



Teacher Morale Ideas for your School!

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Kristi asked The OC Blog fans:
"My principal has asked our building to work on morale among teachers.....looking for some fun/creative ideas some of you have done at your buildings!"

~~Duty free lunch seems to help our teachers. -Danita R.

~~We had a chili cooking contest at lunch. -Kerry L.

~~We have frock up "fursday"!!! We all wear a nice dress and order in take away Thai for lunch!!! -Cristy J.

~~Afterschool volleyball games, hiking, kayaking, snowshoeing, cookie swaps, plant swaps, xmas shopping... -Jodi B.



~~We have pot luck breakfasts before school. It is great! Usually once a month. -Kimberly R.

~~Have a So You Think You Know the Faculty? game where each staff and faculty member writes 1 or 2 fun facts about themselves and others have to guess! -Karen D.

~~We are two buildings @ my school....so they have proposed mini olympic events.....a competition between the staff of both buildings....lol -Zoja D.

~~I saw this at a school. There's a board where people leave "atta girl" notes about faculty members. It can be anonymous and it's all positive. -Ana G.



~~We brought in a baby pictures and then guessed who the babies grew up to be. It was a fun way to start our faculty meeting.

-Allison K.

~~We have potlucks for breakfast/lunch. We try to do it like once a month. We also get together for dinner once a month. We plan on playing laser tag as a team building activity on the next inservice day. This year we started secret pals too! -Heather S.

~~We have a little stuffed horse called Russell who has lots of adventures and hides around the place. He even has his own face book page. We also have secret santa. A policy of what is said in the staff room stays in the staff room helps too. We are all a team. -Helen L.

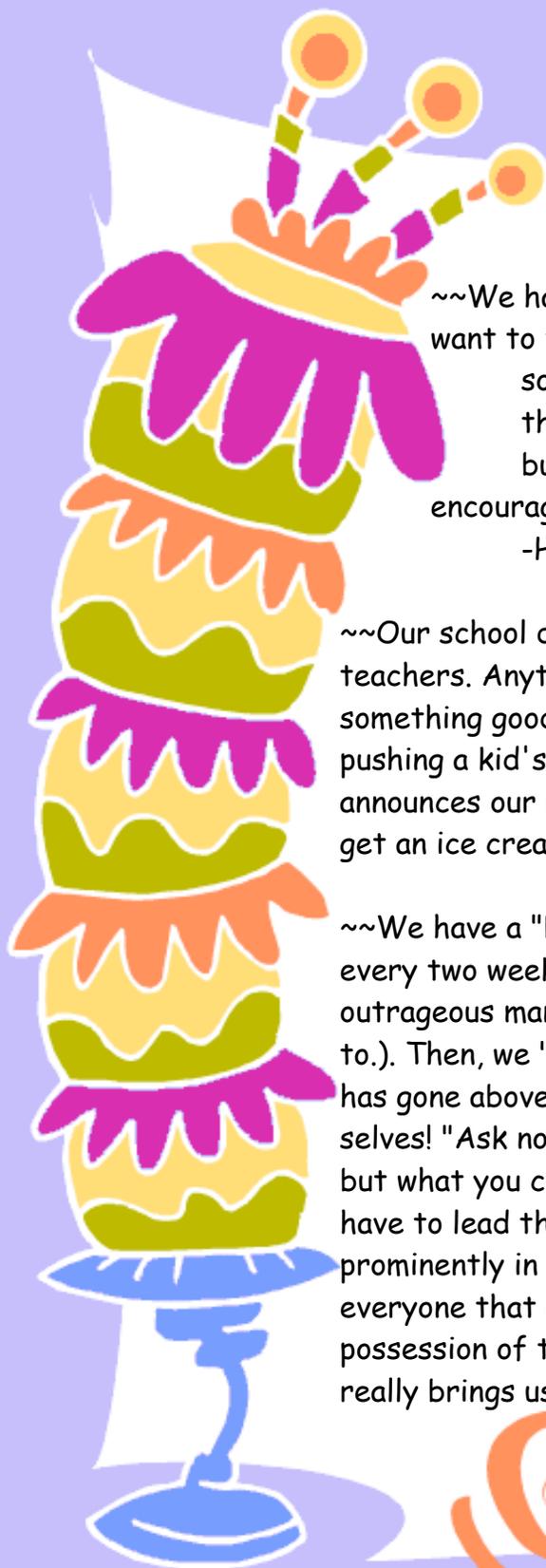


~~Easter egg hunt- gave away treats, pizza lunch, extra recess, guest readers and jelly beans of course. Lots of fun. Hide them all over the school. -Janet S.

