

C.L.O.W.N Squad – Learning to Creatively Love Our Wonderful Neighbors

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The Objective – To introduce the concept of the C.L.O.W.N. Squads to the Glassboro schools and help foster an environment where each person understands that they are a valued member of the community. This will be accomplished by presentation and programming throughout the school year. Learning happens best when people are engaged. A group of students that care about each other and know their teachers care about them is the best way to engage a student.

The Goals - The Idea of C.L.O.W.N. Squads will be to create an “anti-bullying” environment. Bullying thrives in places where fear is allowed to foster and people do not understand that their worth and the worth of their neighbor is identical. We will look to accomplish the following:

- Create C.L.O.W.N. Squads in each school to promote the fundamentals of caring, compassion, and community.
- Incentivize the students, teachers, and administrators to provide Random Acts of Kindness (R.A.K.’s) in their schools, homes, and community.
- Provide Pizza Parties each marking period for one class in each school that has exceeded expectations.
- End the School Year programming with a R.A.K. Scavenger hunt that will have teams going into Glassboro learning about their community while also performing random acts of kindness.

The Approach - The program will be a full year program. We will meet with key leaders in each school to roll out the plan for the year. The plan will include an Assembly at each school where the idea of what the C.L.O.W.N. Squad is and what we hope that the squads will do in the schools.

R.A.K. cards will be distributed to the students and teachers at this point and the program will be explained. The teachers will do the tracking of the random acts of kindness and a reporting system will be used to keep everyone in the loop. Social media will be used to promote the program in our community.

Each marking period the class or group with the highest amount of points from Random Acts of Kindness will be awarded with a Pizza Party. In addition, there will be other ways in which we acknowledge the students and teachers during the year. Participation and promotion will be key so we will find ways to keep everyone aware of what is happening and why we are doing it.

The R.A.K. Scavenger Hunt will happen towards the end of the year. It will be based upon the Scavenger Hunt that we did this year. Teams will go around the community and meet with people and dialogue with them. In addition they will visit local sites of interest. Finally throughout the day they will be doing R.A.K. for people they meet along the way. This final event will be a culmination of the project and will be something to promote the work that everyone has done throughout the year.

This will be a real “feel good” story for Glassboro. A story of people coming together to engage the public and make the world a better place.