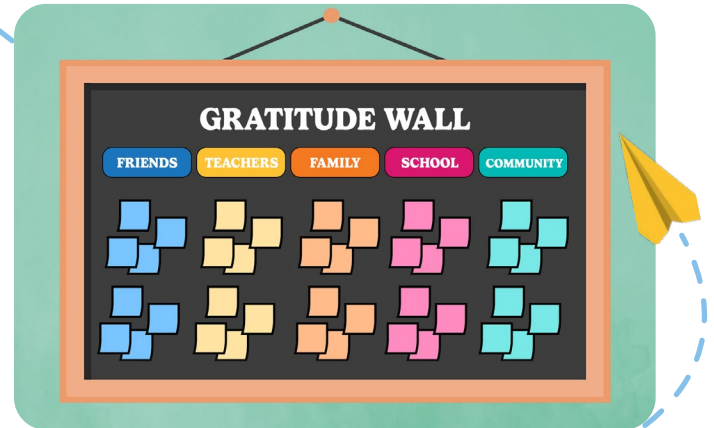


Gratitude Wall of Thanks

Idea Overview

Create a **Gratitude Wall** or **Gratitude Mural** where students, staff, and families can contribute notes of gratitude throughout the week. This can be a large bulletin board, a dedicated wall space, or even a mural that grows throughout the week. It's interactive, visually appealing, and everyone can contribute.



How It Works

Setup

Create a central, visible space in the school (e.g., hallway, cafeteria, or library) to set up the **Gratitude Wall**. If possible, have a large bulletin board or poster board with sections labeled by categories like:

- Gratitude for Friends
- Gratitude for Teachers
- Gratitude for Family
- Gratitude for School
- Gratitude for Community

Provide colorful sticky notes, markers, or index cards for everyone.

Contributions

- Each day can focus on a different gratitude category (e.g., one day is for thanking friends, another is for thanking teachers, etc.).
- Alternatively, leave it open-ended so people can contribute wherever they feel inspired.

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Daily Themes

- Encourage students, staff, and families to write what they are grateful for and add it to the wall.
- It could be a word or simple sentence like “I’m thankful for my friends because they make me smile” or “I’m grateful for my teacher’s help with math.”
- Ensure the wall is easily accessible so anyone can add a note anytime.

Add a Visual Element

- Design a **gratitude mural** or large poster with a school theme (e.g., a school mascot or logo) where everyone can add their notes around the mural. This task creates a fun, artistic way to represent gratitude visually.
- You could also include small hand-drawn elements like hearts, stars, or flowers for students to color and add to the mural, further encouraging creativity.

Day-by-Day Plan

Day 1: Gratitude Wall Kickoff

- Introduce the **Gratitude Wall** during morning announcements or a school assembly.
- Have staff members add the first notes of gratitude to set the tone.
- Provide sticky notes and markers for students and staff to begin contributing.

Day 2–4: Daily Contributions

- Throughout the week, remind students and staff to keep adding notes of gratitude.
- You could spotlight specific gratitude contributions on the announcements to celebrate and encourage continued participation.

Day 5: Gratitude Reflection & Wall Reveal

- In classrooms or during morning announcements, invite a few students to share their gratitude notes from the wall.
- Celebrate the collective display of gratitude by gathering as a school or in classrooms to reflect on the notes.
- Take a photo of the **Gratitude Wall** and share it with the school community through newsletters, social media, or a school-wide bulletin board to continue the positive reflection at the end of the week.

