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School Wide
Parties -
How We Make
It Happen!

Outcomes

- Learn how to implement school wide parties to celebrate achievements focused on the criteria of attendance, behavior, and academics
- Walk away with easy-to-implement ideas and schedules to tailor to your own school system

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About Jefferson Intermediate:

- We are located in the City of St. Charles School District, in St. Charles, MO right outside of St. Louis.
- We are a 5th and 6th grade building with about 700 students total
- We have been a PBIS school for 5 years

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How we started ...

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How do we make it happen?

Our District has scheduled Early Release days (ERDs) once a month – we have Pride Party on each of those.

The time is set aside, the schedule is always the same, and teachers and students know the expectations!



*Teacher
buy-in ...*

We convinced our teachers that we needed to celebrate those kids doing their best and have a goal for others to work for. It didn't take much convincing!



And now our teachers love it!



*What our
teachers say
about Pride
Parties*

“Pride Parties are a great motivator for kids because the organizer tries to suit the unique interests of our students - and make the parties relevant to the season or current events (ie a Black History Scavenger Hunt). This year there was a Taylor Swift bracelet making party which many, many girls were excited for! This incentive gives students something to work toward each month and adds a lot of fun to their week!”



*What our
teachers say
about Pride
Parties*

“I love Pride Parties because we get to celebrate all of the students that consistently meet the Jefferson Core Values (Safe, Respectful, Responsible). Students look forward to this day all month!”



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“One of the biggest impacts pride parties have had for me is boosting attendance. Students know they have to be here 90% of the time to attend the Pride Party. If students are ineligible for the pride party due to attendance, we are able to meet with them during that time and goal-set. For one student, we made motivational posters to get to school and called Mom to let her know her goal for the next month (miss only one day). For another student, I pulled his attendance data and we highlighted on a calendar his chronic absences. He only missed once more the entire school year - he really wasn't aware of how many absences he had! The one-on-one goal-setting time that Pride Parties allow the teacher is priceless and makes a HUGE impact on kids with attendance issues.”



How to kids
get to attend?

Criteria

Behavior

- All students are held to the expectation of no major referrals or office discipline.
- Teams may set separate goals with their students at their discretion.

Academic

- Each team gets to set their academic criteria. This should include any assigned homework and classwork.
- All kids know the expectations before the next Pride Party.
- Some students may have individual goals to meet that may be different from the rest of the class.

Attendance

- All students are held to the expectation of 90%
- Some students may have individual goals
- There is some teacher discretion for legit illnesses



The logistics

Here are the actual logistics of what it takes to throw a party for 700 kids on one day!



Schedule

- Schedule is set at the beginning of the year, and is the same all year.
- Teachers know what to work around
- Supervising teachers keep the same time all year, and are in charge of finding a replacement if they will not be there
- Then it's a matter of filling the parties!

Pride Party Schedule:

	Build and Chill Library	Jaguar Gym Gym	J Cafe Front foyer	E Cafe Rm. 321	Gaga Ball Gaga Pit	Scavenger Hunt Band Room
	40 students	60 students	30 students	30 students	40 students	30 students
9:00 - 9:40 5th Grade Group 5A						
9:45 - 10:25 6th Grade Group 6A						
10:30 - 11:10 6th Grade Group 6B						
11:15 - 11:55 5th Grade Group 5B						

Slides

Each Pride Party, every homeroom teacher gets a set of slides to present to their class. This has the choices on it and allows the teachers to run through it with the students before they make their choice.



Forms

We make 4 forms for each Pride Party with the description of choices and selections.

Teachers send these out to only eligible students in Google Classroom.

This allows us to sort the responses easily for the office and teachers.

[Form link here](#)

Always includes:

- Name (first and last)
- Homeroom teacher
- Description of sessions
- Choice selection

