



STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

SCHOOL: Delaware Township School

ACTIVITY: Spirit Days & Spirit Week

DATE(S): Last Friday of every month; mid-spring prior to state testing

CATEGORY: Social & School Spirit

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PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THIS PROJECT:

Spirit days at DTS are hosted on the last Friday of every month. The class with the highest participation gets to select the next month's theme. Past themes have included Twin Day, Flashback Day, Formal Day, Crazy Hair Day, Sports Fanatic Day, Superhero Day, Pajama Day, Woodstock Day, and many others. This year we have expanded the spirit days to include the elementary students as well as the middle school. The sense of community and school spirit generated by these monthly extravaganzas is electrifying! Spirit week is a week long event with themes scheduled for each day. One of our pep rallies is also scheduled during this week to encourage all students to do their best on state testing.

DESCRIBE THE PLANNING & EXECUTION OF THIS PROJECT:

Spirit days are scheduled in June of the preceding year. The themes, other than September which is always blue & gold (our school colors), are then selected as a "winner" is calculated each month. Our student council officers and homeroom representatives make up flyers to be displayed around the school and to be sent home in addition to morning announcements everyday of the week leading up to the scheduled spirit day. The planning for Spirit Week takes place in the early spring. Our student council officers select a theme, create a slogan, and then plan activities for each day of the week. Once this has been completed, the officers meet with administration for final approval and then information is disseminated to the middle school students.

DESCRIBE THE BENEFIT OF THIS PROJECT BENEFIT TO SCHOOL AND/OR COMMUNITY:

Spirit days have generated enthusiasm for our school community. It has been a unifying element for our entire school, reinforcing the leadership role that our student council officers have initiated this year with the inclusion of the elementary students in all spirit day activities.

EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS PROJECT, REFLECTING ON ANY POSSIBLE CHANGES YOU MIGHT CONSIDER:

While spirit days continue to be one of our most popular events, we are considering expanding the rewards associated with these days to include a "bank" of points for our annual field day event at the end of the year.