

1 Select a site.

Follow that school bus to your local elementary school! You might also want to consider approaching your local YMCA, YWCA, Boys Club, Girls Club, or church.

2 Get the whole club on board!

Terrific Kids can be sponsored by a Kiwanis club, Key Club, Circle K club, or co-sponsored by two or three Kiwanis-family clubs.

3 Request a Terrific Kids Introductory Kit.

Call **Kiwanis International** at **800-KIWANIS**, ext. 390, or visit the Web site at www.terrifickids.org to order an introductory kit (free of charge) explaining the program. This kit provides the information needed to make a presentation to a school principal or community center director.

4 Meet with the school principal or organization director.

Talk about how Terrific Kids motivates youth to become active participants in improving behavior and schoolwork. Explain the club's role, teacher's or staff member's role, and program benefits for the student, school or organization, and community.

5 Order the Terrific Kids Program Kit.

Call **Kiwanis International** at **800-KIWANIS**, ext. 390, or visit the Web site at www.terrifickids.org and order a program kit. The kit has everything needed to start the program, including, a program guidebook, banner, certificates, posters, parent brochures and resource CD.

6 Select a school or organization contact.

Attend a faculty meeting at the school or staff meeting at the organization and explain the program to those in attendance. Select one individual who will serve as the contact person collecting the names of Terrific Kids and passing them on to the club representative and to the principal or organization director.

7 Get Organized.

Decide when Terrific Kid recipient names will be provided and determine when recognition will take place. Provide participating teachers/staff with resource materials. (Resource materials are included on the resource CD.)

8 Promote the Program

Post a Terrific Kids banner in the school or organization. Establish an area for a Terrific Kids bulletin board and hang a poster explaining the recognition. Leave plenty of space for photos of Terrific Kids recipients.

9 Contact business sponsors.

Approach local businesses about supporting the program. Fast food restaurants, grocery stores, or retailers may serve as partners and provide giveaways for recognition parties. Remember to provide advertising to business sponsors in promotional materials.

10 Recognize Terrific Kids

Plan a program at a school or organization assembly, during a lunch hour, or at the end of the day and invite parents to attend. Present students with personalized certificates. Take photos of the festivities and prepare news releases for mailing after the event.

11 Post photos of recipients.

Post photos of Terrific Kids on the school's bulletin board and send a group photo with an explanation of the program to local media. (Sample press releases are included on the resource CD.)

Congratulations!

You've made a difference to the young members of your community. Your club has promoted the development of Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive, and Capable Kids!



Implementing Terrific Kids

The Terrific Kids program is a fun and simple program to implement at school or in an agency that supports youth.

The Terrific Kids Program is successful because:

- ★ Students learn to set and achieve goals.
- ★ Students compete with themselves, not other students in the class.
- ★ Students receive positive recognition for an achievement they took part in selecting.
- ★ The program encourages development of partnerships between the business community and the school/agency.
- ★ Implementation of the program takes minimal effort from the sponsoring club and the school/agency.
- ★ School administration or agency management can adapt the program to meet their needs.

Here is a checklist to assist the sponsoring club with implementing the program. A detailed version is provided in the Terrific Kids program guidebook included in the program kit.

- Read the Terrific Kids Guidebook.
- Open the Terrific Kids resource CD to find program resources (sample form letters, news releases, charts, and more).
- Meet with the school principal and teachers and agree on:
 - ★ Program information and resources to share (parent brochures, sample letters, and goal charts).
 - ★ Types of goals students should set.
 - ★ Number of times per year students will be honored.
 - ★ Type of recognition party to plan.
 - ★ A communication plan between teachers, principal, and the sponsor.
- Contact local businesses and solicit support for program.
- Post Terrific Kids banner in school and decorate Terrific Kids bulletin board (provided in program kit).
- Teachers work with students to determine goals and note goals on a chart.
- Teachers educate students about the program and send information home to parents. (Sample letters are on the CD and parent brochures are included in the program kit.)
- Teachers determine which students should receive recognition and invite parents to attend a Terrific Kids recognition party.
- Provide refreshments, recognition certificates, lapel pins, and other giveaways at the party. The business sponsor also provides support for the party.
- Photograph Terrific Kids receiving recognition and post photos on the Terrific Kids bulletin board. Photos also are mailed to the local media and the business sponsor.
- Teachers continue to monitor students and recognize those who achieve goals for the next recognition period.

