# Free or Inexpensive Reinforcements for School Personnel and **Parents**

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#### Reinforcements

Should we or shouldn't we reward students and children for good behavior? That has been debatable for a long time. The Center for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) researched the question, "Are Rewards Dangerous?" The resounding results showed if reinforcements are done properly, they are not detrimental to a child's development and the child learns to be intrinsically motivated as they learn the importance of social acceptance and academic achievement.

Here's the official statement from www.pbis.org: "...our research team has conducted a series of reviews and analysis of (the reward) literature; our conclusion is that there is no inherent negative property of reward. Our analyses indicate that the argument against the use of reinforcements is an overgeneralization based on a narrow set of circumstances."

- Cameron, 2002
- Cameron & Pierce, 1994, 2002
- Cameron, Banko & Pierce, 2001

It used to be common knowledge that reinforcements should not be stickers, candy, and toys; rather, the payoff should match the function of the behavior we are trying to ameliorate. It seems the potty training people came along and said to give a child an M&M for going tinky on the toldy and suddenly we found people giving children stickers and candy for having good behaviors. We strongly believe tangibles should be the last thing we offer to children as a reward and the payoff should match the function which might be appropriate for the child.

#### **Functions of Behavior**

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To Gain To Escape

Attention: Work/Tasks/chores

People Peers Adults Adults

Access to preferred items or environmental Peers (Think bullying)

controls Pain

**Emotional** Sensory Integration (Input) Physical

Sensory (Overload)

## **Rules Governing Behavior**

Another caveat of changing behavior whether social or academic is to understand where any behavior comes from. Using the history of behavior, we have developed ten rules to govern our thoughts on changing behavior.

#### Ten Rules of Behavior

- 1. Behavior is learned and serves a specific purpose (Bandura)
- 2. Behavior is related to the context within which it occurs (Bambara & Knoster)
- 3. For every year a behavior has been in place, we need to expect one month of consistent and appropriate intervention to see a change (Atchison)
- 4. We can improve behavior by 80% just by pointing out what one person is doing correctly (Shores, Gunter, Jack)
- 5. We use positive behavior specific praise about 6.25% of the time (Haydon, et al.)
- 6. When we want compliance in our students we should whisper in their right ear (Live Science)
- 7. All behavior has function and falls into two categories: To gain access to or to Escape from (Alberto & Troutman)
- 8. To Gain Access- see chart above
- 9. To Escape From- see chart above
- 10. Your reaction determines whether a behavior will occur again. We have to change our behavior (Alberto & Troutman).

#### What Do Children Want?

For ten years, we have been asking this question of students we meet: "What would mean the world to you? What could an adult give you that would let you know you had done a good job? It can't cost any money." Here are some of the answers we have received:

- A young man on a school bus in NYC who was reported to be the worst behaved kid on the bus by the bus matron said, "I see people throw a football and when they throw the football it goes straight. If someone could teach me how to throw a football so it would go straight, that would mean the world to me. When I throw it, it goes all wonky."
- A young man in an alternative school said, "I used to be on drugs and everyone here knew me when I was on drugs and I wasn't nice. I've been clean and sober for 3 months, 2 days and a couple of hours and not one person has told me they like me better off drugs than when I was on drugs. I'd like somebody to tell me they appreciate how hard it is to stay clean and that it's worth
- Several teenagers have said, "If somebody could just say they appreciate the fact that I got my sorry ass (sic) to school today that would mean something. I mean it's not easy getting up this early."
- In ten years, only one student has said anything tangible. A young lady in Wyoming said "Food would be nice." When I queried her teacher I found out her mother sold her weekend backpack of food for drugs and she went all weekend without eating.

So, we think we know kids want an X-box or a new bicycle but what they really want is attention or recognition.

## Five Languages of Appreciation in the Workplace

In our research on reinforcements, we studied the book The Five Languages of **Appreciation in the Workplace** by Chapman and White (2012). We took the information from that book and applied it toward the ten years of research we have on student responses. We found the students we talked to over the years had more than five levels and they broke into these categories:

- 1. Quality time with adults and/or peers
- 2. Escape from a task or chore
- 3. Earning special privileges
- 4. Physical touch-like high fives or special handshakes
- 5. Earning leadership roles
- 6. Social praise
- 7. Special assistance (help with a task or chore)
- 8. Tangibles (we actually added this one despite the students telling us of none)

Quality time. Time and again students just named things that meant an adult spending time with them. We work in an alternative school occasionally and the biggest prize those students work for is to have hot chocolate with the principal. The students get to sit in the principal's office for fun and have a cup of hot chocolate with him and talk about their day. Kids who like going to the principal's office, who would have thought?

**Escape from a task or chore.** The number one response from teenagers was for a homework free night. They said they typically have anywhere from two to four hours of homework each evening. They said if all the teachers in the school would just get together and choose one night to not give homework it would be the best gift. They said, we don't have time for anything fun because homework takes up all of the evening.

**Earning special privileges.** We found students liked special permission to wear sunglasses, take their shoes off, sit in the principal's chair, or get to run the Smartboard. Several of our PBIS schools have a special table in the lunchroom where the students are allowed to listen to music and earning the privilege of sitting there means a lot to them.

**Physical touch.** Many students said having a special handshake with someone was fun for them. They said they like it when their teachers "high five" them when they do a good job on something. This takes such little time from class and yet obviously has profound impact for kids.

**Earning leadership roles.** Being able to do the school news, or lead the pledge over the intercom ranked well in both elementary and secondary. Many PBIS schools use student leaders to show visitors around their school and the students really enjoy this privilege.

**Social praise.** When we taught every single day, every single student went home with a love note. These were little slips of paper that recognized something positive they did that day. One student who had the same teacher for three years in Kindergarten, third and fourth grade reported that at 18 he still had all those love notes saved. Social praise can be verbal, written, or announced over the loudspeaker. Many PBIS schools announce the class with the best manners in PE or the bus with the best behavior of the week.

**Special assistance.** Many students would say things like, "I don't have a computer at home. If the computer teacher would let me stay after school and teach me how to make games on the computer, I think I'd like to be a computer programmer when I grow up." We even had students tell us they just would like help with math or reading but they didn't want to ask for it in front of their peers. They said they would stay after school for help if it were offered.

**Tangibles.** We added this even though no students actually asked for tangibles. The reason we added this is because of students who are low in socio-economic status. These students cannot afford the cool pencils, cool notebooks, or cool pencil cases. We believe tangibles of special school supplies are quite appropriate and those students who need them will choose those.

#### What's not on the List?

What you won't find on this list is to give students candy, stickers, or toys. You might see a pizza party or a hot dog cook out; however, the reason for the food in these cases is the social gathering and not the food itself. Too many children are being rewarded with tangibles as evident in any toy aisle at a discount store where this mantra is heard, "I'll buy you this if you stop crying." We cannot buy good behavior. We have to teach it. Then we have to imprint it by modeling it ourselves. Then we have to practice it with our children. "This is what good behavior looks like, sounds like, and feels like." Then we have to give behavior specific praise, "When you picked up that piece of trash on the floor and put it in the wastebasket that was being responsible of the environment."

