
[howard_staf] Tailfeather Incentive starts MONDAY!!

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Hello Staff...

WHO: All Howard Staff & Students

WHAT: Tailfeather Challenge to earn a pajama movie day with popcorn (provided by PTO)! The goal is to earn **16 MORE** tailfeathers than what your class had at the end of the day tomorrow, November 1st. For example, if a class had 47 tailfeathers at the end of the day on Friday, then their personal goal would be 63 total! I would suggest keeping the tailfeathers earned during this challenge in a separate location, or tally it in some way within your classroom, until the incentive ends.

WHEN: Monday, **November 4th** through Friday, **November 22nd** with the **movie award being on Wednesday, November 27th**. Grade-levels will have a 45 minute block of time (at the end of the day for most grades with some alternatives for a few grade-levels that have specials or Tier 3 at the end of the day...stay tuned for more details on the schedule when we get closer to the day). This block of time will accommodate transitions, passing out popcorn, and watching a short movie/episode.

WHERE: Grade-levels will band together to provide their students with several movie choices within their classrooms (and even another option like directed drawing, free device time, or crafting if the grade-level wants to). Teachers will pick a 30ish minute episode or short movie to show in their class. If you would like suggestions, then please reach out to the team and we are happy to send you some options. To determine where students go within their grade-level, the grade-level team can have students vote and/or simply decide the day of. This is up to YOUR team! But the idea is that students would be able to mix and mingle for this reward in order to build community and make this different from a classroom reward.

WHY: The timing of this challenge was chosen to be proactive during a challenging time of year with lots of no school days leading up to Thanksgiving break. The goal is to flood students with positive reinforcement and use this incentive as a tool to remind them of the expectations around the building.

HOW: Classes can **earn tailfeathers ANYTIME and ANYWHERE** within the building!
>>>See a class walking down the hall silently? Write them a tailfeather!
>>>A grade-level ROCKS their lunch time? Write ALL of the classes a tailfeather!
>>>Walk by a class engaged in learning? Pop in and write them a tailfeather!
>>>A class quickly and safely lines up at the bell on the playground? Write them a tailfeather!
>>>Specialists can write tailfeathers for PE, music, or library!
>>>Did your small group ROCK it in Title, ELD, or SPED? Write those classes a tailfeather!

>>>If YOUR class has something challenging that they are REALLY working on and they ROCK it! Then write your own class a tailfeather for this special instances!

This is a reminder that if you DON'T have a tailfeather, but you observe a class being AMAZING, then please verbally praise the class for all of their awesomeness and ask the teacher to write one from you. Let's not let those opportunities for praise pass us by just because we don't have a tailfeather with us.

We will, once again, be **tracking each classes progress** on the board in the main entry. This serves as a chance to show classes how they are doing, to see their progress from day to day, and MORE importantly, let's US know who might need some extra love so we can spy on them a little more often. The feedback from the PBIS team was that a text reminder from me worked great to get the board updated. So, we will continue this for this incentive. Keep the tailfeathers that you've earned, tally them in some way within your classroom, and reply to my texts so that I can update the board.

Thank you, in advance, for all of your positivity and support to encourage safe, kind, and responsible behavior during a challenging time of year. We will be sending out a survey, similar to the assembly feedback survey, after the incentive to get your feedback on how it went. So please keep this in mind as we begin the challenge and be prepared to share any positives and constructive suggestions our way.

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