~~We used to meet on Friday mornings for 5 minutes and have a dance off to fun upbeat music. It was awesome!
-Stacey K.

~~Love my PTO, they volunteer to watch kids in the cafeteria while the teachers eat lunch in the library that the PTO catered. 15 minute kid free lunch? Priceless! Love it!
-Dawn M.

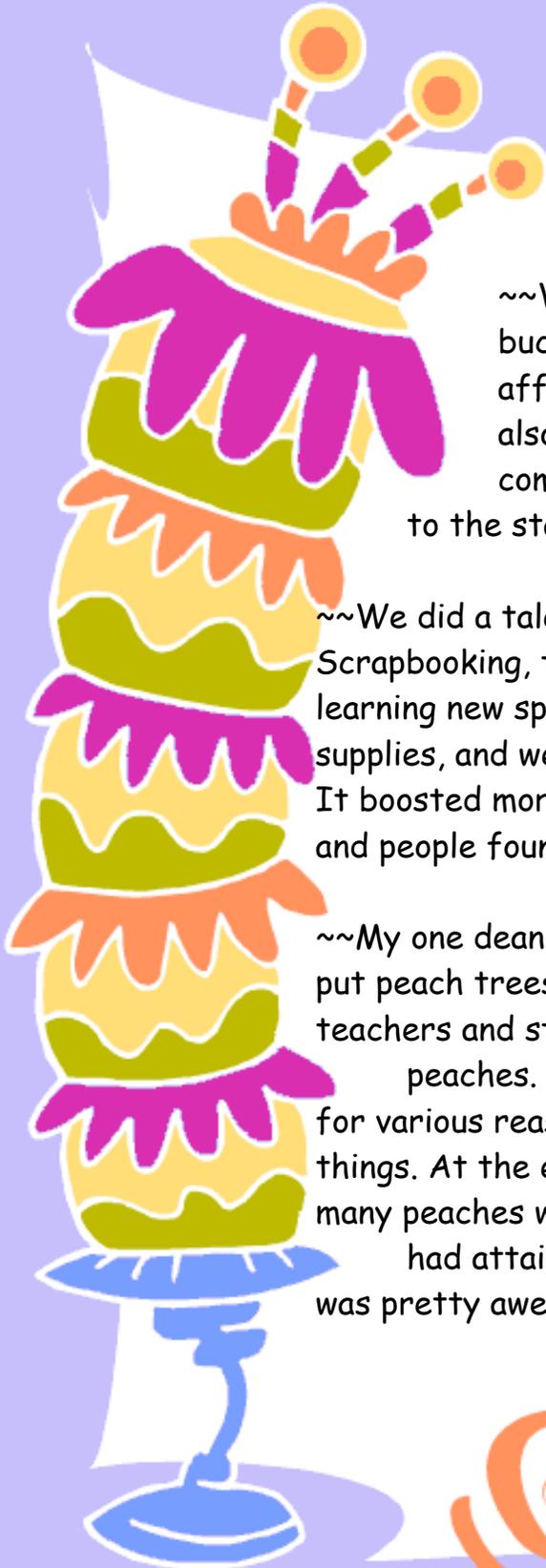
~~One hour professional development on pampering. Local massage therapists and manicurists came in to provide free treat to teachers as thank you for hard work. Guys and girls liked it. -Dawn M.



~~We have a "Tree of Thanks". Any time you want to thank someone in the building for something (even small or silly things!), you leave a leaf on the bulletin board in the lounge. It's really encouraging to read all of those notes!
-Hojo's TpT Store

~~Our school does "Caught Being Good" for teachers. Anytime our principal sees us doing something good, like picking up trash or pushing a kid's wheelchair to class, she announces our name over the intercom and we get an ice cream pass. -Megan B.