## The List

The following list is divided into sections:

- Prizes for parents to give to children for good behavior
- Young child
- **Teenagers**
- Prizes for elementary teachers to give to students for good behavior
- Prizes for secondary teachers to give to students for good behavior
- You will see some duplication from elementary onto secondary based on student responses received
- Prizes for PBIS teams, PTO's or Administrators to give to staff
- You will see food items on here because adults need chocolate sometimes ©

## Free or Inexpensive Reinforcements for Parents

## **Young Children**

- Assist the parent with a household chore 1.
- Send an email to a relative telling them what a good job they had done on a project at school. 2. In other words, email Aunt Linda and tell her about the "A" you got on your spelling test.
- Get to decorate paper placemats for the dining room table for dinner that evening 3.
- Get to choose what is fixed for dinner that night- example: "You get to choose, I can make 4. tacos or meatloaf. Which do you want me to fix?"
- Get to help parent fix dinner- shell peas, peel potatoes, make art out of vegetables, make ants 5. on a log etc.
- 6. Get to be the first person to share 3 stars and a wish at the dinner table (3 good things that happened that day and one thing they wish had gone better.)
- Get to create a family night activity-roller skating, hiking in the park, picnic dinner on the 7. living room floor or under the dining room table with blankets over the top.
- 8. Camp out in the backyard with a parent.
- Get a car ride to or from school instead of the bus 9.
- Get to have a picture framed for mom or dad's office 10.
- Get to choose the game the family plays together that night 11.
- Get to choose the story the family reads out loud together (read the classics) 12.
- Get to go with a parent to volunteer at a retirement home (the children will get tons of 13. attention)
- Get to gather old toys and take to a shelter for children who have nothing 14.
- Get to ask friends to bring dog and cat food to their birthday party instead of toys that will 15. break. Take the food to a shelter the day after as a reward. They will get a ton of attention from the staff.
- Bury treasures in a sandbox for the child to find. Put letters in plastic Easter eggs and they 16. have to put the letters together that spell treat the child will receive. (Ideas: a walk with grandma, bike riding at the park, etc.)
- Make special mud pies in the backyard with mom or dad or have a family contest to see who 17. can make the best mud pie.
- Dig shapes in the sandbox and then decorate with items found around the house. Pour 18. inexpensive plaster of Paris into the shape and wait to dry. When it's pulled out it will be a sandy relief that can be hung on the wall (if you remember to put a paper clip in the plaster of Paris on the top before it dries ©)
- Get to go shopping with a parent as an only child. Give them a special task to look for 19. something that you are seeking. For example: "Here's a picture of a blue blouse that I'm trying to find. Help me look for something that looks like this."
- Take all the kids to grandma and grandpa's house except one and let that child stay home 20. with mom and dad and be "only child" for the weekend. The other kids will get spoiled with lots of attention by grandma and grandpa and the "only child" will get lots of attention from mom and dad. (If you don't have grandma and grandpa nearby-trade with another family taking turns to keep each other's children.)
- Download a fun recipe and let your child help you make that recipe as a surprise for the rest 21. of the family that evening. (Put up signs that say "Secret Cooking in Progress". Must have special pass to enter the kitchen.
- Surprise your child with a scavenger hunt around the house. If they read, give them written 22. clues hinting as to where the next card is hiding. At the end have them find a note that tells them their big prize. (If your child can't read, you can use pictures.)

- Make a story on the computer with your child using Microsoft's PowerPoint program. Let 23. your child be the star of the story.
- Let your child take the digital camera out in the back yard and then come back in and turn 24. those pictures into a story on the computer. Help them print off their book for a distant family member.
- Go outside and collect cool leaves and flowers. Come inside and put those leaves and flowers 25. between two sheets of wax paper. The parent will iron these two sheets together and create placemats for everyone in the family for the evening.
- Start a family story at the dinner table and each person in the family has to tell a part of the 26. story. The child being rewarded gets to start and end the story.
- Let your child earn 5 minutes of either staying up later or sleeping in in the morning. Use 27. that time to read together if they stay up later.
- Play secretary and let your child dictate a story to you. Type up the story and send it out to 28. some relatives who will call them and tell them how much they liked the story.
- Write a story for your child where the child or their personal hero is a character in the story. 29.
- Change the screen saver on your computer to say "My child is the greatest." ...or something 30. that would make them feel good about themselves. Do this at your office and then take a picture of it or take your child to your office on the weekend and let them see it.
- Let your child help you do the laundry and then pay them with a special dessert for dinner. 31. Be sure to say, "Since you helped me save time by helping me fold the laundry, I have time to make this special dessert for dinner."
- Help your child organize their room giving them a mnemonic to help them remember where 32. things go- for instance teach them the color order of the rainbow and then teach them to hang up their clothes in color groups matching the order of the rainbow (ROYGBIV). Later on when you catch them hanging up their clothes in the correct place draw a "rainbow" award for their good work and put it on their door as a surprise when they come home.
- Have the bedroom fairy come while they are at school and choose the bedroom that is the 33. neatest. Hang a fairy from the doorway of the room that is the neatest and that person gets to sit in "Dad's chair" to read that night. (Or something that would be appropriate at your
- Mystery grab bag. Take an old pillow case and put slips of paper inside listing some of the 34. prizes on this page and let the child draw out the prize they are going to get for their behavior reward.
- Let your child dictate where you drive on the way home from a location. In other words, 35. they have to tell you turn left here...turn right here. If they happen to steer you into a Baskin Robbins Ice Cream Parlor, it wouldn't be a horrible thing to stop and have a family treat together.
- Give your child a special piece of jewelry that belongs to you to keep and wear for the day. 36. (Nothing that costs a lot of money- but something that looks like it is special to you.) The child will feel special all day long.
- Take your children to the library one at a time and give them special one on one time at the 37. library checking out books or listening to stories.
- 38. Sign your child up for acting lessons (they have to have earned this privilege). Many universities offer free acting classes on the weekend for children.
- Take your child to an art gallery and then have them draw a picture of their favorite painting 39. or statue. Possibly stage a mini art gallery tour of the child's work for relatives who are coming to visit. Serve cheese and grape juice.
- Take your child to the university astronomy lab. (It is usually free). Help them place stars 40. on the ceiling of their room in their favorite constellation. If possible they could paint the stars with "glow in the dark" paint.

