

## MAKE YOUR DAY

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

## FAQ

### **A Student Question: Did you (Earl Brown) ever have a vision when you were younger that you would be doing this?**

No. As a reluctant student who liked to be the class clown and who like to push the limits, I did not think that I would have anything to do with schools once I graduated from college. But, I did have a vision of what I thought would be a good approach with students like me and when I ended up being a teacher, I worked with my students to develop that vision. Along with my students, I wanted to provide a classroom with a predictable structure that was fair, reasonable, logical and predictable. They wanted recognition for their efforts to improve their behavior and their academics. We all wanted a classroom atmosphere in which mistakes could be made and that we would all be able to learn from those mistakes. That is the vision that I hope all educators share for all students whose lives they touch each year.



### **Winding Down This School Year and Gearing Up for Next School Year**

Winding down for the school year does not mean becoming lax in upholding classroom and school expectations. It is very human to relax standards and fall back on reminders, rather than holding students accountable; however, the result of becoming less vigilant will be immediately evident in the common areas. We would encourage everyone working

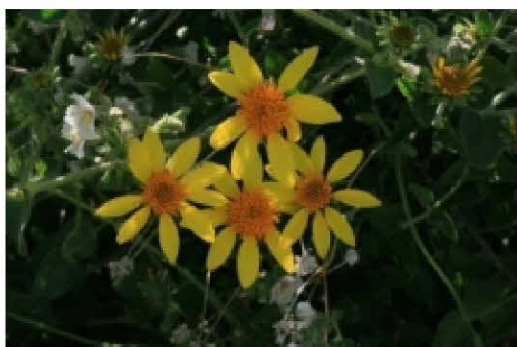
on the campus to remain consistent and predictable so that both staff and students will be able to end the school year comfortably.

Gearing up for next school year is not just for teachers, but also for students. Most teachers have been talking with students about the skills needed for the upcoming school year. If those students will be attending a school that uses MYD, it would also be helpful to include discussions in relation to their perceptions of your school rule and how those perceptions may have changed throughout the school year. We have found that students' perspectives change. They tend to have higher expectations for themselves and for what they consider to be an appropriate learning environment. Encourage them to continue to raise the bar both for themselves and for the school. Asking your students for feedback in reference to what you did that helped them grow and learn this school year, will provide you with valuable information about improving your skills.

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### Regional MYD Trainings...

Due to the current state of affairs in education with diminished or unknown budgets, we have not scheduled any regional trainings by state for July and August. We will be setting up a schedule for training of new staff at current MYD schools via video-conferencing during the summer and continuing into the Fall. This will be offered at a reasonable rate and will allow more flexibility in getting any new staff up to speed with MYD.



Other than updates for upcoming trainings, we are signing off for the summer. We hope you will be able to relax and spend time rejuvenating so that next year will be the best year ever.

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