to grow strong and healthy."

Students nominate teachers (as in all paid staff) who have been good role models in reference to being respectful and responsible. The nominations are turned into a central location and a name is drawn. That person is then recognized by (fill in the blank with whatever is used at your school).

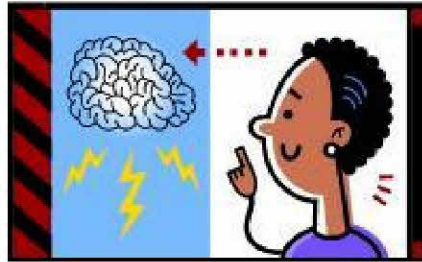
Local businesses display the school rule and/or expectations prominently and reinforce it with students as appropriate.

Parents are given a refrigerator magnet that displays the school rule.

And, finally. One school designed a [Teaching Matrix](#) that provides a succinct overview of expectations and settings. The last few days before Winter Break is hectic and it's easy to let some expectations slide. This format would be an excellent way to review classroom and common area expectations before the break and then to refocus on those after the break.

I also attended a break-out session titled "Delivering Tertiary Supports Within the School-Wide Positive Behavior Model," which is just a fancy way of saying supporting students who have the most challenging behaviors. The presenters are from the University of Washington and have developed a model for providing support to staff and students that is being implemented in a few districts in

the Seattle area. For more information, go to <http://depts.washington.edu/stppbs/present.html#>.



Brainstorm: Ending 2008 with a little humor...

Profanity an automatic Step 4 or Points?

The following was shared by an elementary school.

*We had one student say to her 5th grade teacher, "Mrs. XYZ, you have a some chalk dust on your a**". The teacher asked her to take responsibility in points for inappropriate language.*

This student would be great to have in class because you can be assured that you won't go around the entire day with a piece of food stuck between your teeth.



Happy Holidays

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