- Take your child on a nature walk and collect rocks. Bring the rocks back home and have a 41. contest painting the rocks to look like animals.
- Have your child collect some toys they have outgrown. Clean up the toys and take them to a 42. local hospital children's ward and donate the toys to the ward. The child will get lots of attention and feel good.
- Go to your local appliance store and ask them to save a refrigerator box for you. The next 43. time your child earns a reward, give them the box and help them plan and decorate the box to turn it into anything their imagination desires.
- Make Papier-mâché Halloween masks by taking punch ball balloons and spreading the 44. paper strips over the balloon shape. Make noses, horns, tongues whatever they desire and then paint when dry. You will have a unique and free Halloween costume and you will have given your child tons of attention.
- Find an old fashioned popcorn popper (not an air popper). Spread an old sheet out on the 45. living room floor, put a little oil in the popper and then have your children sit outside the perimeter of the sheet. Put a few kernels of popcorn in the popper and watch them fly up in the air. The kids will love watching this. For a special treat pour cinnamon sugar on the popcorn after it pops.
- Find some light balsa wood and create a boat powered by a rubber band and paper clip 46. paddle wheel. Make a unique sail and take the boat to a creek or lake nearby and help your child launch their boat. Be sure to take a butterfly net to retrieve the boat when it goes downstream. (Proactively, you could put an eye hook on the front of the boat and attach some fishing line to it so it can be brought back to shore.
- Take your child fishing. It's a great place to have some really in depth conversations. 47.
- Take your child for a ride looking for items that start with each letter of the alphabet. Take the child's picture in front of each item that starts with that letter and then put it together as an ABC Book. For example: "This is Johnny in front of Applebees." "This is Johnny in front of BlockBuster." And so on....
- Check with your local humane society and see if they allow children under 18 to volunteer to feed and water the animals. (Some shelters only allow adults over 18). Let your child earn the privilege of going to the shelter to feed and water the animals. Perhaps they can walk a small dog or pet a cat.
- Take your child to the local fire department. As long as they are not busy, they will be glad to 50. show the child around and give them some great attention. Most children have seen a fire truck, but few have actually gone to the fire department to see what it looks like.
- Play the "Gatekeeper Game" with your child. A description of this game is available on 51. www.behaviordoctor.org (under books- Stork Manual page 60.)
- Tell your children you have a surprise performance for them. Get a stocking cap and lay on 52. a sturdy table with your head hanging chin up in the air. Cover all of your face with the stocking cap except your chin and mouth. Draw two eyeballs on your chin and then lip sync to a silly song. It looks really funny, like a little headed person with a big mouth singing. Then let your child put on a performance for you.
- Play hide and go seek in your house in the dark. Turn out all the lights and have everyone 53. hide. One person is "it" and they have to go around the house and find the people who are hiding. It's really a great way to help your children not be afraid of the dark. You can limit it to one or two rooms if your children are young.
- Ask your children if they'd rather have a dollar a day for thirty days or a penny a day that 54. doubles each day for 30 days. In other words on day one 1 cent, day two 2 more cents, day three 4 cents and so on. Once they decide then help them figure out which one would have been the better deal. \$10,737,418. 23 at the end of 30 days with the double the pennies per day. This is just hypothetical, they don't really get the money ©

- Give your child a nice piece of Manila paper and some wax crayons. Have them color a 55. design on every inch of the paper-could be stripes or wavy lines- whatever they desire. Then have them cover the entire page with black crayon. They color over the entire page. Then give them a paper clip and have them open one end and scratch a cool design into the black crayon. The colors underneath will show through. Do an art gallery tour and have tea and cookies after looking at the different pictures.
- 56. Teach your child how to throw a football, shoot a basket, kick a field goal, hit a baseball, and putt a golf ball. Then for fun, switch hands and try to do all of those things with the opposite side of the body.
- Find an old croquet set- probably on Ebay. Set up croquet in your yard and challenge your 57. child to a game of croquet. The winning child gets to choose what the family eats for dinner.
- Turn your dining room table into a cave by covering it with blankets, quilts and sheets that 58. cover the top and sides down to the floor. Lay inside the cave and draw picture by flashlight to hang on the wall of the cave-just like the caveman drawings. You can safety pin the pictures to the "cave walls".
- Have a talent night for the family. Have everyone keep it a secret what they are doing and 59. then perform for each other.
- Teach your child how to darn a sock and then turn it into a magical sock puppet. Put on 60. puppet shows for each other.
- Take a tension curtain rod and put it in the door frame with some old curtains attached. Let 61. your child put on a talent show for you as they enter through the curtain.
- 62. Attach cork panels to a wall in the kitchen or put in a large picture frame and put a special piece of art, poetry, or an exceptional paper on the board and have the entire family view and comment at dinner on the highlighted piece.
- 63. Let your child design thank you cards, birthday cards, or holiday cards and use them to send to friends and relatives. Make sure they sign their work.
- Buy your child an inexpensive digital camera and have them take pictures and then gather 64. the family with popcorn and watch the video on your television by hooking the camera to the television or upload to the computer and attach the computer to the television. Have everyone choose a favorite photo and talk about it.
- Have a date night with your child as an only child. Take your child out to dinner and a play 65. or a movie.

# **Teenagers**

- A gallon of paint is inexpensive. Let the child choose the color and help them paint their 1. room. You can also buy mistake paint (colors that didn't work out for others) and let the child paint a mural on their bedroom wall.
- Teenagers need extra-curricular activities; however, these activities are expensive. Work out 2. a deal with the karate teacher, horse stable, art teacher, sport coach etc. Offer to provide transportation, house cleaning duties once a month, or precooked meals to get a discount on these classes for your teenager.
- Teenagers have a difficult time with their emotions. Download yoga lessons from online and 3. do yoga breathing exercises together as a family. Talk to your child about using these techniques when they feel tense at school.
- Make a deal. If your child maintains the grades you agree upon, does not have any 4. unnecessary absences, and has been agreeable, allow them to take a mental health day and stay home on a day you are home as well. Go window shopping together, fishing, go-kart riding, or whatever would float your child's boat. My mother did this with us when we were children and I still remember these days fondly.

- Let your teenager play their music during dinner and talk to you about why they like each 5. song that plays.
- Watch an old black and white classic movie together and talk about how movies have 6. changed. My children loved "Harvey" with Jimmy Stewart when they were teenagers.
- Write half a story or poem and let your teenager write the other half. Submit the story for 7.
- 8. Scan your teenager's papers or art work and have them bound in a book (www.lulu.com has inexpensive binding available). Present the book to your teenager at a special dinner.
- Make a scrap book of your teenager and their friends with ticket stubs and pictures and 9. present at a surprise party.
- Save your change for a year. Let your teenager choose what to do with that money. One 10. family that I know saved enough to take a family of six to Disneyland.
- One of the greatest gifts you can give to a teenager is to teach them charity. Sign up to work 11. in a soup kitchen, nursing home, or other similar area and work with them once a month.
- Organize a neighborhood football or basketball game "oldies" vs. "youngsters" or "men" vs. 12. "Women" and then have a block barbecue afterwards.
- Let them drive the "good" car for a special occasion. 13.
- Surprise them with their favorite dessert for no special reason. 14.
- Write a story about the 20 things you love about them. Include fun pictures. 15.
- Choose a family member of the month and make a poster of them. Let them choose Friday 16. night dinners for the month.
- Teach your children how to play a game like Spoons, Canasta, Poker, etc. And have a family 17. game night.
- Turn out all the lights in the house and play hide and go seek in the dark. The person that 18. can stay hidden the longest gets to choose the movie the family watches on Saturday night. Our personal children loved this well into their teens because they got better at hiding.
- Hire your child to be an interior decorator and using only items available in the house, redo 19. a room in the house.
- Do your own Trading Spaces. Parents redecorate the teen's bedroom and the teen 20. redecorates the parent's bedroom.
- Use plastic Easter eggs and put dollar amounts in the eggs on slips of paper and number the 21. eggs with a permanent marker. Play Deal or No Deal with one of the parents playing the
- Help your teenager study for a test by downloading a free Who Wants to be a Millionaire 22. PowerPoint game and put the answers to your teenagers' test into the game and then play to help them study.
- Tape record your student's study questions onto a tape recorder for them so they can listen 23. to them while they are going to sleep.
- Make flash cards for your student's exams to help them study for a big exam. 24.
- Help your teenager organize their notebook using color coded folders for each subject and 25. pocket folders for study cards.
- Hide positive messages all over your teenager's room, in their books they use at home (you 26. don't want them to get embarrassed at school), on their bathroom mirror, etc.
- Watch Jeopardy and give each family member a pad of post it notes or index cards. Have 27. everyone write down what they think the answer is and keep points. The person who wins gets to pick what the family does as an activity that weekend.
- Do some research for your teenager. For example, if your teen is studying Greek Mythology 28. go to the library and check out all the books on Greek Mythology for them or download some appropriate materials from the Internet (be careful of the Internet as some information is not correct).

