

# Strategies for Celebrating Success



# Suggestions for Celebrating Success

- ▶ **High Five:** The high five has always symbolized agreement or acceptance.
- ▶ **Thumbs Up:** Give students a thumbs up to indicate agreement or acknowledgment of a job well done.
- ▶ **Handshake:** Shake the hand of a student when that student shows growth.
- ▶ **Pat on the Back**
- ▶ **Round of Applause**
- ▶ **Cheers**



# Types of Cheers

## Quiet Cheers

Cheering doesn't have to be loud and obnoxious to be fun. Use the following cheers to quietly encourage your students and teach them to appreciate each other.

- ▶ Sign Language Applause – Spread hands wide, raise them in the air and rotate them quickly back and forth
- ▶ Poetry Applause – Snap index fingers and thumbs of both hands quickly
- ▶ The Golf Clap – Lightly tap fingers of one hand onto the palm of the other, and make the face of a very “proper” person
- ▶ Silent Cheer – Allow your kids to jump around and wave their hands in the air, as long as they are COMPLETELY SILENT
- ▶ Text Cheer – Follow the texting generation and “text” W-O-W to you classroom, using your index, middle and ring fingers for the W, and thumb and index finger for the O.



# Musical Cheers

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One good element of these particular cheers is that whether or not you like singing, you don't have to do it well to make these fun.

- ▶ Good Job Song – Remember the “Good Bye” song from high school football games? “Na na na na! Na na na na! Hey, hey, hey! Good Job!”
- ▶ That's the Way – Disco never dies with this cheer. When your kids are doing particularly well, break into song with “That's the way – uh huh, uh huh – I like it – uh huh, uh huh.” They will NEVER forget it!
- ▶ Disco Cheer – Remember John Travolta in Saturday Night Fever? Stick out your left hip, and hold your right arm in the air. Point your right index finger and move your arm diagonally up and down while singing “Ah, ah ah awesome job, awesome job” to the tune of *Stayin' Alive*.



# Movement Cheers

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These cheers involve some form of movement and can be quieter or louder depending on your preference.

- ▶ The Rollercoaster – Lean back, pretending you're on a roller coaster, saying *chk-chk-chk-chk-chk* until you reach the top of the hill, then say *wooooooo! woooooo!* on the way down!
- ▶ The Choo Choo Train – When you want to appreciate someone, everyone chime in with a “chuga-chuga-chuga-chuga- woo! hoo!”
- ▶ Fireworks – Put your palms together in front of you. Make a *sizzling* sound (ssss) and wiggle your palms as if they are a firecracker going off. Clap your hands above your head and wiggle your fingers down like the sparkles from a firework. Say “aaaahhhhh,” like a crowd watching.



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These cheers provide connections with your students while teaching them how to appreciate themselves and each other.

- ▶ Round of Applause – Simply clap your hands while moving your arms in a circular motion.
- ▶ Cowboy Cheer – one finger in the air and circle it around like a lasso while saying “Yeee Haw!”

