

Inviting VIPs to your Build

Youth will get a chance to document the build day using their own point of view

Age Appropriateness:

5-8, 9-13, 13+

Key Topics:

Getting VIPs to attend your build– Boost media and awareness

Skills:

Critical Thinking,

Creativity

Writing Skills

Materials:

Paper, envelopes, stamps

Time Considerations:

This could take one or two meetings with the kids. One to research who they want to invite to the build and the other to actually write the letters.

Action: 2-3 hours

Resources:

Phone Book

www.letterwritingguide.com

OBJECTIVES

- To invite local VIPs such as the Mayor, Council members, police dept, and celebrities to come out and be a part of your project.
- Teach letter writing skills



Discussion/Preparation

- Talk to the kids about why it is important to invite VIPs to the project: they can help garner more support, help bring forth issues that get otherwise ignored, etc.
- Have the kids do research about their local VIPs by looking in a phone book or researching online.

Action

- Have each child or a group of children pick someone they would like to invite.
- Make sure they include the following: Basic info about the project, why there is need for a playground in the community, how this will impact the community and the kids living there, and how they can get involved!
- Make sure to proof read each letter before sending and ask them to do a rewrite if necessary
- Have each child address the envelope, put on the stamp, and send the letter!

Reflection

- It is nice for kids to see the importance of writing letters as opposed to emailing all the time.
- Once responses come back in talk about the importance of their letters and how they helped garner support for their playground project!