- 29. Take your teen to a museum, on a nature walk, to a sporting event, whatever would float their boat. It's the time you spend with them that is important and there are many free events you can attend.
- 30. Make a special mix CD for your teen of their favorite songs. You can upload I-tunes and then copy their own CD's into the program and mix and match their favorite songs onto one CD so they don't have to flip through CD's to listen to their favorite songs.
- 31. Have a contest to see who can find something that no one in the family can guess what it is. For example, a shirt stay, or the inside spring to a toy, things that might not be recognizable away from their use.
- 32. Have everyone come to the table with a quote and then a contest to see who can guess who made the quote famous.
- 33. Surprise your teen with a scavenger hunt all over the house when they get home from school. Make the clues hard to figure out. I always had a little prize at the end like baseball cards.
- 34. Let your teen host the training of a guide dog. This will teach them responsibility and give them a sense of pride.
- 35. Help your teen become a big brother or sister to a child who needs a mentor. There is no greater gift you can give yourself than that of service to someone in need.

# Free or Inexpensive Reinforcements for Individual Students at School

# **Elementary Level**

- 1. 10 minutes of computer time
- 2. 10 minutes of I-Pad time
- 3. 15 minutes of computer time
- 4. 15 minutes of free choice time
- 5. American Idol with your class- you get to be a judge
- 6. Art time with special art supplies (like clay, ceramic, bake dough etc.)
- 7. Assist the custodian
- 8. Assist with morning announcements over the PA system
- 9. Be a helper in another classroom
- 10. Be featured on a photo recognition board
- 11. Be recognized during announcements
- 12. Be the first one in the lunch line
- 13. Be the leader of a class game
- 14. Be the line leader or the caboose
- 15. Be the scout (Person who goes ahead of class to tell the special teacher they are on the way)
- 16. Be the teacher's helper for the day
- 17. Borrow the principal's chair for the day
- 18. Breakfast with the custodian
- 19. Breakfast with the librarian
- 20. Breakfast with the music teacher
- 21. Breakfast with the PE teacher
- 22. Breakfast with the principal
- 23. Breakfast with the teacher
- 24. Bring your pet to school and share it with the class
- 25. Bubbles
- 26. Build a tent out of your desk using a towel and work under your desk
- 27. Buy Back a Bad Grade by getting to take another chance at a quiz

- Buzz cut a design in an agreeable male's head
- Cake Boss decorating cupcake with your class- you be the judge 29.
- Choose a book for the teacher to read aloud to the class 30.
- Choose any class job for the week 31.
- Choose music for the class to hear 32.
- Choose the game during physical education 33.
- Choose which homework problem the teacher has to answer for the whole class 34.
- Choose which homework problem the teacher will give the answer to for a freebie 35.
- Clean the teacher's desk 36.
- Craft Stamps during FREE Time tomorrow 37.
- Cup of hot chocolate with a preferred adult 38.
- Cut the principal's tie off and have your picture featured on a bulletin board with the neck 39. part of the tie as the frame. Keep the tip for a souvenir.
- Dance to favorite music in the classroom 40.
- Decorate the class door 41.
- Design a class/school bulletin board 42.
- Design and make a bulletin board 43.
- Do freeze tag with the class 44.
- Do half of an assignment 45.
- Do the conga with the class 46.
- Do the Hand Jive with the class 47.
- Draw on a small white board at desk 48.
- Draw on the chalkboard 49.
- Draw pictures on the chalkboard while the teacher reads to the class (illustrating the story 50. being read)
- Duct tape the principal to the wall during lunch or an assembly 51.
- Earn a blue ribbon for an art display 52.
- Earn a certificate for free 53.
- Earn a free pass to a school event or game 54.
- Earn a gift certificate to the school store or book fair 55.
- Earn a pass to the zoo, aquarium, or museum 56.
- Earn a picnic for your class- might be indoors if weather is bad 57.
- Earn a trophy- teacher made trophies 58.
- Earn a trophy, plaque, ribbon or certificate 59.
- Earn an item such as a Frisbee, hula hoop, jump rope, paddleball or sidewalk chalk, which 60. promote physical activity
- 61. Earn extra computer time
- Earn extra credit 62.
- Earn free tutoring time from the teacher (spelling secrets, math secrets, writing secrets) 63.
- Earn play money to be used for privileges 64.
- 65. Earn points for good behavior to "buy" unique reinforcements (e. g. Autographed items with special meaning or lunch with the teacher)
- 66. Earn the privilege of emailing a parent at work telling of accomplishments
- Eat lunch in the Classroom 67.
- Eat lunch outdoors with the class 68.
- Eat lunch with a teacher or principal
- Eat lunch with an invited adult (grandparent, aunt, uncle) 70.
- Eat snack in the classroom 71.
- Eat with a friend in the classroom (with the teacher) 72.
- Enjoy a positive visit with the principal 73.
- Enjoy class outdoors for the whole class 74.

- Enter a drawing for donated prizes among students who meet certain grade standards 75.
- Extra session of Daily 5 76.
- Free 1 point gotcha for everyone in the class
- Free pass on doing only half an assignment instead of whole assignment 78.
- Get "free choice" time at the end of the day 79.
- Get a "no homework" pass 80.
- 81. Get a balloon attached to your desk with a secret message inside the balloon
- 82. Get a banner at vour desk
- Get a book dedicated to you in the library 83.
- Get a drink from the cold water fountain (There is always one fountain that is better) 84.
- Get a flash cards set printed from a computer 85.
- Get a free choice for the whole class 86.
- Get a special crown to keep and wear 87.
- Get a special school supply from the teacher's closet 88.
- Get a video store or movie theatre coupon 89.
- Get chalk for recess to draw on the playground 90.
- 91. Get extra art time
- Get to ask your BFF to join you at a special table in the lunchroom 92.
- Get to be a mentor on the playground for recess 93.
- Get to be first in the lunch line 94.
- Get to be the assistant custodian for 30 minutes 95.
- Get to be the assistant librarian for 30 minutes 96.
- Get to be the assistant principal for 30 minutes 97.
- 98. Get to be the caboose for the day
- 99. Get to be the line leader for the day
- 100. Get to be the Music teacher's helper for 30 minutes
- 101. Get to be the PE teacher's helper for 30 minutes
- 102. Get to be the secretary's helper for 30 minutes
- 103. Get to be the teacher's helper for the day
- 104. Get to blow bubbles at recess
- 105. Get to bring a special guest to class to read a story to the class
- 106. Get to bring in show and tell
- 107. Get to bring in something you collect from home and share it with the class
- 108. Get to bring your favorite game from home and share it with the class
- 109. Get to choose an art project for the class
- 110. Get to choose an extra book for story time
- 111. Get to choose the brain break activity
- 112. Get to dance with the class
- 113. Get to do a magic trick for the class
- 114. Get to draw on the whiteboard while the teacher is reading
- 115. Get to eat lunch with a different class
- 116. Get to eat lunch with the custodian
- 117. Get to eat lunch with the principal
- 118. Get to eat lunch with the teacher
- 119. Get to go help another teacher for one hour
- 120. Get to go help in a younger class
- 121. Get to have everyone write a positive sentence about you in a booklet
- 122. Get to help design a bulletin board and put it together
- 123. Get to hold the flag for the pledge in the morning
- 124. Get to invite three friends to eat lunch with you in the classroom
- 125. Get to make a special card using the stamps and ink

