

# BOOSTING ENROLLMENT WHEN YOUR PROGRAM NEEDS IT MOST

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- The State of Our Industry
- Measuring Your Recovery
- Lifetime Value of a Customer
- Marketing vs. Sales
- Key Marketing Points
- 5 Marketing Strategies to Implement By Monday
- What Gets Inspected Gets Respected: Figure 8

# TODAY'S AGENDA

# POLL #1

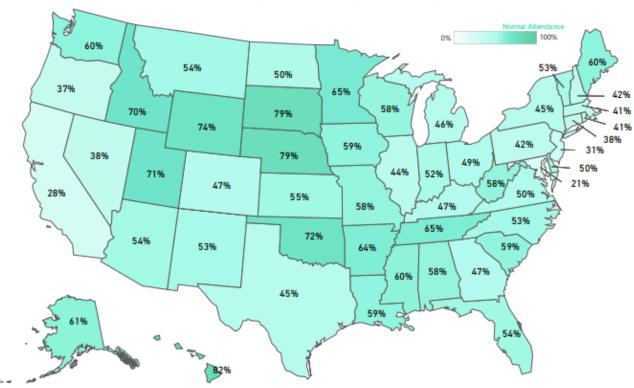
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Week of 9/21 compared to week of 3/2 (before COVID-19)



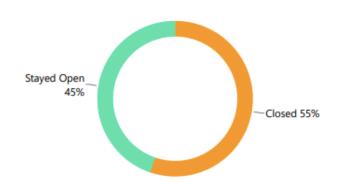
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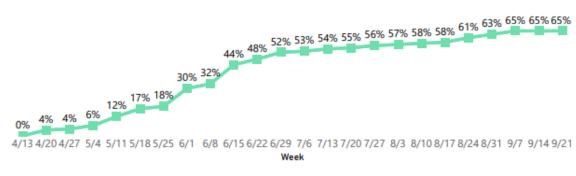
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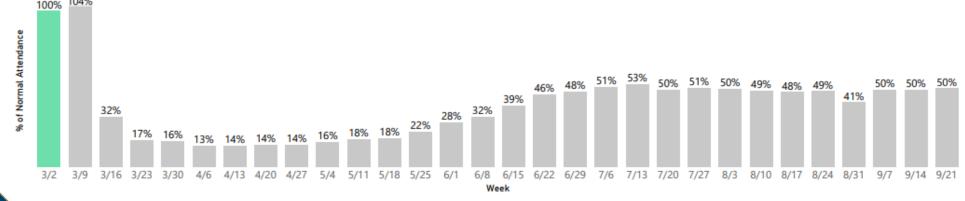
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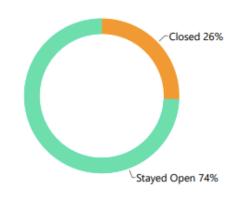


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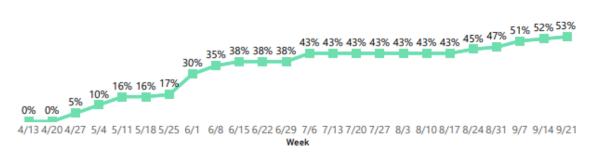
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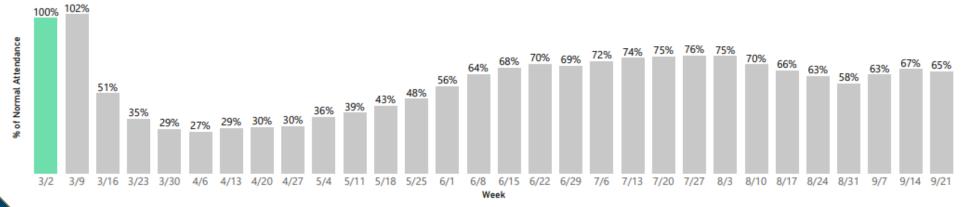
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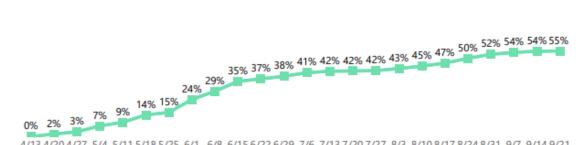
# Procare SOLUTIONS

