**ICE BREAKERS**

**Remember to stay socially distant (at least 3 feet apart) and keep masks on. After you give everyone a chance to say their name and school year, you can do one of the following activities to keep getting to know one another!**

1. **Would You Rather.** If you want something faster than open questions, try giving everyone an option to choose (Ice Cream or cake? Beach or mountains? Netflix or Hulu? Again, endless possibilities). You can have everyone shout it out, raise a hand to vote or share round-robin
2. **2 Truths and a Lie**.  Each person shares 3 things and the group has to guess which is the lie. For smaller groups, keep it conversational and just shout out guesses; for bigger crowds, put the answers on a slide or virtual whiteboard and have everyone annotate a dot with their guesses.
3. **Guessing Game**. This one involves everyone sharing a little-known fact (something they did during quarantine, an interesting skill or story) and others guessing which fact belongs to which team member.
4. **Essentials or Favorites.** Ask each person to share the most essential app on their phone, book on their shelf, etc. and compile a list of essentials to share with the group. Or, ask everyone’s favorite TV show, song lyrics, movie lines, etc. and share those.
5. **Bucket List**. Ask everyone to share their bucket list of things they want to do before they die—big or small!
6. **Life stories**. Pair people up and ask them to take turns sharing their life stories in 5 minutes. Then, the person listening has to tell the story to the larger group.
7. **Common Ground.** Put the team into small groups or pairs and ask them to list as many things as possible they have in common in a set amount of time. The team with the longest list wins!
8. **Rapid Fire Teams.** Randomly assign people into pairs and have them complete a task together in 2 minutes: create an “alternative handshake” way to greet each other without touching, a “touchdown dance” based on a recent victory, or a nickname based on a childhood story.
9. **Fun Fact.**  Have each of the team members share a fun fact about themselves that they don't think anyone else on the team would know.  This is a fun game and always brings up something to engage the team. You can turn it into a guessing game by having them write it down on a sheet of paper, and collect them. Then pass the stack around and the person reading has 3 chances to guess the right person (or 1 if it is a smaller group).
10. **Birthday Lineup**. In this challenge, the participants have to put themselves in order by their birthday - month and day, not year - *without talking*.
11. **Rock-Paper-Scissors tournament.** Staying socially distant, pair people up for a rock-paper-scissors tournament. You can do it where pairs stand in a line and the winner moves up and loser moves down, OR if there are a lot of people, you can have “losers” become the cheer leaders for the “winner” until the two champions face off in a battle for the ages! (The more you cheer, the more fun it gets)
12. **Telephone Pictionary**. To play, give each person a sheet of paper for every person they have in a group (so if 8 people, each person gets 8 sheets of paper). Next, have them write down some type of phrase on the top sheet of paper and then pass their entire stack to the person on their left. That person will read the phrase, move that sheet to back of the stack, and draw a picture representing that phrase on the next sheet of paper. They’ll then pass it to the person on their left, who will then look at the drawing, move that sheet to the back of the stack, and then write a sentence that describes that picture. This repeats until the stacks make it all the way around the circle.