



Goal-Based Projects (Pandemic-focused ideas)

Caring for Kids Network wishes to share with you some of the goal-based project ideas that are being completed around the KC Metro. In light of the pandemic, school partnerships are looking for new ways to successfully meet the principals' goals, regardless of whether students are meeting in-person. Project ideas followed by an asterisk are of no or limited cost, depending on whether new or gently used items are donated.

Goal: Staff Support or Morale/Teacher Appreciation

- Project: Monthly small bags of candy with positive and encouraging words attached
- Project: Monthly words of encouragement/letters*
- Project: Kindness Cart for schools meeting in-person - may include soft drinks, water, coffees, snacks (a staff person takes the cart to other staff, but items are donated by partners)
- Project: Boxed meals delivered by restaurants or use of food trucks or coffee carts
- Project: Gift cards or gift bags
- Project: Prayer*
- Project: Teacher supplies
- Project: Recorded messages of encouragement for principals to share during professional developments*
- Project: Teacher Appreciation Week

Goal: Student Support

- Project: Notes/cards expressing encouragement or recognition*
- Project: Reward items for attendance, academic recognition, or positive behavior (items can be posted on an Amazon Wish List, but not limited to this)
- Project: Guest speakers for Virtual Career Days and Read Across America*
- Project: Activity leaders for games or crafts presented during Virtual Club Time*
- Project: Outdoor celebration events with social distancing (cookouts, Slurpees with a Cop, Careers on Wheels demonstrations*, etc.)
- Project: Provision of desks, chairs, tables, lamps, etc. to help set up at-home learning areas*
- Project: Craft/science kits and calming kits with stress relievers for virtual learners
- Project: Recognition signs for student yards, especially for virtual learners
- Project: Virtual mentorship or use of an online tool such as Prep KC Connector to help career professionals connect with students*
- Project: Winter wear items and other clothing/shoes*
- Project: Pen pal program*

Goal: Family Support

- Project: Virtual Parent University or parenting/financial classes with guest speakers*
- Project: Food and resource drives and distribution and nutrition classes
- Project: Translators to help check on non-English speaking families' needs with technology, etc.*
- Project: Gift cards or raffle baskets for drawings to encourage attendance at family engagement classes
- Project: Social/emotional support resources (CAPA - Child Abuse Prevention Association, First Hand Foundation, First Call, Cornerstones of Care, etc.) *
- Project: Holiday support (food and/or gifts)
- Project: Winter wear items and other clothing/shoes*
- Project: Emergency assistance



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Goal: Attendance

- Project: Gift cards/e-certificates, coupons or Wish list items as attendance incentives (either student type)
- Project: Vouchers or coupons for achieving a set percentage of attendance
- Project: Outdoor reward party for students meeting in-person*
- Project: Words of encouragement (written or video) *
- Project: Virtual Dance Party*

Goal: Academics

- Project: Gift cards, coupons or Wish list items as academic incentives
- Project: Vouchers or coupons for a set number of reading logs completed
- Project: Virtual mentoring or reading buddies*
- Project: Virtual field trip to place of business with breakouts in different skill sets*
- Project: Virtual real world learning experiences (college and career fairs, mock interviews) *
- Project: Virtual guest classroom readers*
- Project: Book donations

Goal: Positive Behavior

- Project: Gift cards, coupons or Wish list items as positive behavior incentives
- Project: Virtual Dance Party*
- Project: Virtual mentors*
- Project: Recognition signs for student yards, especially for virtual learners

Goal: Facility improvements (cost dependent on whether district is providing paint and supplies)

- Project: Playground games - painting games on blacktop areas to allow students to socially distance themselves more while playing
- Project: Outdoor learning areas with benches
- Project: Encouraging messages painted or stenciled onto hallway walls or in cafeteria and restrooms