

The Morning Program

Teachers, administrators, and K-5 students



- *A positive early morning assembly which fosters elementary students' positive attitudes towards themselves, others, and the school.*

Results



- *Students are more positive about school and themselves.*
- *Faculty and parents also surveyed felt that Morning program was a positive addition to their child's education.*
- *Research is published and available upon request.*

The Program

The Morning Program is a daily assembly held at the beginning of each school day for the purpose of starting the day on a positive note. Through the use of music, positive speakers, and program activities, the Morning Program helps children begin their day feeling good about themselves thus promoting a more positive attitude toward learning.

The Morning Program brings together students and teachers from multiple grade levels in a common meeting place. Each program routinely includes fun songs, the pledge of allegiance, a patriotic song, introduction of visitors (parents and friends), birthday announcements, and class or individual recognition. There is also some time dedicated to a short daily program or speaker based on monthly themes.

Children are given the opportunity to actively participate in the program through class presentations. Children and their families (visitors) are introduced to a variety of speakers that they might not otherwise meet. Community members are welcome to visit the Morning Program daily through open invitations, a natural way to involve the community in the school.

The behavior of Morning Program participants has been shown to carry over to other school assemblies. As a result of the Morning Program, students also become more comfortable speaking in front of large groups of people.

There have been over 116 Morning Program replicators in NYS alone. These programs involve rural, suburban, and urban districts in various sites, including Central NY, the Southern Tier, the Capital district, the Adirondack region, and Long Island.

Professional Development

Training is held during the summer for 3 days and should involve all staff that will be participating in the program. During training, staff will develop goals for its Morning Program, learn the "ins and outs" of setting up a daily assembly, and write daily plans for a full year of Morning Program for their school. Staff are also given a variety of materials and ideas needed to begin a Morning Program.

Costs & Funding Options

Training costs vary depending on the number of schools participating. Group training can be arranged (2 to 4 schools training during the same 3-day period) and cost \$1050 (plus travel) per school including materials (no limit to the number of staff trained). The cost increases to \$1,950 (plus travel) for single school training and materials. Trainers are available during the year for phone consultation. Possible funding sources for replication include district Drug and Alcohol Grant monies, ESEA Title IV and ESEA Title VI.

Learning Standards

English Language

Arts: 4) read, write, listen, and speak for social interaction.

Career Development/ Occupational Studies:

1) be knowledgeable about the world of work, explore career options, and relate personal skills, aptitudes, and abilities to future career decisions

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