

# TAP MONTHLY

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## TAP NEWS

- Please share this newsletter with your mediators!
- Don't forget to log mediations in your Google spreadsheet.
- This month's featured TAP swag is this Brief Bag for \$8.50 each. To order, fill out the TAP Swag Order form and return it to one of the TAP Staff.



## STRATEGY OF THE MONTH

### ASKING CLARIFYING QUESTIONS

Clarifying questions do not have a 'yes' or 'no' answer. Instead, they encourage the speaker to tell you more. Remember, you are not a detective trying to find out who is right or wrong; you are a mediator trying to help both sides understand the other's situation in order to reach a peaceful resolution.

## TAP CHALLENGE



**LAST CHANCE**  
to log 20 mediations  
by Dec. 7 and earn a  
cupcake party!

## WELCOME NEW TAP PARTNER SITES!

The TAP Team is excited to welcome our newest partner sites from across Mississippi and Arkansas!

COLEMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

GREENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

KIPP DELTA COLLEGIATE  
HIGH SCHOOL

RULEVILLE CENTRAL  
HIGH SCHOOL

ROBERT L. MERRITT  
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

T.L. WESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL



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## TAP SPOTLIGHT

The mediators of Whitten Middle School recently wrote and performed this skit for the morning announcements to raise awareness about TAP at their school.

**Student 1:** Hey, \_\_\_\_\_ what's up? How is the new school year going?

**Student 2:** Hey \_\_\_\_\_. It's going alright. It would be great, but there is already some stuff getting started that I'm trying not to get into.



**Student 1:** Already? School just started! What?

**Student 2:** Well, somebody told me that Shay wants to fight me because some other girls have been telling her I want to fight her. The other day in the cafeteria when she saw me, she rolled her eyes at me and then started whispering to her friends.

**Student 1:** Wow! That's a lot of mess and school just started! Well, you know TAP is now available to us?

**Student 2:** What's TAP?

**Student 1:** TAP stands for Talk About the Problems, and it is a program where students here at Whitten are trained to talk to other students about their conflicts, and they come up with a solution to solve their problems.

**Student 2:** I don't want everybody knowing my business.

**Student 1:** In TAP, the mediators are taught to keep everything confidential.

**Student 2:** That sounds good, because I really don't want to snap on her and get suspended. What do I need to do?

**Student 1:** Oh, just let your teacher know that you have a conflict with another student, and you want to go through TAP to try to solve the problem. The teacher will fill out a TAP referral and give it to Counselor Brown who is also the TAP coordinator.

**Student 2:** Thanks for all your help. And you are right, this is a better solution than getting in a fight and getting some days at home.

**Student 1:** Yeah, you know you need to stay in school cause we have nine weeks exams this week!

**Together:** That's right TAP is back! If you have a problem, let TAP help you solve it!

**YOU CAN ADAPT THIS SCRIPT OR WRITE YOUR OWN TAP ANNOUNCEMENT FOR YOUR SCHOOL**