

Recognition Matters

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Every second somewhere
in the world a GENIUS is born.
They come to us with a dream.
A destiny and a desire
to make an impact.
Their words, their ideas have
the power to move and
motivate strangers,
the power to rattle the skies
and shake the moon.

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What is Recognition

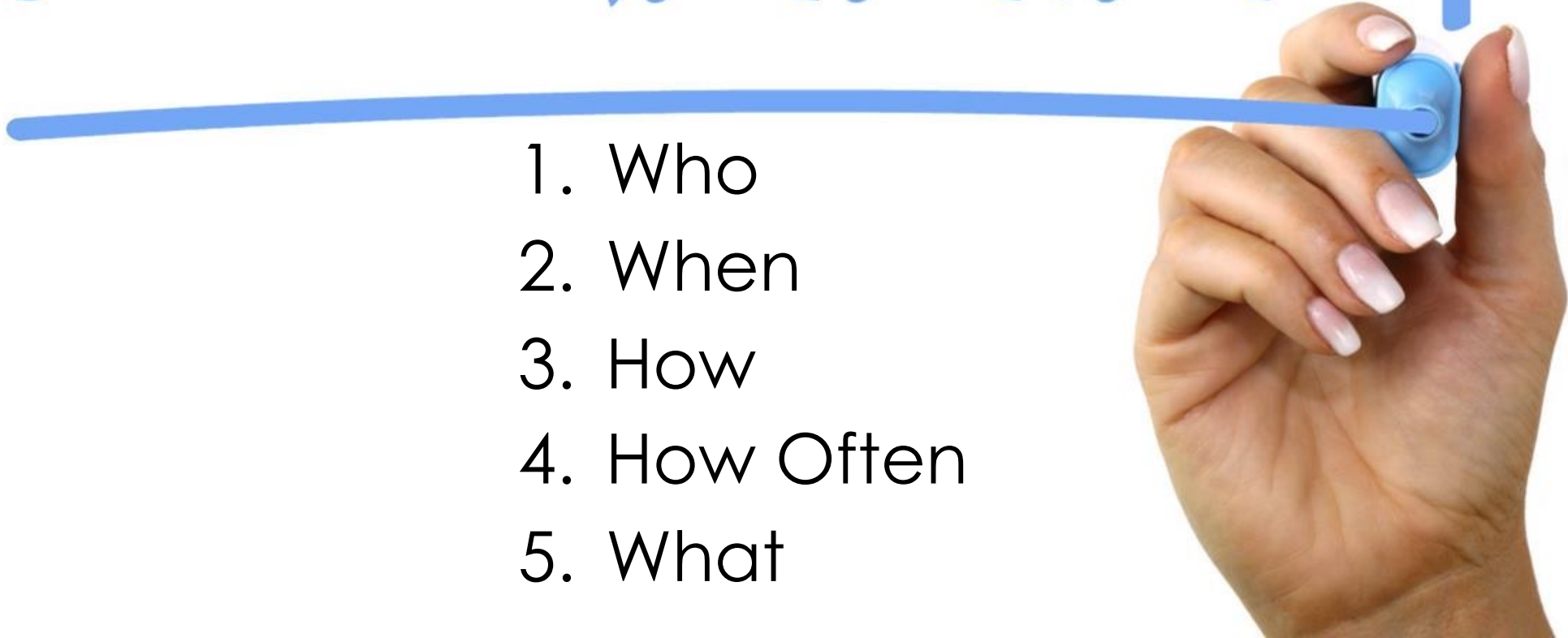
- Recognition is noticing out loud.
- Recognition is taking that moment to really recognize when something has occurred that deserves acknowledgement.
- Recognition is saying to the person I see you and you are appreciated.

Where do we start?

- Get to know your families preferences and personalities.
- Ask parents and students how they like to be recognized.
- Take notice of the little things.
- Understand with recognition one size does not fit all.



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1. Who
2. When
3. How
4. How Often
5. What

Three Things To Keep In Mind



1. Parents can share important knowledge about their children.
2. Parents are BUSY!
3. Parents need to share positive news, too.

Some Fun Ideas to Use on a Consistent Basis

- Add Appreciation to Student of the Week Displays
- Pay it Forward!
- A Handwritten Note of Thanks



Words Matter

- Think of Parents as a collective of unique individuals
- Empathize with people and their situations.
- Put aside your ego and fluidly collaborate with parents.
- Create a culture of respect, understanding and open-mindedness, and parents will rise to a higher standard of human interaction.

Using Words That Empower and Inspire



- Use People's Names
- Use The Word "YOU"
- Ask Meaningful Questions

Celebrate & Believe in People

“All you really need is one person to show you the epiphany of your own power and you’re off.

If you hand people the key to their own power, the human spirit is so receptive... if you open doors for people at a crucial moment, you are educating them in the best sense. You are teaching them to open doors for themselves.”

-Aimee Mullins “The Opportunity of Adversity” TedMed 2009

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