



New Dimensions Tribal System

In an effort to make our school come together as a family, we have adopted a behavioral and reward system through the Tribe System. There are five tribes: Earth, Air, Water, Fire and Peace Keepers (Middle School Students Only).

How It Works:

Each Tribe member can earn Tickets (points) for positive behaviors. Each Tribe is a team that works together to collect points. As a school, we have decided what behaviors should be rewarded. These behaviors are just a guideline. Tickets could be given for any reason that the teacher or staff feels is appropriate. Tickets are collected and tallied throughout the month—school wide. They are turned in at the end of the week and posted to the Tribe Google Sheet. The total tickets (points) is revealed at our monthly Tribal Celebration Meetings.

Tribal Meetings:

Tribal Meetings are held once a month on a Friday. These Tribal Meetings last for 45min- 1 hour and it is an event our students look forward to attending. Our Tribe meetings are all the students in their individual tribes but divided grade/age level appropriate. During this time, students get together and create a chant/cheer/dance that they will perform at a Tribal Celebration. Tribe meetings also give us the opportunity to provide character education. Our students are presented with a lesson- teacher led to help support and build their character.

Tribal Celebrations:

Another other way we lift each other up is in our Tribal Celebrations through rewards, or maybe a better word would be recognition. In each Tribal Celebration, we announce a student of the month, volunteer of the month and recognize all our student of the weeks throughout the month. At the end of the Celebration we announce and reveal the winning Tribe. The winning Tribe is the Tribe that earned the most tickets (pts) throughout the month. This Tribe will earn a party during the next Tribal Meeting date.

Our school is buzzing with excitement!

Our Celebrations are alive and meetings are positive. Students sing, cheer, get awards and smile throughout this whole process. This is how some students explain what a Tribe truly means in their own words.

Here is what they said:

“A Tribe to me, is a group of student that earn tickets for positive behaviors.”

“A Tribe, to me, is a way to have fun and be silly.”

“A Tribe, to me, is a group of students to cheer me on and make me feel special.”

Why do they like the Tribe System?

“I like being in a Tribe because we get to make up cheers, sing and even scream and yell!”

“I like being in a Tribe because it makes school a fun place to be.”

“I like being in a Tribe because we get to sing and dance.”

“I like being in a Tribe because we get to see friends we don’t normally get to see very often.”

We think it is safe to say that NDS students enjoy our Tribal System. Our Students and Staff are very excited to continue our Tribal System and truly coming together as a family and Warriors lifting our school up every day.