



1,000 Thank Yous Challenge

This could be the best 10 days of your year, so far! Get ready! We are looking for schools who want to create miracles, FAST!

Here is our Conversation-Changer Challenge: We are gathering teams of amazing people from 100 schools, nationwide, for our 1,000 Thank Yous Valentine Challenge. It will run from February 4th to the 14th. With Valentine's Day coming up, we think it is going to be great to bring some extra optimism and encouragement to school. I know that it's not always an easy time for students, or adults.

We've done it, so we can help you! We did a campaign in December and in one week, we got 937 Thanks Yous created and shared at Highland. People are still talking about the Thank Yous they received. It was such a powerful campaign that my students want to do it again, and have a "friendly" competition with other schools. I created a system that really works and I'm ready to share it with you!

Why take the challenge? Based in neuroscience and social-emotional research, this campaign shifts mindsets and engages students in a new way. In developing relationships, students are more connected so they work harder and achieve more. Students who feel good put in more effort. Gratitude, hope and optimism are powerful agents for school change. Students learn that a simple gesture of gratitude can really make a difference. This simple intentional act of kindness changes the way students think about themselves and that confidence will carry over to academics.

Join us and you will see miracles happen!

Just imagine creating and sharing 1,000 Thank Yous in your school community, in just 10 days! As Thank Yous are being created and shared the entire week, one by one, more and more people will be engaged. This shifts the climate in such a positive way, person by person. Students and staff will be happier and more learning will take place.

Join us and show your students how they can create change by sharing gratitude, for FREE!

We will support you with great resources!

We have done this before and I have created a system that works!

6 Simple Steps:

1. Please sign your school up here: [The 1,000 Thank Yous Valentine Challenge](#)

2. **Assign a Campaign Manager**

One teacher is in charge of collecting final numbers from individuals on the 14th.

3. Introduce the Challenge - Spread the word to Staff, Students and Parents
Show the [1,000 Thank Yous video](#) on our website.

4. Promote the Challenge
Use the Posters we created or make your own!
Give teachers and students Tally sheets.

Tally Sheets & Posters to print

*note: Teachers keep track of Thank Yous on tally sheets for their classes.
Students may keep their own sheet and get others to write Thank Yous as well.
One of my students collected 58 on her own.*

5. Run the Challenge from February 4th to the 14th - Encourage EVERYONE to participate!

Thank Yous are written to anyone, at school or beyond.
Teachers keep track of their Thank Yous for their classes and **handle delivery**.

6. Final Count - February 14th CELEBRATE & Share your stories!!!

Everyone reports their totals the Campaign Manager. I know you will get 1,000+.

We are so excited and would love for you to be a part of our project to change lives, shift school culture and raise student achievement. Miracles are going to happen! Get ready!

What are your thoughts about the campaign for your school? Do you have questions for us? How can we help you and join forces?

We are excited to support you if you take on this challenge! I would love to hear your ideas about the campaign! You may email or call me (505) 977-6547. I look forward to speaking with you and seeing how we can work together to change our schools and help students achieve more than ever before! Let's make a difference!

Cheers! :)

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Together We Grow Stronger!

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Our mission:

**100% of students engage in school and
graduate career and college ready**

Our strategy:

**Train and support students as Conversation-Changers
with the skills they need to create
Campaigns addressing serious issues in their schools**