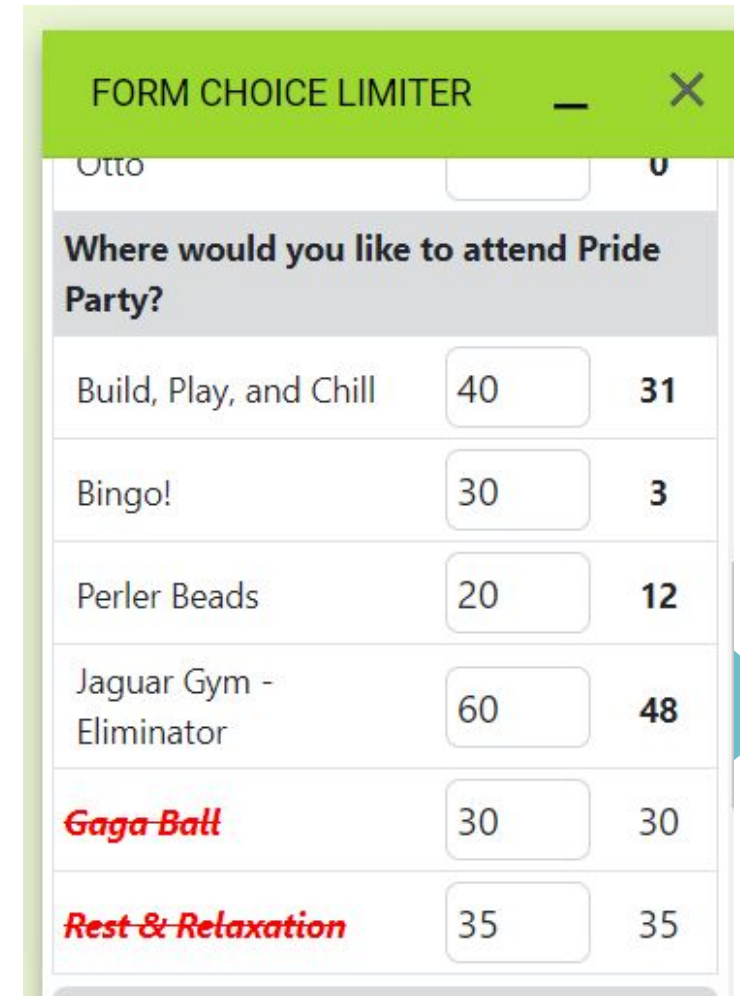
Form Choice Eliminator

Form Choice Eliminator helps us keep sessions to a limited number and closes off the choice once we have reached the limit.

It is a paid subscription.

(And no, I don't get paid for endorsements. But I wish I did!)

Here is a [YouTube video](#) on how to use Form Choice Eliminator



The screenshot shows a window titled "FORM CHOICE LIMITER" with a close button. Below the title bar, there is a table of activity choices. The table has three columns: the activity name, a limit value in a text box, and a current count. The activities listed are "Build, Play, and Chill", "Bingo!", "Perler Beads", "Jaguar Gym - Eliminator", "Gaga-Ball", and "Rest & Relaxation". The "Gaga-Ball" and "Rest & Relaxation" rows are highlighted in red.

Activity	Limit	Count
Build, Play, and Chill	40	31
Bingo!	30	3
Perler Beads	20	12
Jaguar Gym - Eliminator	60	48
Gaga-Ball	30	30
Rest & Relaxation	35	35



Rosters

The day before each Pride Party:

- rosters are printed for each session

The day of a Pride Party:

- Rosters are placed with any materials needed in a central location
- teachers that run the first session take it and all other materials to the space and leave it for the rest of the sessions.

Rosters are also shared with homeroom teachers for them to share and remind students where they are headed before their Party time begins.

Extra Passes

For the rare case that a student has not had a chance to vote, but shows up the day of the pride party and is eligible, teachers can send them with a pass to a party that is not already full.

Pride Party Pass

Student Name (First/Last):

Time:

Destination:

Homeroom Teacher:

Teacher Signature 



*What if kids don't
earn Pride Party?*



This is where the real work comes in

- **Goal Setting**
- **Circles**
- **Restorative Work**

Goal Setting Sheet

Reflection

Which area prevented you from attending the Pride Party (circle all that apply)?

Academics

Attendance

Behavior

What was the main reason (i.e. unexcused absences, missing work, ISS, etc.)?

Making a Change

What is ONE thing you want to improve on before the next Pride Party (date: _____)?

Remember to BE SPECIFIC!

Action Steps:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Support Needed

Circle the people you might need to lean on for support with this plan (circle all that apply)

Just me

Family

Teachers

Friends/peers

[Link to the form](#)



Circles / Restorative Work

Pride Party also provides time for our RTI specialist, Counselors, and Admin to work the population of kids that need some extra attention.

(We are still working to perfect.)



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What makes this work?

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Kid video!

Finish up your first set of slides.

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