

# School Culture and Climate

Brief Report on Beginning of Year



# Elementary Schools



Welcome Back Elementary Slide Deck from Counselors

School Site Social Media Managers

“Meet the Teachers” for TK and K

Back to School Assemblies and Rallies

“Guidelines for Success” Class Visits and Assemblies

Playground and Park Play-dates before school started

Morning announcements

Community Circles/Meet Ups

Dress Up Days



Posters and Signs with messages of Inclusion and Community

Principal and counselor visits to classrooms

Spirit wear, giveaways, yard signs, and balloons for back to school

New student orientations

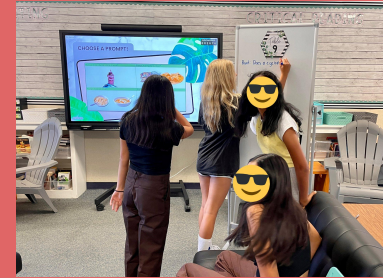
Coffee with the Principal and/or PTA/PFA for parents

Back to School Movie Nights



# Middle Schools

- WEB Camp & Socials
- Morning announcements
- Welcome back assembly
- Welcome back posters and signs for picture taking
- Grade level orientations
- Class visits
- Classroom community building and focus on UDL  
Checkpoint 8.3- *Foster collaboration and community*
- Connecting with students at break and lunch  
(teachers, counselors, administrators)
- Spirit days (dress up, lunchtime activities, & music)
- Welcome Back Social (inflatable slides, games, dance competitions, DJ, and food).
- Second Step social-emotional learning lessons
  - 6th Grade- Starting Middle School
  - 7th Grade- Helping New Students
  - 8th Grade- Welcome

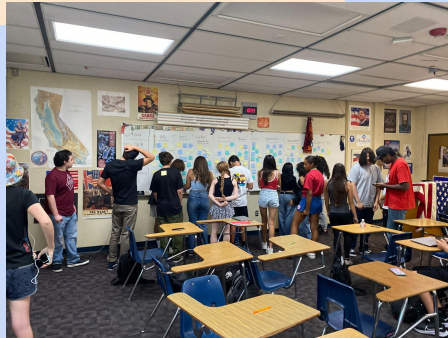


# High Schools



## Welcome Back Activities:

- Welcome Back Rally
- Welcome Back Grade Level Assemblies
- Welcome Back videos from Counselors
- Lunchtime activities to promote community/Spirit Days
- Located areas on campus to feature student photos and artwork,



## Social Emotional Learning and Wellness:

- First instruction to build relationships and set a positive tone for the year
- Connection activities Welcome Back Grade Level Assemblies
- Wellness Workshops (Wellness Wednesdays)

## Communication:

- Effort to re-affirm and re-connect to our entire community (parents, students, faculty, staff) to our core values and expectations
- Weekly Announcements and Newsletters
- Athletics Department focus on sportsmanship and fan behavior
- Increased social media presence on Instagram to better reach students

# Grade-Span Discussion

1. What school or classroom activities have you seen this year that build a strong school community and culture?
2. What previous kinds of activities do you feel are effective in developing a positive school community?
3. What future suggestions do you have?

