



12 Ways to Build Community

1. Have participants share a favorite treat or sweet so the next time a teammate is feeling down, you can surprise them with one of their favorites in order to lift their spirits.
2. Have participants share their favorite one-liner from a movie and see if one partner can guess the title of the movie it comes from.
3. PD Karaoke - Have attendees sing a verse from their favorite song and see if one partner can identify the artist and name of the song.
4. Attendance Q's at the start of each lesson. Ask a personal Q that ties into the learning for the day and then tie the response back into the lesson. Allows students to see what they have in common leading to more stories being told.
5. Ask staff to share their favorite vacation spots and why?
6. Put out a variety of games so as students or staff enter a room you can give them permission to play and watch them connect with one another through game playing.
7. Use culture builders that ask for a response from others, IE: Never Have I Ever..., One Thing I Regret Is..., One Thing I Would Do If I Wasn't Scared Would Be..., One Thing I Am Most Proud of Is..., One Significant Challenge I Had to Overcome In My Life Is..., One Thing I Feel I Am Really Good at Is..., etc.
8. Ask others to share a favorite food dish they would bring to a family gathering. Why that dish? If willing to share recipe, collect all & share w/staff.
9. Ask people to share any unique story or fun fact about their name, nickname or family history.
10. Ask people to share one of their favorite holiday traditions.
11. Ask attendees to share a favorite outside game they loved to play when they were a child - hide & seek, kick the can, capture the flag, etc.
12. Have staff share out their firsts - car, crush, concert, house, etc