

# Celebrations less than a dime and 10 minutes' time!

## Verbal praise and feedback

Provide specific, positive feedback to stakeholders with eye contact and a genuine smile! Let them know you see them. "I see you being amazing when you..."

## Write a note, card, email, or text

In this [study](#), researchers found writing notes of gratitude improves the wellbeing of the sender and the receiver. Expressing gratitude 'just right' is not as important as the warmth and positive intent.

## Class incentives/celebrations

Classroom expectations should always align to your school and district goals. Implementing a class reward system or goal achievement celebration can be as simple as playing an end of the week celebration song with a five-minute dance party.

## Give one, get one peer recognition

We love recognition from our peers. Encourage students to write about a time they noticed a strength from their peer; and make sure they get one back!

## Share Socially or digitally

Consider creating a celebration page on your website, Twitter moment, Facebook post, or quick video to your school or district's YouTube channel.

## Teacher's assistant for the day

Celebrate a significant classroom or student goal by promoting one student to assistant teacher for the day. This is a great motivator for students.

## Display artwork in school, class, or bus

Celebrating students' artwork helps create a feeling of self-worth and students can see themselves in the halls and on the walls. Consider a celebration space outside the expected places. Be sure to promote the space too.

## Certificate of achievement

Certificates are a tangible item that staff and students can display, hold up, and say, "I achieved this!"

## Superlatives

Vote to see which district schools, staff, or students are leading, modeling, and advocating for your equitable, multi-level system of supports. Try, most likely to:

- help another student, or give a high five
- be heard sharing specific, positive feedback
- assess system by April 30, or bring donuts to meetings

## Recognized School's award package

The Wisconsin RtI Center will be handing out Recognized Schools' award packages in August. Share your badge on your website, social media channels, and email signature line.