- 126. Get to paint something on the classroom easel
- 127. Get to perform a science experiment for the class
- 128. Get to play Angry Birds on class I-Pad
- 129. Get to play with Play dough or the Fuzzy Pumper Barber Shop
- 130. Get to put on a puppet show for the class- using the teacher's doorway curtain
- 131. Get to put together a puzzle in the back of the room
- 132. Get to read a comic book during DEAD time (Drop Everything and Read)
- 133. Get to read morning announcements over the Public Address System
- 134. Get to set up snack for the class- some schools have morning snack provided
- 135. Get to sing karaoke in the class
- 136. Get to sit in the class beanbag
- 137. Get to sit in the class rocking chair
- 138. Get to sit in the special chair during reading time
- 139. Get to sit on the floor to do your work- using teacher's pillow
- 140. Get to skip one test question
- 141. Get to take care of the class pet over the weekend or holiday
- 142. Get to take off your shoes for the day
- 143. Get to teach one topic for the day
- 144. Get to tell jokes to the class for 10 minutes
- 145. Get to text message your parents about a great behavior
- 146. Get to use the teacher's cell phone to call home about your great behavior
- 147. Get to use the teacher's computer to send an email to someone about your great behavior
- 148. Get to visit another classroom for one lesson of the day
- 149. Get to visit the principal for a prize (pencil)
- 150. Get to wear a diamond tiara for the day
- 151. Get to wear a super hero costume for the day
- 152. Get to wear ear buds for one hour and listen to music
- 153. Get to write the morning positive message
- 154. Get to write your name on a paper with the glitter pen
- 155. Get your name read over the morning announcements proclaiming your good behavior
- 156. Get your picture in the school newspaper
- 157. Get your picture on the school website
- 158. Go on a walking field trip (earn privilege for whole class)
- 159. Go to recess early
- 160. Go to the library to select a book to read
- 161. Gum in the classroom (this actually provides or al stimulation and increases retention) whole class reward
- 162. Hat day tomorrow
- 163. Have a drawing lesson
- 164. Have a free serving of milk (not a bad thing in low S.E.S. areas)
- 165. Have a teacher read a special book to the entire class
- 166. Have an extra recess
- 167. Have teacher share a special skill (e.g. Sing)
- 168. Have the class mascot at your desk
- 169. Have the teacher help you clean your desk
- 170. Have the teacher make a positive phone call home
- 171. Help in a lower level class
- 172. Hershey kiss for everyone with a positive message (this is in here because a taste of chocolate boosts mood levels- good before a test)
- 173. Invite a parent, grandparent to eat lunch with you
- 174. Keep a stuffed animal at desk

- 175. Learn how to do something special on the computer-like graphics or adding sound
- 176. Learn how to draw something that looks hard, but with help is easy
- 177. Listen to music while working
- 178. Listen with a headset to a book on audiotape
- 179. Make deliveries to the office
- 180. Move desk for the day
- 181. Music in the classroom
- 182. Name put on scrolling marquee with a specific message "Emily Jones says smile and eat your veggies."
- 183. New pen for everyone
- 184. New pencil for everyone
- 185. No homework today
- 186. Operate the remote for a PowerPoint lesson
- 187. Overnight read-in for your class in the gym with sleeping bags and flashlights
- 188. Paint during FREE Time tomorrow
- 189. Pajama day tomorrow
- 190. Pick a game at recess that everyone plays including the teacher
- 191. Pick a Read Aloud Book for the teacher to read
- 192. Play a computer game
- 193. Play a favorite game or puzzle
- 194. Popcorn for the class
- 195. Principal dresses up in a funny costume for the day
- 196. Put your feet on your desk during DEAD time (Drop Everything and Read)
- 197. Read a book to the class
- 198. Read morning announcements
- 199. Read outdoors
- 200. Read to a younger class
- 201. Receive a "mystery pack" (gift-wrapped items such as a notepad, folder, puzzle, sports cards, etc.)
- 202. Receive a 5-minute chat break at the end of the class or at the end of the day
- 203. Receive a note of recognition from the teacher or principal
- 204. Receive a plant, seeds and a pot for growing
- 205. Receive art supplies, coloring books, glitter, bookmarks, rulers, stencils, stamps, pens, pencils, erasers and other school supplies
- 206. Receive donated community gifts or coupons
- 207. Receive verbal praise
- 208. Request what teachers sing or act out what song during lunch for the whole lunch period to
- 209. Root beer float with the principal
- 210. Select a paperback book to take home to read from the teacher's personal library
- 211. Sharpen pencils for the whole class
- 212. Shoot baskets at the trash can with foam balls
- 213. Show and Tell
- 214. Sit anywhere in the room today
- 215. Sit at the teacher's desk using his or her chair
- 216. Sit at the teacher's desk for the day or a set amount of time
- 217. Sit next to the teacher during story time
- 218. Sit next to the teacher during story time
- 219. Sit with a friend at lunch, assembly, etc.
- 220. SMARTboard game for everyone
- 221. Sour gummy worm for everyone as a writing springboard- write about what sour tastes like

- 222. Stay in at recess and help the teacher
- 223. Stuffed animal day tomorrow
- 224. Take a free homework pass
- 225. Take a trip to the treasure box (non-food items such as water bottles, pencils, pens, spiral notebooks)
- 226. Take care of the class animal
- 227. Take class animal home for school vacation time
- 228. Take home a class game for a night
- 229. Teach the class a favorite game
- 230. Teach the class a math lesson
- 231. Teacher does all the homework
- 232. Teacher dresses up in a funny costume for the day
- 233. Use colored chalk
- 234. Use the teacher's chair
- 235. Walk in the woods with a preferred adult during recess
- 236. Walk with a teacher during lunch
- 237. Watch a video instead of recess
- 238. Wear a hat for the day
- 239. Wii party with two BFFs
- 240. Work as the Principal apprentice for 20 minutes
- 241. Work in the lunchroom
- 242. Wrist smelly for everyone (use smelly lip balm)
- 243. Write with a marker for the day
- 244. Write with a special pen for the day
- 245. Write with a special pencil for the day

# Free or Inexpensive Reinforcements for Individual Students

## **Secondary Level**

- 10 minutes of computer time 1.
- 10 minutes of I-Pad time 2.
- 15 minutes of computer time 3.
- 15 minutes of free choice time 4.
- Adult volunteers to write a job recommendation for the student
- All school party on the weekend with different venues for all interests: (students with zero ODR's get to come) Have parents sponsor and chaperone:
  - a. Dance area
  - b. Basketball area
  - c. Game board area
  - d. Conversation pit
  - e. Graffiti wall (piece of sheetrock painted white with sharpies of various colors)
  - f. Karaoke area
  - g. Computer animation area
- American Idol with your class- you get to be a judge 7.
- 8. Assisting Coach for any sport
- Assisting PTO (PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION) (PARENT TEACHER 9. ORGANIZATION) to develop ways to reward teachers who go out of their way to help students
- Breakfast with the custodian 10.
- Breakfast with the librarian 11.
- Breakfast with the music teacher 12.
- Breakfast with the PE teacher 13.
- Breakfast with the principal 14.
- Breakfast with the teacher 15.
- Buy Back a Bad Grade by getting to take another chance at a quiz 16.
- Chance to go to grade school and teach students about a topic of interest 17.
- Choose which homework problem the teacher has to answer for the whole class 18.
- Choosing to do a PowerPoint for the class on a particular subject of interest 19.
- Choosing what assignment the class does for homework 20.
- Clean the teacher's desk 21.
- 22. Cup of hot chocolate with a preferred adult
- Decorate the class door 23.
- Designing theme for school dance, ice cream social, game night 24.
- Dress as the school mascot during a game 25.
- Earn a picnic for your class- might be indoors if weather is bad 26.
- Earning the chance to be the water/towel person at a sporting event 27.
- Earning the chance to do stagecraft for any school performance (lights, stage design, props) 28.
- Earning the chance to scoreboard assist at a game 29.
- Eat lunch in the Classroom 30.
- Eat snack in the classroom 31.
- Eating lunch with a preferred adult 32.
- Facebook Status Updates on the Classroom Door 33.

