

The "Be a Good Friend" List:

- **1. Smile and say hello.** This simple act is like opening a door to the possibility of new relationships.
- **2. Be brave. Leave your comfort zone.** You're never gonna make new friends if you play it safe. Sit at a new table at lunch. Join a club that none of your friends are in. Partner up with a stranger in PE.
- **3. Always choose kindness.** Kindness begets kindness. It's really quite magical.
- **4. Be genuinely interested.** People feel so honored when you pause to genuinely be interested in their life. It is such a simple way to show that you care.
- **5. Experience empathy and see the world from different perspectives.** Everyone is walking a different path. Taking the time to understand someone else's journey powerfully impacts the way you see the world and enhances your ability to connect with others.

- **6. Laugh and have fun!** Don't take life too seriously, just enjoy the ride.
- **7. Be loyal, trustworthy, and honest.** You can never go wrong by being loyal. keeping people's secrets, and sharing honestly.
- **8. Show up.** Show up when it's easy and fun. Show up when you say you're going to show up. Show up when it's hard and uncomfortable.
- **9. Be present** (Yes, that means getting off your phone). Don't let your phone block your view of reality.
- **10. Listen intently.** We all want to be heard. Take time to fully and wholeheartedly listen to people when they open up and share.
- **11. Be humble and apologize when you mess up.** You're gonna mess up. It happens and it's okay. That's life. So when it happens, own it, apologize, and grow from the experience.
- **12. Be you.** There's the only one you. Don't deprive the world of your unique self.

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