

Try some of these zany ideas for adding fun and silliness to your post Prom or Graduation party.

Pin the Tail on the Elephant -- or whatever fits your theme. It could be a star on the Empire State Building.

Tattoo Parlor -- Invite someone from your community or local art school to paint small, temporary tattoos on students using washable body paints, or purchase commercially available temporary tattoos.

Find the Jelly Bean -- Place two jelly beans inside a pie tin and cover them with at least two inches of whipped cream. Prepare one pie tin for each contestant. Place goggles on each contestant. At the whistle, each student tries to find the jelly beans without using his/her hands. Allow two cans of whipped cream per pie tin. Do not dispense the whipped cream until immediately before the event or it will melt.

Instant Photos -- These photos on key chains or just as candid shots are great souvenirs. Large cardboard or foam-core cutouts, theme props or "stick your head through the hole" props are lots of fun. If your theme is Egyptian, how about a large pyramid or a giant mummy as a backdrop for pictures?

Graffiti Wall - Cover a large area with paper (a large window shade also works well). Students can write or draw messages with markers. It can be given to the class to be brought out for class reunions.

Name the Legs Contest - Blow up pictures of students' legs from different activities or take pictures to post on a board. Have the students guess whose legs they are. You could give them a list for them to work from (you could also use movie stars' legs).

Game Show - Use your imagination in adapting a current TV show for students to play, e.g. "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," "Survivor," or "Hollywood Squares." Make sure you find a dynamic emcee (volunteer) to host this activity. With the right volunteer, it can be a smash hit.

Teacher Bingo Contest - Ask nine or twelve teachers or administrators if you can use their baby pictures for this activity. Post the photos on a board. Give students a list of names to match up with the pictures. This is a fun activity and the students love to see their teachers and administrators as their former selves. Don't forget to post the correct names with the correct pictures at the end of the contest so everyone can see who's whom.

Senior Slide Show - Have some members of the class prepare a slide show of your class year or years together by taking slides of old photos and yearbook photos and school activities. Invite seniors and parents to bring in favorite old photos from students' younger days, dance recitals, and old team or class pictures. Halloween photos are great and they bring back wonderful memories. Try to make sure that every senior is included

in the slide show. A tape of music coordinated with the pictures will make the show complete. Make the slide show the grand finale -- it can be a real tear-jerker! The slide show can also be put on a video and even on a CD that the class or after prom committee can sell. For complete directions for producing a slide show, call the SADD National Office.

Frisbee Throw - Hang an inflatable pool tube or hula hoop from the ceiling and have students try to throw a Frisbee through it at a target or just through the hoop. Give three chances, and don't forget to award prizes.

Nail Art - Ask local nail artists to donate some time at your event to paint designs and fun colors on nails -- moons, stars, graduation caps, roses, hearts and rainbows are just a few ideas.

Caricatures and Silhouettes - Invite talented community members or art students to attend and do caricatures or silhouettes of the partygoers.

Prophecy/Predictions -- This is a variation of the time capsule. Students fill out a prediction of what they will be in ten years -- discovered by Hollywood, rock star, married, doctor, lawyer, etc. These are great fun when read at the tenth year reunion. Make sure you find a safe place for these and any other items, such as the slide show, that are going to be used at a later date.

Lucky Monkey Search - Make lots of identical monkeys (or whatever fits your theme) and one that is different. Hang them all up and have the students search for the "lucky/different" one. The winner receives a prize.

Giant Twister - Gather ten to twenty Twister games and put them all together. Have teams play and watch the fun. Don't forget to award a prize to the winning team.

These are just a few of the activities that you can plan for your alcohol- and drug-free party. There are many more that you can create. Don't forget entertainment -- a DJ, karaoke, a hypnotist, or a comedian can also be fun.