- Free 1 point gotcha for everyone in the class 34.
- Free entrance to a dance 35.
- Free entrance to a football, basketball, etc. game 36.
- Free library pass to research a topic of interest 37.
- Free pass on doing only half an assignment instead of whole assignment 38.
- Get a balloon attached to your desk 39.
- Get a banner at your desk 40.
- Get a book dedicated to you in the library 41.
- Get a special school supply from the teacher's closet 42.
- Get to be first in the lunch line 43.
- Get to be the assistant custodian for 30 minutes 44.
- Get to be the assistant in the family living class 45.
- Get to be the assistant in the shop class 46.
- Get to be the assistant librarian for 30 minutes 47.
- Get to be the assistant principal for 30 minutes 48.
- Get to be the Music teacher's helper for 30 minutes 49.
- Get to be the PE teacher's helper for 30 minutes 50.
- Get to be the secretary's helper for 30 minutes 51.
- Get to be the teacher's helper for the hour 52.
- Get to choose the brain break activity 53.
- Get to dance with the class 54.
- Get to do a magic trick for the class 55.
- 56. Get to draw on the whiteboard and be the teacher's secretary
- Get to eat lunch with a different class 57.
- Get to eat lunch with the custodian 58.
- Get to eat lunch with the principal 59.
- Get to eat lunch with the teacher 60.
- 61. Get to go help another teacher for one hour
- 62. Get to go help in a younger class
- Get to have everyone write a positive sentence about you in a booklet 63.
- Get to help design a bulletin board and put it together 64.
- Get to invite three friends to eat lunch with you in the classroom 65.
- 66. Get to perform a science experiment for the class
- 67. Get to play Angry Birds on class I-Pad
- Get to put together a puzzle in the back of the room 68.
- 69. Get to read a comic book during DEAR time (Drop Everything and Read)
- Get to read morning announcements over the Public Address System 70.
- Get to sing karaoke in the class 71.
- Get to sit in the class beanbag 72.
- Get to sit in the class rocking chair 73.
- 74. Get to sit in the special chair during reading time
- Get to sit on the floor to do your work- using teacher's pillow 75.
- Get to skip one test question 76.
- Get to take off your shoes for the day 77.
- Get to teach one portion of the class for the day 78.

- Get to tell one preapproved joke to the class 79.
- Get to text message your parents about a great behavior 80.
- Get to use the teacher's cell phone to call home about your great behavior 81.
- Get to use the teacher's computer to send an email to someone about your great behavior 82.
- Get to visit another classroom for one lesson of the day 83.
- Get to visit the principal for a prize (pencil) 84.
- 85. Get to wear ear buds for one hour and listen to music
- Get to write the morning positive message 86.
- Get your name read over the morning announcements proclaiming your good behavior 87.
- 88. Get your picture in the school newspaper
- Get your picture on the school website 89.
- Getting a postcard in the mail telling parents what teachers admire most about their child 90.
- Getting to apprentice at one of the business partners with the school (grocery store, bank, 91. etc.) on the weekend.
- Getting to buzz cut a design in the principal's hair (custodian's hair) 92.
- Getting to cut the principal's tie off (use loop to frame student's face on a bulletin board of 93. fame)
- Getting to duct tape the principal to the wall 94.
- Getting to scoop food at the cafeteria for a lunch period (social opportunity) 95.
- Getting to shoot a video about the school's expectations to show on CC TV 96.
- Gum in the classroom for whole class (promotes or linput and wakes students up) 97.
- 98. Hall pass to leave class 5 minutes early and go by the coldest water fountain
- Hat day tomorrow 99.
- Have the teacher help you clean your locker 100.
- Help from an adult of choice on a class they are struggling with (Free tutoring) 101.
- Homework free night 102.
- Invite a parent, grandparent to eat lunch with you 103.
- Learning how to do something of interest on the computer (animation, graphics, CAD) 104.
- Learning how to play chess 105.
- 106. Learning how to play sports even if they didn't make the team
- 107. Learning how to run the light board or sound booth for a school performance
- 108. Let student make a bulletin board in the front hall highlighting an event of choice
- 109. Make the morning announcements
- Move desk for the day
- Music in the classroom 111.
- New Pen for everyone 112.
- New pencil for everyone 113.
- No homework today 114.
- Office aid for a period 115.
- Opportunity to be part of a brainstorming adult team at the school 116.
- Opportunity to eat lunch outdoors at a special table 117.
- Opportunity to eat lunch with a parent or grandparent at a special table 118.
- Opportunity to introduce the players over the PA during a home game 119.
- Opportunity to shadow business owner for a day-credit for writing about the experience 120.
- Opportunity to shadow the principal for an hour or the day 121.
- Opportunity to take care of lab animals in Science class 122.
- Opportunity to wear jeans instead of school uniform for a day
- Popcorn for the class during a ten minute reward chat time 124.

- Principal dresses up in a funny costume for the day
- Principal grills hotdogs for students who have o tardies in the month & this student helps 126.
- Privilege of leaving book in class overnight instead of having to lug to locker 127.
- Privilege of seeing embarrassing photo of adult that no one else sees (Senior Portrait) 128.
- Put your feet on your desk during DEAR time (Drop Everything and Read) 129.
- Receive donated community gifts or coupons
- Request what teachers sing or act out what song during lunch for the whole lunch period to 131. see
- Reserved seating at a school play for student and five friends 132.
- Root beer float with the principal 133.
- Send home a postcard about positive things the student has done this week 134.
- Serve as a student ambassador if visitors come to the school 135.
- Serving as a "page" for a local politician for the day 136.
- Serving as a door greeter for a parent night at school with a badge of honor to wear 137.
- Sharpen pencils for the whole class 138.
- Shoot baskets at the trash can with foam balls 139.
- Singing karaoke during lunch (approved songs) 140.
- Sit anywhere in the room today 141.
- Sit at score table in basketball game 142.
- 143. Sit at the teacher's desk using his or her chair
- Sit in score box at a football game 144.
- Sitting in the teacher's chair for the period 145.
- SMARTboard game for everyone 146.
- Special parking preference for a day 147.
- Special recognition at any school event- Guest DJ one song at dance etc. 148.
- Special seating at lunch table with friends 149.
- Student gets to pick which problem the teacher will make a freebie answer on homework 150.
- Student plans spirit week activity for one of the days (hat day, sunglasses etc.) 151.
- 152. Teacher aid for special needs classroom
- Teacher does all the homework 153.
- Teacher dresses up in a funny costume for the day 154.
- Teaching special needs student how to play a game 155.