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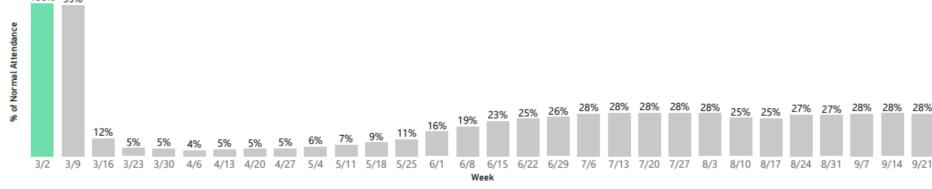


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## HINGE | RECOVERY DEFINITION

### October 2020 vs October 2019

- Use enrollment FTE's
- Students per age group
- Revenue comparison (do not count PPP loan or grants)

## **Easy FTE formula (Full Time Equivalents)**

- 1 FT = 1
- Any PT = .5

\* Factor in COVID group size protocols

## LET'S SHIFT INTO ENROLLMENT 6



## LIFETIME VALUE OF A CUSTOMER

3-year-old rate (\$1,205) x 12 months

\$14,460

Multiply by average stay of years (3)

\$43,480

Multiply by # of children in average family (2)

\$86,760



## NO MONEY = NO MISSION



**Playground Upgrades** 



**Teacher Pay Increases** 



**Better Quality for Kids** 



## MARKETING VS SALES

## Marketing:

Getting your leads to initiate contact.

## **Sales:**

Once initial contact is made, the lead becomes a business prospect and ultimately purchases your service.





## **KEY MARKETING POINTS**

- You should never have to go back to basics.
- Proper Planning Prevents Poor Performance (Measurable Goals)
- Done is better than perfect.
- Don't forget to shout it from your rooftops!





# 5 STRATEGIES TO IMPLEMENT BY MONDAY

# POLL #2

## 1. KNOW TRUE CURRENT OPENINGS

## Hint: Don't hold any spots!

- By age group
- Create waitlists and regularly call, follow up with email, implement two way text
- Get parent commitments on return date and regularly communicate
- Don't hold spots- First come first serve (even for former families)
- Use urgency as a tool AFTER reassuring safety and quality program and staff

## 2. MINE YOUR LISTS

- Pizza Party Phone Outreach with Staff and Directors
- Key teachers call parents to assure safety practices are in place and to instill confidence
- Give them specific talking points- COVID, USPs, teacher introductions, new curriculum
- Coach them on asking for a return/start date
- Paint a picture of the fun the children are having

## 3. LISTS TO MINE

- Families that were enrolled pre COVID.
  - Start with March 2020 and go backwards at least one full year.
- Former families.
  - Many schools are closed or struggling with reopening.
- Families that enrolled elsewhere.
  - Many schools are permanently closed or struggling as they have reopened.

## 4. IMPLEMENT HYGIENE PRACTICES

- 'Sanitary' protocols marketing roll out in tour packets, website, CRM, YouTube, Facebook. Essentially market your adapted policies.
- Show off your supplies on tours. Show you are prepared!
- Elevator speech for tours on post COVID-19 policies and procedures.
- Add Hygiene Signs to your Tour Stops.



Our number one priority is the safety of our children and staff. Our comprehensive cleaning and sanitation systems are at the forefront of ensuring our classrooms and school are always ready for use.

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Lower Group Sizes

Hand Washing Education for Kids & Building Habits

Health Screening / Child Checks for Healthy attendance

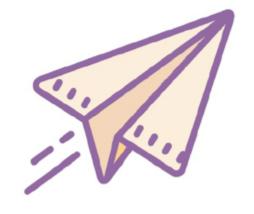
Front Line Sanitation Program

## POLL#3

## 5. PAPER YOUR TOWN

- Don't be afraid of print!
- Flyers: "We're Open!"
- Banners on Your Building
- Yard Signs
- Post Cards
- Partner with local restaurants



