



# What Can We Say Except You're Welcome

No, not the Moana kind. Or the please-and-thank-you kind.  
We mean the kind where you FEEL welcome.



# What makes you feel welcome?

We want to know what things adults at Elk Ridge are doing (and could do) to make you feel like this is a place you want to be.


# This Could Be...



Mr. Maui always asks me how my weekend went.

When I'm loud in class, Ms. Moana taps my desk instead of just yelling at me.

Mr. Hei Hei always says my name and talks to me about skateboarding.



# ON YOUR OWN, Do This: (WRITE or TYPE it)

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## Start Big

Not thinking of any specific place at school, list what things have adults done that made you feel welcome and noticed?

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## In Class

Go through each of your 7 classes and make a list of specific things an adult has done to make you feel like they want you to be there.

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## Hallways & Lunch

Think about adults you see in the halls, the office, and at lunch. What specific things do they do that you've noticed made you feel noticed?

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## End Inside

Now take the opposite approach. Close your eyes and think of things people have done at school that made you FEEL noticed. Focus on feelings and then note what happened that made you feel that way.

# What Stands Out?

Still on your own, go through your list and make a new one of the top 5 or 10 things that were the best things that have happened to you.

# With a Partner, What are the Best Best Things?



## SHARE

Tell each other the things you've noticed that were the best or made you feel noticed and welcome the very most.

Think of it like bragging about your best experience. That doesn't mean biggest. It means most important to you.



## WINNERS

As a pair, decide which 10 things win. Which **SPECIFIC** things that an adult has done are the best at making you feel welcome. What makes you **WANT** to be here?

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# ALL TOGETHER, NOW

Spend the rest of the time as a class sharing out from each partnership the things that stood out as the best things adults do at Elk Ridge to make you feel noticed..

*Have someone in class take notes and send them to the teacher so that we can do more of the things that make you LOVE being here.*