# Free or Inexpensive Reinforcements for Adults in the Building

- 1. Adult gets to pick what the topic for a faculty meeting is going to be
- 2. Adult gets to rent the principal's chair for the day
- 3. Ask PTO to do a pot luck- put a ladle in the teacher's boxes and message like this-"You've been dishing the learning. Since we have to stay late tonight for the meetings, we'd like to dish some treats your way. Meet us in the lounge for a delicious treat.
- 4. At Family Math Night all the adults are highlighted in a video montage
- 5. Bouncy Castle Moon Walk Bounce for the Adults- You've got to act like a kid again
- 6. Bulletin board highlighting staff of the day showing treasures provided by their family (surprise) If you have about 90 staff members one every other day would work
- 7. Dim the lights in the staff lounge and get a volunteer masseuse to come provide 5 minute neck rubs during planning periods- Play restful music
- 8. Dollar Store Humming Bird Feeder- "You make this school hum because...."
- 9. Dollar Store Kneeling Pad- "Thank you for planting the seeds of knowledge"
- 10. Dollar Store- Oriental Trading Company- Cardboard coasters- make great clipboards for writing gotchas in the hallways- easy to have with you- coaster and a binder and you have an instant clipboard.
- 11. Donut day- These donuts are in honor of Peggy's contribution to the PTO (PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION)
- 12. Draw a staff member's name, and watch them all day and then report on what great deeds they did over the intercom that afternoon for all to hear. (Report good news)
- 13. During morning announcements highlight something that an adult in the building did and tell why
- 14. Duty free lunch period
- 15. Find a beauty school and get someone to volunteer to come in and do 5 minute manicures
- 16. Flowers on the desk from someone's garden (with permission)
- 17. Get a donation of a shopping cart to keep at the school for adults bringing in huge loads of supplies
- 18. Golden plunger award from custodian for classroom that was the cleanest
- 19. Golden spatula award from cafeteria staff for most polite class of the week
- 20. GOOSE- Get Out Of School Early- No staying for the 30 after
- 21. Have the principal make up a rap song about being cool in school and perform it on the CCTV for the school- Staff of the Day get to be background dancers
- 22. Limo ride to school and home for staff of the day- This sounds weird but funeral parlors will sometimes provide this service for free if they aren't using the cars that day- Don't Tell rule applies
- 23. Melted crayon hearts- "You color my world because...."
- 24. Mini-fridge for a week in the adults' office area filled with his or her favorite drink
- 25. Once a month host an ice cream social with a "sister"- "brother" school. Alternate schools each month and let teachers tour getting ideas from each other on lesson plans, bulletin boards, etc. I Spy something great I'd like to duplicate
- 26. Permission to leave the building at lunch time for lunch off campus
- 27. Plan a big faculty meeting or inservice at someone's house with a pool and a grill instead of sitting on the little dot seats in the cafeteria
- 28. Postcard sent home detailing something admired in the adult
- 29. Preferred parking space
- 30. Principal and staff member trade jobs for a day

- 31. Principal institutes a pineapple upside down day- Everyone comes in and is assigned a different job for half a day- Everyone has to have their job description or lesson plans written down step by step
- 32. Principal kidnaps a class after PE or recess and take them somewhere else. Send a messenger to the teacher telling him or her to put their feet up for 20 minutes. Teach a lesson to the class on something of interest to you- American History- Art etc.
- 33. Principal leaves love notes on adults' desks not the 6:00 news kind- the kudos kind
- 34. Principal takes over morning or afternoon duty for an adult in the building
- 35. Principal writes lesson plans for teacher for one period
- 36. PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) (Parent Teacher Organization) designs 5 strokes for every poke lanyard for all adults in the building
- 37. PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) takes turns baking a casserole once a week for an adult "gotcha" receiver (it's their dinner that night)
- 38. Scrape ice off windshield of Staff of the Day's car
- 39. Sneak into the school over the weekend and write a note on each classroom white board telling them to "Have a Great Week"
- 40. Special table outdoors for teachers to enjoy sunshine during lunch
- 41. Stuart Smalley- Glitter Mirrors "You are good enough, you are strong enough and gosh darn it those kids need you."
- 42. Surprise an adult in the building by letting two or three students wash their car- be careful on this one though- There are also services that come on sight and wash cars for a feepossibly PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) could sponsor
- 43. Treat bags- shovels with "I dig you because....."
- 44. Valet parking for a day
- 45. Ways to Pump up your Program with Balloons and Balloon Pump
- 46. Candy bar Sayings:
- 47. Package of M&M's
  - a. Magnificent and Marvelous Staff member
  - b. Much and Many Thanks
  - c. Magical and Marvelous Teacher
- 48. Cotton Candy
  - a. "You make the fluffy stuff around here because....."
- 49. Peanut M&M's
  - a. You are anything but plain
- 50. 100 Grand Candy Bar
  - a. You are worth a 100 Grand to us
  - b. We wouldn't trade you for a 100 Grand
- 51. Reese's Pieces
  - a. We love you to pieces
  - b. We love how you helped keep us from falling to pieces
  - c. You were the piece we were missing
  - d. Thank you for teaching the kids the missing pieces this year
  - e. You are an important piece to our team
- 52. Milky Way:
  - a. You are the best in the Milky Way
  - b. You are the brightest star in the Milky Way
  - c. Your smile brightens the Milky Way
- 53. DOTS:

- a. Thanks for helping us connect the dots
- 54. Mike and Ikes:
  - a. Mike and Ike think you are special
- 55. Sweet-tarts
  - a. Thank you for being such a sweet-tart
- 56. Smarties
  - a. You are one of our smarties
- 57. Mints
  - a. We mint to tell you how much we appreciate you
  - b. You are a breath of fresh air
- 58. Snickers
  - a. You keep it together even when the kids want to make you snicker
  - b. Laugh and the whole world laughs with you
- 59. Lifesavers
  - a. You are a lifesaver
- 60. Whoppers
  - a. You go to great lengths to help the kids grow whoppers
  - b. You keep it together even when the kids tell whoppers
- 61. Three Musketeers
  - a. All for one and one for all- We are glad you are part of our "tiers"
- 62. Extra Gum
  - a. Thanks for going the extra mile
- 63. Bubble Gum
  - a. You are so bubbly- you make our team so much fun
- 64. Almond Joy
  - a. It's a joy to have such a great nut on our team
- 65. Double-mint Gum
  - a. You double our pleasure
  - b. We doubled our fun when we chews you to be part of our team
- 66. Jolly Rancher
  - a. You're a jolly good member of this team
- 67. Tootsie Roll
  - a. Stop, Drop and Have a Tootsie Roll
- 68. Twix Bar
  - a. Twix you and me- I hope you have a great week
  - b. Merry Twixmas
- 69. Mounds
  - a. It's mounds of fun with you on our team
- 70. Gummy Bears
  - a. Have a BEARY great week
- 71. Rice Crispy Treats
  - a. Thanks for putting some snap, crackle and pop in our school
- 72. York Peppermint Patty
  - a. "You were "mint" to be here because....."
- 73. Fanta pop-

