



MAKE YOUR DAY

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



Earl's Corner

Just a Quick Reminder about the New Year...

Plan now for your first day back to school. It won't be difficult because you'll just repeat your first day of school lesson plan. January is an excellent time to revisit MYD by re-establishing the need for rules, articulating the rule again because students have grown and changed, followed by re-establishing ownership of the rule. Conclude by taking time to revisit common area standards and any other common expectations, especially emphasizing any that may have changed. Below are two pictorial examples that demonstrate articulation and ownership of the rules.

From all of us to all of you...Happy Holidays.



Thanks to a teacher at Edison School in Washington. In order to articulate the impact of the rule clearly, she designed a bulletin board that defined the terms along with including examples of how and how not to comply.



Thanks to Ted Polk Middle School in Texas. Many schools follow a similar practice in which the entire school community signs the rule. Birdville

Elementary School, also in Texas, hangs the rule banner at the outside entrance to the school. North Middle School in Washington hangs three years worth of rule banners in the cafeteria and then moves them into the hallway as each 8th grade class graduates. We have seen many examples like this that remind the school community and other visitors that all are obligated to support a physically and emotionally safe learning environment. When school-wide banners are used along with students signing the rule as a classroom when appropriate, students have a greater understanding that their right to learn will be protected by all staff. This allows them to spend their energy on learning rather than surviving.



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