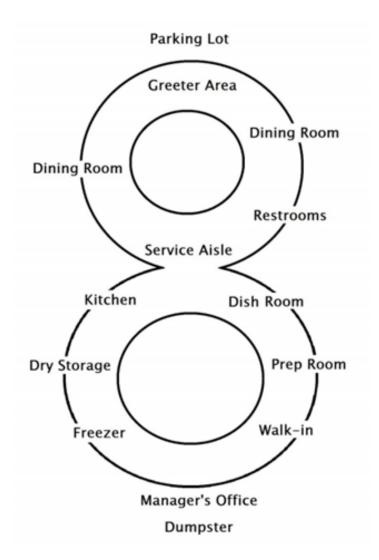




# BONUS! USE URGENCY WITH PROMOTIONS

- 2 weeks free if you enroll by xx/xx/xxxx
- Discount for first 3 months (always have expiration date)
- Double or Triple referral fee

# FIGURE 8: IS YOUR BUILDING PARENT-READY?



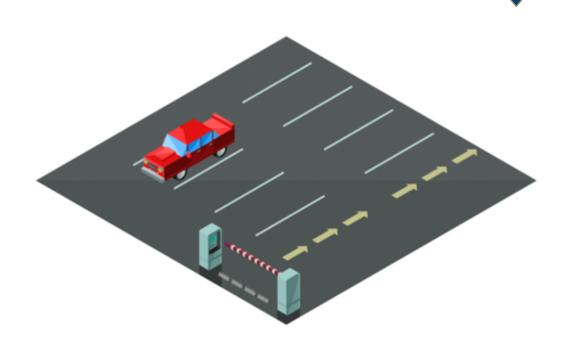
## FIGURE 8: POST-COVID 19

- There has been less focus on curb appeal since COVID-19.
- Staff less focused on building with less visitors at school and more focused on implementing new COVID policies.
- Focus on both!



## PARKING LOT, ENTRANCE & EXTERIOR

- Parking lines freshly painted
- No cob webs
- Exterior welcome mat
- Dumpster cleaned and not overfilled
- No playground toys over the fence
- Fresh pumpkins or flowers planted
- Banner or Flag



## **PLAYGROUND**

- Exterior window sills wiped
- Mulch plentiful (not bare minimum)



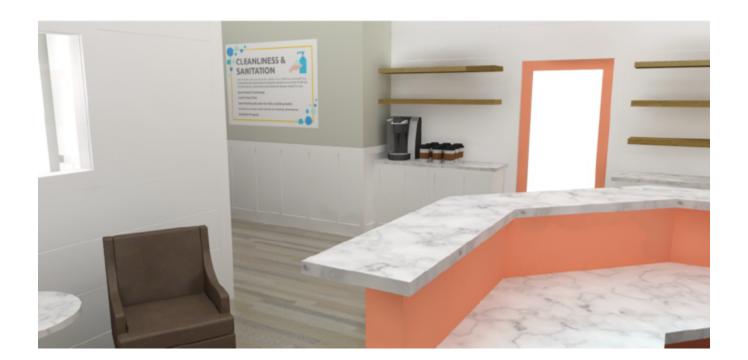
## LOBBY

### 5 senses:

- Smell: Baked goods or cinnamon crockpot, fresh flowers or plants.
- Taste: Baked goods!
- Sight: Clutter free.
- Touch: Everything clean! No dirty handles when you open the doors.
- Hear: Alexa with soft lobby music.

## **HALLWAY**

- Fresh Eyes!!
- No tape or staples in wall
- No chipped paint



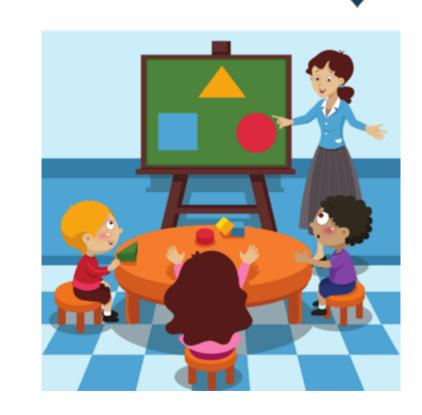
## LAUNDRY ROOM & CLOSETS

- Show off your cleaning supplies.
- Make sure it is organized and room is clean.



## **CLASSROOM**

- Evidence of continual cleaning (room sparkles, signs and clutter free)
- Pods or cohort groups and appropriate social distancing while still nurturing
- Highlight individual activities and spaces for belongings
- Highlight schedules that allow students as much outdoor time as possible





# THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

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