

**Baltimore County Public Schools**  
Office of Food and Nutrition Services  
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## **Non-Food Celebration and Reward Ideas**

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT IDEAS**

**Parent Ideas**—Please check with the classroom teacher in advance to ensure acceptability for the class and to provide advance notice for scheduling purposes.

- Give small favor bags (pencils, stickers, glow sticks, erasers, notepads, etc.).
- Donate a book to the class and schedule a time to read it to them.
- Donate classroom supplies (books, games, musical items).
- Provide supplies and directions for a craft (bonus if parents come to class to help with the craft).
- Donate recess items (balls, hula hoops, etc.) to the class in the student’s honor.
- Coordinate a book swap – students bring in a book to “trade” with classmates.
- Create a treasure box with donations of non-food items for students to choose from as a reward.

### **Class Reward Ideas**

- Allow time for music and dancing.
- Hold class outdoors.
- Schedule free time at the end of class.
- Initiate a group activity.
- Provide a homework coupon.
- Bestow a certificate/trophy/ribbon/plaque in recognition of an achievement.
- Allow students to eat lunch in the classroom or outdoors.
- Take a class vote to hold a special dress-up day.
- Have students help develop a list of non-food items that will work best for their classroom.
- Have students earn points through good behavior in the classroom that later result in a weekly reward.
- Reward a lunch time with the teacher at a special decorated teacher’s table.
- Reward a lunch time with the principal at a special decorated table.
- Allow students to be teacher’s assistant or teach a class.
- Tub and cotton balls: Drop a cotton ball in the tub as a reward for good behavior—once the tub is filled, class gets an extra special prize.

### **Sports-Related Giveaway Ideas**

- Paddleballs
- Frisbees
- Water bottles
- Nerf balls

- Hula hoops
- Head and wrist sweat bands
- Jump ropes
- Soccer balls

### **Toys/Trinkets Ideas**

- Finger puppets
- Stuffed animals
- Plastic or rubber figurines
- Puzzle games
- Magnifying glasses
- Playing cards
- Stretchy animals
- Inflatable toys
- Action figures

### **Fashion Wear Ideas**

- Hair accessories (barrettes, headbands, ribbons)
- Bracelets, necklaces
- Sunglasses
- Hats or caps
- T-shirts
- Shoelaces

### **General Ideas**

- Key chains
- Flashlights
- Cups
- Magnets
- Crazy straws

## **MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IDEAS**

- Hold or host a music concert after school.
- Solicit movie passes from local theaters or malls.
- Give step counters to measure walking steps.
- Waive school club dues.
- Give college gear giveaways.
- Create a photo recognition board to be placed in a prominent location in the school.
- Recognize a class achievement with a schoolwide morning announcement or post on the school Web site.
- Enter a drawing for donated prizes.