



- Guidance Lesson -

## **Common Ground**

Objective: Provide an opportunity for students to work together towards a common goal while learning more about the staff members at their school.

Estimated Time: 20-30 minutes

Materials: "Guess Who?" sheets, pen/pencil

### **Activity/Discussion:**

1. **Before lesson:** Ask teachers/staff to submit a clue about themselves. Create a "Guess Who?" sheet for students to complete.
2. Explain to students that they will be completing this activity with a partner.
3. Pass out the "Guess Who?" sheet and allow 10 minutes for partners to work together to match the clues with the staff members (don't forget to include administrators, office staff, and paraprofessionals).
4. After 10 minutes, allow students to mingle with other groups to try and fill in any unanswered clues. Allow 5 minutes.
5. Once partners are back together call out the answers and allow students to check how many they answered correctly. **Tip:** It might be fun to create a simple slideshow/Powerpoint with pictures of the staff and their clue to reveal.

### **Reflection:**

1. How many of you found out you have something in common with one or more of the staff members here on campus? Who surprised you?
2. Why was it easier to work with a partner and small groups on this activity as opposed to working independently?
3. **Challenge:** See if you can learn something about 3 students you have never met. Try and find a common ground with them and you may make a positive connection.