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## **12 Fun, Low-Cost Ways to Celebrate School Goals**

Celebrate your school's success with community-building ideas that recognize effort and accomplishment.

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# SCHOOL-WIDE INCENTIVE ACTIVITIES & IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE

Celebrating school-wide goals builds culture, strengthens teamwork, and keeps everyone focused on what matters most—student success. When staff and students unite around a shared vision, they deserve moments of recognition and joy.

The best celebrations don't have to be elaborate. Simple, well-timed incentives can energize your school community, reinforce positive habits, and lift morale. That's why we created this resource—packed with easy, meaningful ways to celebrate progress across your school.

From printables to fun suggestions, these ideas help you recognize hard work, reward collaboration, and build a culture of celebration—one goal at a time.

**Honor the teamwork. Spark the joy. Try one today!**

## What's in here:

- **Pages 3-6:** Celebration ideas
- **Pages 6-7:** Helpful resources
- **Pages 9-12:** Printable pieces



# Easy and Free Ways to Celebrate

## **All-School Recess**

Celebrate attendance or clean-up goals with extra outdoor playtime! Add music, hula hoops, sidewalk chalk, and bubbles to boost the fun.

## **Bring your stuffed animal to school**

Mark milestones like positive attendance or tidy classrooms by letting students bring a stuffed animal to school. Add story time or a "pet parade" for extra smiles. Includes a send-home note!

## **Pajama Day Party**

Perfect for testing week or attendance wins—students and staff wear pajamas for the day. Optional cozy add-ons: a reading corner or hot chocolate station.

## **School-Wide Picnic**

Celebrate big wins (like improved attendance or a month with no referrals) with a lunch outdoors. Bring picnic blankets, yard games, and music to make it memorable.

# Low-Cost, High-Fun Celebrations

## **All-School Movie Day**

Celebrate academic growth with a movie in the gym or classrooms. Let students vote on an age-appropriate film and bring blankets to relax on. Add popcorn or simple snacks if available.

## **Pie the Principal**

When school-wide attendance or testing goals are met, students with the best attendance earn raffle entries. Winners get the chance to pie the principal—just whipped cream on a paper plate!

## **Tape the Principal to the Wall**

Classes earn strips of duct tape by hitting cleanup, attendance, or prep goals. On celebration day, students take turns taping the principal to a wall in a high-traffic area for all to see.

## **Slime the Teachers**

Set a big goal (like behavior improvements or test growth). If the school hits it, students vote on which teachers get slimed. Use washable, non-toxic slime and make it an outdoor event!

# Big Goals, Big Energy

## Dance Party with Glow Sticks

→ Celebrate academic focus or test gains with a glow-in-the-dark dance party! Pass out glow sticks, turn on the music, and transform the gym or outdoor space into a celebration zone.

## Water Day

→ Ideal for warm weather and major milestones. Set up stations like sponge relays, water balloon tosses, or sprinklers. Rotate grade levels through the stations for a full day of fun.

## Bounce Houses

→ Rent inflatable bounce houses as a reward for hitting big goals like test participation or attendance. Create a rotating schedule so every student gets a turn.

## All-School Bingo

→ Bring the whole school together for a live Bingo game over the intercom or in the gym. Hand out cards to classrooms or individual students. Winners can earn fun, low-cost prizes like stickers, pencils, or extra recess! Use our ready-to-go resource!

# Positive Impact of School-wide Goals

## 1. Improves Attendance

**Evidence-Based Strategy:** Tiered Attendance Supports

**Resource Highlight:** Attendance Works offers tiered interventions, toolkits, and data analysis tools to help schools improve attendance and engagement.

## 2. Boosts Academic Achievement & Test Performance

**Evidence-Based Strategy:** High-Impact Instructional Strategies & Formative Assessment

**Resource Highlight:** Visible Learning MetaX ranks strategies by effect size (e.g., feedback, self-efficacy, goal-setting), while Marzano's High-Yield Strategies provide proven instructional practices that increase student learning.

## 3. Strengthens Whole-School Culture & Community

**Evidence-Based Strategy:** Social Emotional Learning (SEL) & Belonging

**Resource Highlight:** The CASEL Framework outlines five core SEL competencies, and Panorama Education provides tools to measure SEL and school climate.

Sources: [Attendance Works](#), [FutureEd](#), [U.S. Department of Education](#), [John Hattie's Visible Learning Research](#), [Marzano Research Lab](#), [CASEL](#), [Panorama Education](#), [Learning Policy Institute](#).

# LITERATURE RECOMMENDATIONS

Books with School-Wide Activity and Engagement Ideas.



## **The School Climate Solution by Jonathan C. Erwin**

A practical guide with SEL-based school-wide activity ideas, from assemblies to classroom strategies.



## **The Morning Meeting Book by Roxann Kriete & Carol Dav**

While geared toward classrooms, many of the activities can be scaled for school-wide community-building.



## **Belonging Through a Culture of Dignity by Floyd Cobb & John Krownapple**

A framework for creating inclusive, equity-centered school cultures with practical strategies to build connection and community.



# **CELEBRATION PRINTABLES**

Find one to try that suits your  
school culture!





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## COLLABORATION

# BUILT BY EDUCATORS, FOR SCHOOL LEADERS

This resource was created in collaboration with dedicated educators and school leaders who brought their experience, ideas, and insight to every step of the process. We're grateful for their partnership in building tools that truly make a difference in schools.



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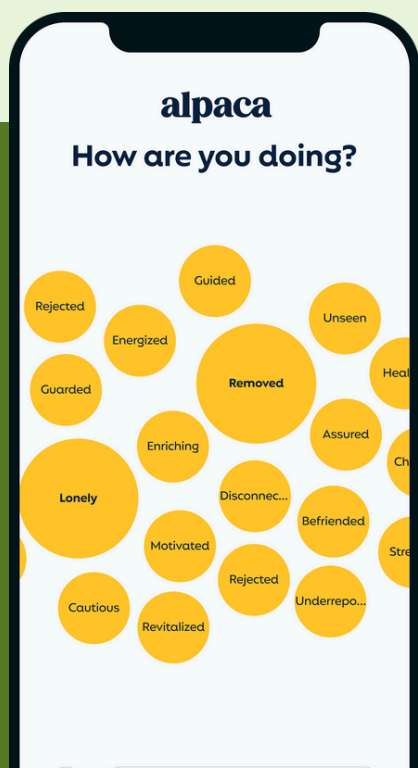
## Got an idea brewing?

We love co-creating with school leaders—[drop us a line](#) with any resource ideas you'd love to see next.



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