

Here are general tips for creating effective bulletin boards:

- Ask other staff or students for ideas.
- Tear down out-dated materials regularly.
- Organize boards by category (e.g. House, Hall, UNI and Beyond).
- Separate on-going things (library hours, general announcements, etc) from dated materials (specific events, etc).
- Give a reliable, organized, creative volunteer(s) the opportunity to take this on. Make sure they are appreciated!

Have a central theme to use throughout the year.

- Disney or other cartoon characters
- UNI Panthers
- House names sometime have built-in themes. (Field House, Power House, etc.)
- Sports

Letters can be created using some different approaches.

- Pre-printed letters cut out of magazines, newspapers, or mail flyers.
- Draw letters with glue and sprinkle sand, glitter, confetti, or anything you can think of on top of it
- Use shadow letters by stapling the same letter under each letter
- Make cursive letters with string or yarn

Borders frame your image

- Use residents' names
- Monopoly money
- Paper chain
- Rubber stamps
- Cut a piece of paper in half making different shapes

Backgrounds should make the message stand out

- Copies of residents' faces made with the copy machine
- Dumb junk mail residents get (i.e. Rogaine)
- Wrapping paper, aluminum foil, wall paper, comics from the newspaper
- Checkerboard pattern
- 3-D displays

Topics can be standard or original

- Holidays (remember that not everyone believes in the same things)
- Seasons (winter, spring, summer, fall)
- Cramming for finals
- Student of the week or month

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