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Video of Success
If the school has a student media team/club, they can produce a SuccessMaker video featuring students who have reached their goals in the lab. This video can consist of interviews with students, teachers and principals. The video can be shown at a school assembly or at an open house. This would also be an excellent way to promote the lab for orientation of new students coming into the school.

Pep Rally
To begin the year, a Pep Rally can be held to motivate students and to kick off the new school year. School cheerleaders or the technology club can be responsible for this project. This would also be an excellent opportunity to launch the school-wide motivational plan.

Open House
Parents are invited to attend a Technology Open House to observe what the students are doing in the lab. Parents can be assigned demo numbers to work a mini session or they can observe their child take a session. This would be a perfect time to share the motivational plan with the parents. The open house gives parents an opportunity to become more familiar with the technology used by their children.

Newsletter
Students can publish a Pearson Digital Learning School Newsletter as a part of their writing requirement. Articles will feature student success stories. Our young journalist will be given the opportunity to interview students, teachers, and parents.

Café Success
Students are recognized daily for scores of 70% or better. The school year is sectioned into 25-day segments. In those 25 days, the students have the opportunity to score 16 days at 70% or better in each program. If they do they are invited to Café Success. Students are given tickets to enter. The multipurpose room is converted into a “fancy” restaurant. Music, tablecloths, and special dessert are present. Occasionally door prizes are given to students in attendance.

Right on Target
The school should decide how many correct exercises the students can complete in a year. Running total correct exercises for the previous year would provide a benchmark as to the number needed to set the goal. Progress can be charted with a thermometer placed on the school grounds visible to the public. (This is patterned after the United Way goal). Each week the goal would be updated. Once the school goal is reached, students, teacher, and parents gather to celebrate.

Holiday Store
During the holiday season, a SuccessMaker store can be set up to provide students with a place to do holiday shopping. Correct exercises are converted to SuccessMaker dollars. These dollars are used to shop in the store. Teachers decide the value of the donated items. The support of local businesses will be needed for this project.
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**SuccessMaker Auction**
Correct exercises are converted to dollars that will be used for an end-of-the-year auction. Each Friday students are given an account of the number of correct exercises for the week. They are deposited into the SuccessMaker Bank, which is housed in the lab. Deposit charts are posted so those students can see their accounts grow. A local auctioneer can be invited to run the auction. Local business support will be necessary for the success of this project.

**Awards Ceremony**
Hold an awards ceremony to recognize student achievement at the end of the year. Parents, school board members, and district level personnel can be invited for this special event. Refreshments can be served as a thank you for a job well done.

**Celebration Picnic**
Have a picnic to honor all students who reach the school goal. Parents can be invited to share in this special day. T-shirts can be given as awards for Most Gain, Most Improved Student, Most Total Correct Exercises, etc.

**Competitions**
Classrooms, grades, or even schools can compete against each other for most total correct exercises, most gain with acceptable performance, or most time on the system. This would be best as a monthly activity. The principal can award the winners free ice cream.

**Faculty Performance**
When a class reaches the school goal, the teacher performs a talent at an assembly.

**SuccessMaker Parade**
Students who have attained their targeted goal ride in the county/town annual parade. The school can design a float around the theme “Student Success.”

**School Parade**
When students reach the school-wide goal, a school parade recognizing student achievement is held. Students can decorate their bikes, wagons, or their bodies. Parents can be invited to share in the celebration.

**Celebrate a Book**
Students design book jackets for RA, RI, FAB, or RAP stories. Parents are invited to a Celebrate a Book Night. Students can dress as one of the characters in the book, if they choose. Trophies can be awarded for various categories.

**Top Ten Trip**
The top ten students in each class (based on class/school goal) are rewarded with an end-of-year celebration field trip.

**Wall of Fame**
The school displays a plaque in the main hall with the top math and reading student of the year.

**Monthly Theme**
Different goals are set for each month. Students are rewarded with Crazy Hat Day, Button Day, Favorite T-Shirt Day, No Uniform Day, etc.
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**Computer Month**
Students create bulletin boards related to SuccessMaker for a PTO meeting. Parents are invited to the classrooms to work in a mini-session using SuccessMaker.

**Rodeo Day**
To celebrate reaching the school goal, a Rodeo Day is held for students and parents. Pony rides, rope tricks, western storytelling, and western movies can be part of the activities. Students can dress in western attire.

**Dance Your Way to Success**
An end of the year sock-hop provides students who have met the school goal an opportunity to have an afternoon or evening of fun with their friends. A local disk jockey can be asked to donate services to the school.

**Graduation**
Categories for recognition will be determined at the beginning of the year. Students leaving elementary school for middle school are recognized at a SuccessMaker graduation ceremony. The student who made the most progress may address the student body.