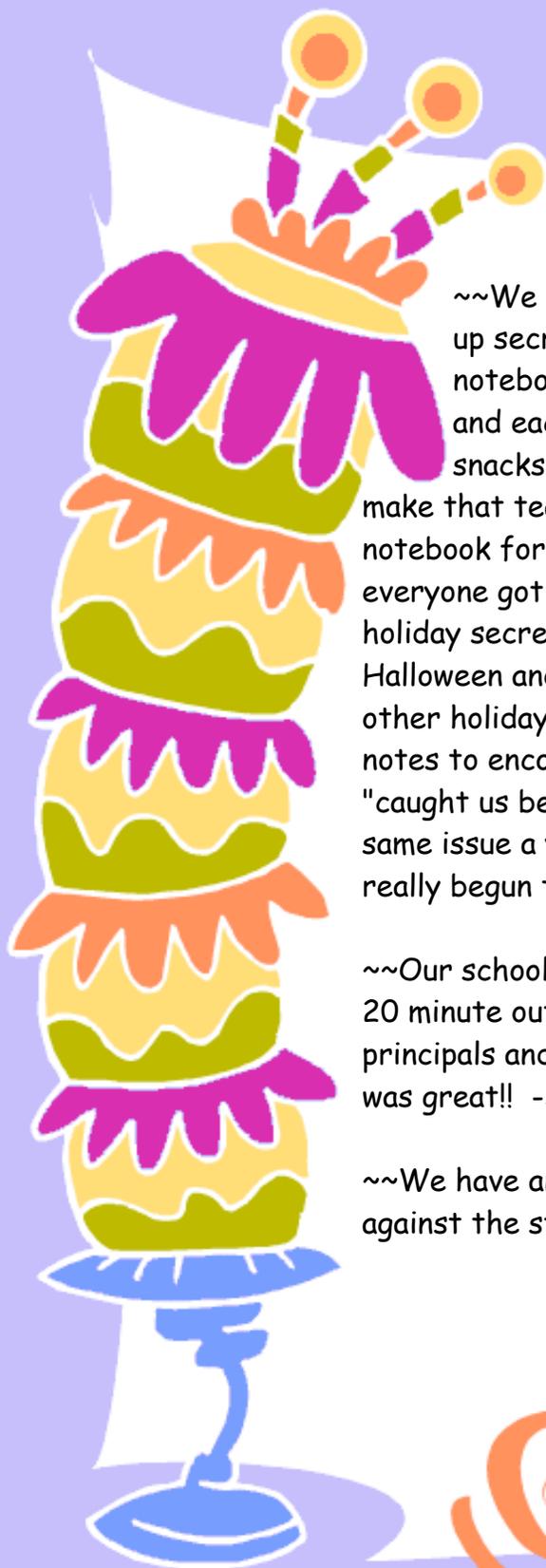
~~We have a "bust" that we award to someone every two weeks(it's really an over-the-top outrageous mannequin head that we keep adding to.). Then, we "bust" someone on the staff who has gone above and beyond our normal fabulous selves! "Ask not what your school can do for you, but what you can do for your school!" They then have to lead the staff out of the meeting, display it prominently in their class, and explain to everyone that asks why they are in possession of this creation! Silly, but really brings us together! -Cindy H.



~~We have "did you fill someone's bucket" board where we write affirmations for each other. We also have a committee and the committee does/delivers something to the staff once a week. :) -Katie R.

~~We did a talent day in service... Scrapbooking, taking pictures, beading, learning new sports... The district buys the supplies, and we sit and learn a new hobby. It boosted moral for months afterwards, and people found common interests! -Amie G.

