



## MAKE YOUR DAY

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

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### Earl's Corner

#### Discipline and Citizenship

As this will be the final newsletter for this school year, I wish to urge all of you who will vacation this summer to "vacation the best you can." We will be training additional schools so they may implement MYD and offering trainings in Washington and Arizona during August so the next newsletter will be in September. Planning is continuing for the Make Your Day Conference in Seattle, September 16-17 and we hope to see many of you there. Gene Sharratt will start it off with a keynote address that speaks to the critical contribution educators make and the value of relationship building within the school community. Educators, including ourselves, will be presenting innovative practices in reference to MYD during a variety of breakout sessions. Because of space we have to limit registrations so make sure you register as soon as you know who will be attending. There is a link on the MYD homepage ([www.makeyourdays.com](http://www.makeyourdays.com)) for on-line registration. Please contact us if you have any questions.

#### ~~Back to discipline and citizenship.~~

A major observable difference in approach is the emphasis of points over steps. When points have become a critical piece of instruction the students demonstrate greater insight into their own motivation for behaviors. This "whole child" approach translates into immediate attitudinal adjustments. When points become part of curriculum with both students and teachers finding a common introspective experience, citizenship is more the focus.

Day events.

The campus of both citizenship and discipline programs are universally peaceful, but a campus focused on citizenship shows greater proclivity to random acts of kindness. Spontaneous compliments and greater insight into the term "well-being" are evident.



## Websites:

[Parents](#)

[Schools](#)

[Our school would like to use](#)

[MYD](#)



Schools in the greater Phoenix area have an opportunity to receive free bully prevention training through a grant funded by The Greater Phoenix Child Abuse Prevention Council. (2711 E. Roosevelt, Phoenix, AZ 85008) Contact Lynne Marion at 480 664-8952 for further information and scheduling.

A measurable difference would include the percentage of escalating step 4s vs. automatic step 4s. Schools that focus on citizenship will often see about 90% auto 4s vs. 10% escalating 4s, while schools that focus on discipline will usually see in the neighborhood of 70% auto 4s with 30% escalating 4s.

Most schools without MYD prioritize behavior over academics and academics over self-esteem. Thank you MYD teachers for turning that focus around. We are focused on self-esteem first. Academic performance and behavior become the overt payoff for our willingness to spend the time we do in the affective domain.

Those who teach "can." We as teachers "will not be left behind." Thank you again for the continuous articulation and refinement of Make Your Day. Be emotionally and physically safe this summer. See you at the September conference in Seattle.

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## Indian Bend Student Committee in Action

The Indian Bend Elementary Student Committee took on redoing the "School-Home Communication" form. Based on asking other students and their experiences, they felt that their current form did not really explain to students or parents how not making one's day should be addressed. Their first draft is below. They made some changes such as changing it to first person rather than third person and changing the idiom "clean plate" so that ELL students would clearly understand it. In addition, after some discussion they changed the paper color to lime green so that it would look

more like a message to parents and less like an official document.

### **Make Your Day**

Your child has received a make your day slip. This honorable slip should not be a punishment. It is one bad day for him/her. This slip is for you and your child to talk over the responsibility he/she took today. Your child should be proud that he/she took responsibility, but it is not the best your child can do. The next day your child should have a clean plate and not get another one. This is why you should be proud of your child for taking responsibility.

This slip does not go on your child's permanent record.

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## **Planning for Next School Year**

### **Start Fresh**

Remember that a critical component to the success of MYD in your school and classroom is that the commitment by everyone is renewed each and every year. If students and teachers come into an existing system without the opportunity to provide their input and agree to a common standard, the program has simply become an imposed system. It will become a listless, watered-down version of a program that was initially a vibrant, positive part of your school community.

Teachers - There is an outline in your MYD manual. Hunt it down, dust it off and starting on about page 26, review it and make it your lesson plan for the first day of school. Take the rule down and start from scratch. It will be well worth your time.

Administrators - Give your teachers the gift of time. Help them out with a first day schedule that allows teachers to spend at least a half day taking their students from A-Z. The rule comes down everywhere and doesn't go back up

until the second day.

Everyone - Feel free to contact us if you have any questions about how to do this or need a little pep talk about the importance of starting again.

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## **Ted Polk Middle School MYD Video**

Make Your Day at Ted Polk Middle School is spotlighted on the district website in a video. This is Ted Polk's first year of implementation and the staff has worked hard to implement the program in a way that invites their students and community into the process. Take a minute and visit Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD at <http://www.cfbisd.edu> and find out what the students at Ted Polk have to say about Make Your Day at their school.

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## **Staff in Need of Training?**

There are two-day trainings being offered in August in Lynnwood and Kennewick, WA, along with Phoenix, AZ. This will be a great opportunity for any new staff member to receive training or for anyone who would like a review. Parents are also welcome. Space is limited at all the sites, so register as soon as you know which staff members will be able to take advantage of this opportunity. On-line registration is available from the educator website ([www.makeyourdays.com](http://www.makeyourdays.com)) and from the parent website ([www.makeyourdayparents.com](http://www.makeyourdayparents.com)).

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