- a. "You're Fanta-stic because....."
- 74. Pepsi Maxx
  - a. "We know you enjoy your job to the maxx because...."
- 75. Hydrive energy drink
  - a. "We know you give everyone an extra boost because...."
- 76. Whoppers
  - a. "You smile even when the kids tell whoppers"
- 77. Zero Candy Bar
  - a. "Thank You for Letting Zero Fail...."
- 78. Bit O'Honey
  - a. "You are as Sweet as Honey"
- 79. Turtles
  - a. "You don't hide when the going gets tough"
- 80. Air Heads- (cover up the air)
  - a. Give out during planning meetings "Two Heads" are better than one.
- 81. Mamba Lemons
  - a. Join us in the gym as "Mamba" better known as Jim-dances the Samba for us. (Get Jim to dress up crazy and dance the samba to lighten the mood when things get crazy and give everybody some lemon drops.
- 82. Snickers-
  - Give everyone a Snickers bar and ask them to tell a funny "kid" story from their classes.
- 83. Mountain Dew
  - a. "We love the way you just "dew" it.
- 84. Shockers
  - a. "Thanks for not letting the shockers send you flying"
- 85. Little plastic ice cream cones
  - a. Put in staff boxes and invite them to the cafeteria with a saying like- "You've taken a licking this week- come have an ice cream cone and relax.
- 86. Twizzlers
  - a. Principal leaves on teacher's desk after observing- cover up the "T" and "lers" and say You were a "WIZZ" at teaching the kids- and then leave specific praise about what the teacher did well.
- 87. Good and Plenty
  - a. Pass out thesauruses and a message- We know the kids drive you nuts saying "Good and Plenty all the time- here's a class thesaurus.
- 88. Milky Way
  - a. "You are the best in the whole Milky Way because....."
- 89. Halls
  - a. During testing time (which is always when everyone has the sniffles)- pass out the halls cough drops and say "Thank you for keeping the Halls quiet"
- 90. Tootsie Rolls
  - a. "Stop, Drop, and Have a Tootsie Roll.
- 91. Runts
  - a. "You make this School Run (t)-(cover the t) like clockwork.

#### Just some fun ideas

- 1. Randomly put halos on kids who are doing kind things to themselves- like coming to school on time, having all their supplies etc.
- Ringing a bell when they turn in their gotchas for the principal's drawing 2.
- Small Pringles can decorated to keep gotchas in for cash in copy 3.
- Clothesline with clothespins for each child to keep gotchas on for classroom containment of 4. cash in copies
- Giant fishnet to "catch" gotchas in for principal's drawing 5.
- Electronic tool for graphing student gotchas-free-free 6.
- http://behaviordoctor.org/files/tools/Gotcha%20Tracking%20Sample.xls 7.
- 8. Giant fish net to hang pictures of students who got caught exhibiting excellent behavior
- Basketball goal with basketballs with student names of students who were caught exhibiting 9. excellent behavior
- Golden book- students get to write their name in the golden book when they get a gotcha-10. feather pencil
- Draw one secret student and watch them all day and report over the intercom at the end of 11. the day all their great deeds.
- This student could wear a cape or a special T-shirt the next day indicating they were the 12. mystery student the day before or the mystery hero.
- Mystery walker- teachers choose a mystery walker- someone who is earning extra recess or 13. extra free answers for homework (older students) - someone who exhibits good behavior in the hallways-like a secret shopper is out in the hallways looking for a secret person to be exhibiting these behaviors and then tags them and tells a teacher.
- Brownie Points brownies on a cookie sheet- (paper ones) when it's full- class reward 14.
- Feather in the principal's cap- hat that gets feathers added to it- as each class earns class of 15. the day.
- Classroom doesn't monkey around award- monkey hanging on door of class with best 16. behavior the day before.
- Knocked the principal's socks off-pair of principal's socks stuffed to look like feet-awarded 17. to class with best behaviors
- This class was caught "Eggs" ibiting "Eggs" ellent Behavior (Giant Egg on the door) 18.
- Weaving a class of good behavior (sink strainer with ribbons woven through it) 19.
- Gumball machine (add sticker gumballs until the machine is full) 20.
- This class never forgets elephant reward 21.
- Royal Reward for best manners- crown awarded to class 22.
- 23. Florence Nightingale Reward for no absences- nurses' cap awarded to class
- Mystery Prize- Like reverse Hangman- students turn over letters to find out what the reward 24.
- Marbles in the jar- use flat marbles 25.
- Whole school Bingo Board with Gotcha Drawings 26.
- Smarty Pants- using the Milton Bradley Plastic pants game 27.
- Line jumper- go to the head of the line 28.
- Smarty Pants- using little kids pants 29.
- Stinky Feet Award- Take off your shoes in class 30.



- 31. Go read to the principal Award
- 32. Swip- Swap Desks with another student Award
- 33. Cool Cat in the Hat Award- Get to Wear a Hat At School All Day
- 34. Show and Tell Day-
- 35. Use the teacher's special supplies
- 36. Picnic Lunch- or Friend Lunch Award
- 37. Recognition Rock Star- Get yourself recognized in the school or class newsletter
- 38. Bring a stuffed animal from home award
- 39. Call Dibs on the Computer
- 40. Special Reading Corner Spaces- Cash in Gotchas for DEAR time
- 41. Facebook Status Updates on the Classroom Door
- 42. Get your picture in Dr. Riffel's Presentation ©
- 43. Give Parents a jar of Popping Popcorn for Popping by
- 44. Give Watch Dog Dads a special parking place
- 45. Give Watch Dog Dads a special lunch table or special lunch
- 46. Give parents a special library with parent tips books and videos
- 47. Start a Mommy Mojo Group
- 48. Get Eagle Scouts to do big projects at your school
- 49. Outdoor Stage kids love to perform
- 50. Walking trail
- 51. Fairy Ring
- 52. Irrigation System-
- 53. Get Communities and Families involved in your PBIS Projects
- 54. <a href="http://behaviordoctor.org/files/powerpoints/SWPBS/commnfaminvolvementinpbis.ppt">http://behaviordoctor.org/files/powerpoints/SWPBS/commnfaminvolvementinpbis.ppt</a>
- 55. Use advertising to get what you need
- 56. Grants for educators:
  - a. www.donorschoose.org
  - b. Innovative classroom (April 15 deadline) <a href="http://www.grantwrangler.com/GrantManager/templates/?a=563&z=0">http://www.grantwrangler.com/GrantManager/templates/?a=563&z=0</a>
  - c. Kohl's Community Cares
  - d. Limeades for Learning
  - e. http://www.freakyfreddies.com/teacher.htm
  - f. http://www.squidoo.com/free\_stuff\_for\_teachers
  - g. http://www.kalama.com/~zimba/freeforteachers.htm
  - h. http://freebies.about.com/cs/teacherfreebies/a/teacherfreebies.htm
- 57. Stores that Love Teachers
  - a. <a href="http://www.bradsdeals.com/blog/2010/08/10/71-stores-offering-discounts-to-teachers/">http://www.bradsdeals.com/blog/2010/08/10/71-stores-offering-discounts-to-teachers/</a>
- 58. Dollar Store Frame with positive quotes written on the glass every day.
  - a. Whether you think you can- or think you can't- You're Right (Henry Ford)
  - b. If you are feeling blue-trying painting yourself a different color
  - c. Life has no remote. Get up and change it yourself.
  - d. Those who are the happiest, never did have everything.
  - e. Everybody is a genius. But, if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will its whole life believing it is stupid. (Albert Einstein)

- f. Things turn out best for those who make the best out of the way things turn out.
- g. Today, I will be happier than a bird with French fry.
- h. Never judge a book by its movie.
- i. Whatever you are, be a good one.
- j. "Believe that you will succeed, and you will." Dale Carnegie
- k. Your beliefs don't make you a better person- your behavior does.

Notes for your own ideas:

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