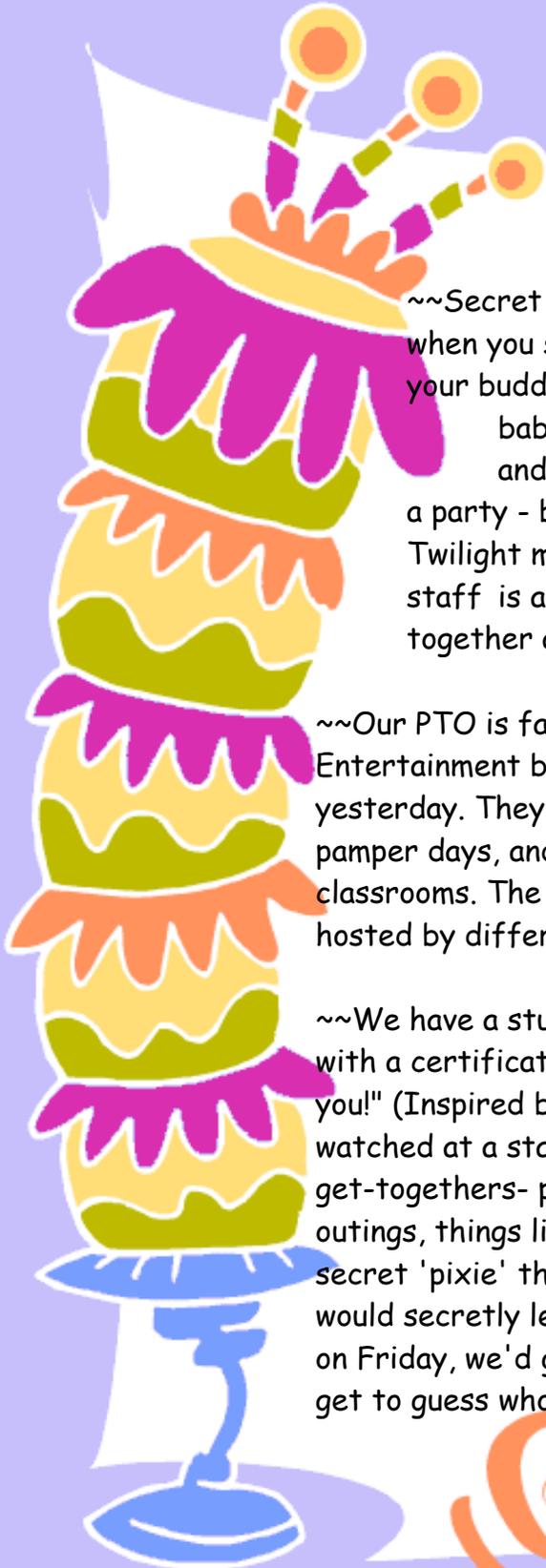
~~My one dean created this peach idea. She put peach trees in the front foyer. Then teachers and staff got so many cut out peaches. We would write notes on them for various reasons recognizing big and small things. At the end of the quarter people with so many peaches would get various prizes my dean had attained from local businesses. It was pretty awesome! -Amanda E.



~~We have a "social committee" who heads up secret surprises. We also made a notebook called "What Makes My Day", and each teacher listed their favorite snacks, drinks, etc. If someone wanted to make that teacher's day, they'd check the notebook for ideas. The social committee made sure everyone got a surprise occasionally. We also do holiday secret drops like getting "Boo'd" at Halloween and secret pals and such around other holidays. The principals began writing notes to encourage us and show when they "caught us being good". haha! We had the same issue a year or two ago, and things have really begun to look up. :) -Amy H.

~~Our school just did one for us this afternoon - 20 minute outdoor recess for the kids that the principals and support staff supervised. It was great!! -Stephanie E.

~~We have an annual dodgeball or basketball game against the students as a fundraiser. -Ulrike H.



~~Secret buddies - you email the whole staff when you say thank you so you are sure your buddy receives it. We've done the baby picture one too - lots of fun and laughs. Lots of excuses to have a party - beginning of the year, Christmas, Twilight movie releases; end of the year. Our staff is a true family and we love to get together and have fun. -Jennifer V.

~~Our PTO is fantastic. They gave us Entertainment books for Valentine's Day yesterday. They have done fun things like pamper days, and a coffee cart delivered to our classrooms. The teachers do First Friday breakfast hosted by different teams each month. -Lauri S.

~~We have a stuffed goose that travels around with a certificate that says, "I'm honking for you!" (Inspired by a motivational video we all watched at a staff meeting.) I also love just fun get-togethers- pitch-ins at lunch, special dinners or outings, things like that. At my old school, we had a secret 'pixie' the week of Valentine's Day who would secretly leave us little gifts and then on Friday, we'd get a bigger gift and get to guess who it was! -Jenny G.