

# Kiwanis Kids Programs

Developing capable, competent, and caring leaders!



*Being young leaders through practicing good character and good citizenship.*

**Terrific Kids** is a student recognition program that promotes character development, positive self-esteem, and perseverance. Students work with their classroom teacher and establish goals to improve behavior, peer relationships, attendance, or schoolwork. Students then work toward achieving the goal during a specific time period. The teacher's and principal determine the best schedule for recognition. Some schools recognize Terrific Kids during each grading period. Others recognize students more often.

At the end of the designated time period all students who achieved their goals are recognized as Terrific Kids. Recognition includes being pinned as a Terrific Kid; a pizza, ice cream, or other food-themed party; and presentation of certificates, and other giveaways.

A Kiwanis-family club helps support the Terrific Kids program at the school. The club plans Terrific Kids parties, provides recognition, and establishes partnerships with local community businesses to secure support for the program. Sponsoring businesses have the option of providing coupons, giveaways, or food for Terrific Kids parties.

The Terrific Kids program provides teachers with a tool to reward students for special achievements that may otherwise go unnoticed.

"Terrific" is an acronym representing the following: **T**houghtful, **E**nthusiastic, **R**espectful, **R**esponsible, **I**nclusive, **F**riendly, **I**nquisitive, and **C**apable.

Though the Terrific Kids program was designed as a school program, it also can be adapted for use in community centers or other organizations that support youth. When used in this setting, a staff member steps in to serve in the teacher's role. The staff member then works with participants to set goals and monitors achievement.



*Being young leaders through academic achievement.*

**Bring Up Grades, or BUG** is a program designed to provide recognition to students who raise their grades into an acceptable range, and maintain or continue to raise them from one grading period to the next. Recognition includes being placed on the school's BUG Honor Roll; a pizza, ice cream, or other food-themed party; and presentation of certificates, pins, and other giveaways.

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The teacher establishes a base line grade for each student during the first grading period. Students are honored each grading period thereafter if they maintain their grades and raise one grade.

A SUPER BUG also is honored as part of this program. A super BUG is a student who served as a mentor assisting others in achieving their goals of bringing up one grade.

Though this program was created for the traditional A, B, C grading system, it can be adapted to work with any type of grading system. Example: Increasing a mark from U-Unsatisfactory, to N-Needs Improvement, or raising a mark from N-Needs Improvement, to S-Satisfactory would qualify a student for recognition.

The program was created for use in a school setting, but a community center or agency supporting youth could use this program to encourage academic achievement. The designated program coordinator would recognize participants when report card grades are shared and it is noted that a grade has been raised.



*Being young leaders by helping others.*

**K-Kids** is a “student-led” community service club for elementary-age students that teaches members the value of helping others through participation in community service projects and club activities.

A Kiwanis club supports the K-Kids program at the school. A Key Club or Circle K club may serve as a co-sponsor. Club members attend K-Kids meetings, assist with training of club officers, train club members to use parliamentary procedure, assist with service and fund-raising projects, and provide financial support.

A K-Kids club can be organized in a school or as a community-based club in a non-educational facility, such as a YWCA, YMCA, Boys Club, Girls Club, or church.

To learn more about starting a K-Kids club visit the K-Kids Web site at [www.kkids.org](http://www.kkids.org).