



Teacher Appreciation Week Planning May 6-10, 2013

Letting teachers know that their work is valued is an important step in building good parent-teacher relationships. One effective way to celebrate the work teachers do is to participate in Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-10, 2013. Consult the Teacher Appreciation Week website from California State PTA <http://www.capta.org/sections/programs/e-teacher-week.cfm> and National PTA <http://www.pta.org/programs/content.cfm?ItemNumber=3270&RDtoken=25999&userID=> for ideas, or see the list below:

- Plan a luncheon for the teachers and welcome them with cheers and applause as they enter the lounge. Have parents provide the food or check with local vendors for food donations.
- Have each student in the class bring in one flower stem, which can be gathered together to form a bouquet for the teacher.
- Have the room parent take a class picture and frame it with a wide mat so all students can sign around the picture.
- Print out a Teacher Appreciation certificate.
- Have the city council or school board present a proclamation of Teacher Appreciation Week (samples are available on www.capta.org).
- Give each teacher a post-it pad (or other office product related to teaching). Write “Your dedication is noteworthy” on the top page.
- Pick a specific day to “Thank a Teacher”. Have parents send e-mails to thank the teacher, have the Associated Student Body (ASB) make banners to hang around school saying “thank you,” or have the room parent assist students in making hand-written thank you notes. In high school the best way to get large groups of students to write thank you notes is to attend sports practices (arrange ahead of time with the coach), ASB, or other student groups where large amounts of students are in the same place at the same time. After the notes are finished, the thank you cards can be put in teacher mailboxes.
- Have kids thank their teacher on the intercom during the morning announcements.
- Make trinkets with a message. Some ideas are:
 - Bag of nuts – “Our school is nuts about you”
 - Pack of gum (use Extra brand) – “Thanks for your Extra hard work”
 - Mints – “Thank you for your commit-mint”
 - Payday candy bar – “You deserve an extra pay day”
 - Graham Crackers, Marshmallows and Chocolate in a cellophane bag – “We need s’more teachers like you”
- Plan a morning coffee and bagel greeting. Ask local vendors to donate coffee and bagel stores to donate day-old bagels.
- Plan a healthy morning snack; fruit, yogurt and granola parfaits are a hit!
- Plan an ice-cream sundae party for the teachers after school gets out on Friday afternoon.
- Ask local merchants to donate small gifts and gift cards, which you can put into gift bags for each teacher.
- Send two blank pages home with each student in your classroom, asking each student to include a photo and letter to their teacher about why they love school, what they have learned this year, why they like their teacher, etc. Compile all pages together into a book to give to the teacher.