TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

74 Fun and Festive Ways to Celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week





Teacher Appreciation Week is right around the corner! To help you show your staff some extra love and appreciation this week, we have compiled our most extensive list yet of fun and festive ways to celebrate all week long.

From sweets and treats to gifts and activities, this report is jam-packed with creative ideas that will

leave you inspired and excited to continue showing your teachers some extra love long after Teacher Appreciation Week is over! There's plenty of ideas that will fit every budget, no matter how big or small; remember, it's the thought and effort that makes lasting impressions, not the dollar amount spent.

Get ready to get out your calendar and start planning and choosing from the abundance of ideas you're about to read, and if you're still left feeling overwhelmed and not sure how to start organizing the best week ever for your teachers, you can follow along with the done-for-you Teacher Appreciation Week Daily Calendar found towards the end of this report.



SUGAR AND SPICE AND EVERYTHING NICE!

Give your staff a breakfast fit for royalty, a visit from the chocolate fairy, a Rolls-Royce snack mobile, or a little extra treat attached with a cute saying or pick me up note. Mix and match the ideas below to celebrate your staff this week in a sweet way!

Breakfast Fit For a King

- Breakfast of Champions: Supply a full spread of muffins, bagels, donuts, and pastries. Complete with a smoothie, coffee, or hot chocolate bar. Give it a fun name like Wake Up Breakfast or Breakfast of Champions. This is a great way to start or end your Teacher Appreciation Week and can add excitement to your weekly staff meeting.
- ★ Donut Day Buffet: Lay out an assortment of donuts in the breakroom with a festive sign that reads "We donut know what we would do without you!"
- ★ Not Muffin Around: Prepare a variety of individually wrapped muffins with a tag attached that reads "There's muffin like a good teacher!"
- ★ Batter Up Waffle Bar: Using a toaster oven or waffle iron, make hot and ready-to-eat waffles for your staff. Provide toppings such as maple syrup, chocolate sauce, nut butter, whipped cream, strawberries, bananas, or blueberries. Create a decorative sign that reads "You are appreciated a waffle lot!"



- Coffee and Fruit Spread: Set up a coffee bar and fruit table complete with a fondue chocolate fountain or Nutella. Pear (pun intended) fruit with sayings such as "Thanks a latte for being a peach!," "You are one in a melon," and "We are berry lucky to have you." If you wish to make your fruit table fancier, consider a buffet of fruit loaves. You can make them from scratch or pick up a few delicious options at your local bakery. Popular flavors include white chocolate cranberry, banana nut, strawberry banana, lemon blueberry, chocolate cherry, candied grapefruit, lemon pumpkin, and zesty orange zucchini.
- Pancakes in a Mug: Give the gift of breakfast that can be made at any time! Take a mug, a serving of pancake mix, or individual packets, and attach a spatula with a note that reads "You are a flipping awesome teacher!"

The Lunch Bunch

- ★ Forks Up Salad Bar: Set up a salad bar complete with all the fixings and dressings. Your staff will appreciate a healthy, delicious, and customizable meal!
- ★ Food For Thought: Arrange a catered lunch from a local sandwich shop and deliver it with a handwritten note of appreciation.
- ★ Taco Tuesday: No need to Taco-bout it; everyone loves Taco Tuesdays! Decide if it's easier to cater tacos or to set up a taco bar and let everyone put together their own.
- Friendship Soup: Make sure to start the night before or early in the morning for this one, unless you are using an Instapot. Have everyone bring in their favorite ingredient and together make a friendship soup filled with love. Don't forget to supply crackers, bowls, spoons, any knives and cutting boards needed for ingredients (or have everyone prechop them ahead of time), and beverages. Variation: Instead of soup use the concept for Friendship Chili.



- ★ Best Teacher in the World Chalkboard Menu: This will take some planning ahead of time. If you know the regions your staff members are from, incorporate some of their favorite traditional foods. Better yet, have everyone make their favorite dish and bring it in. Nothing shows appreciation like embracing and learning about your staff's family traditions and cultures!
- ★ Lunch and Read: Supply a catered lunch from a favorite restaurant and handout a handwritten letter.

Sweets and Treats That Will Go A Long Way

- ★ Visit From the Chocolate Fairy: Dress up as a fairy or dress one of your students up as a fairy (a pair of slip-on wings will do) and fill a basket or tray with chocolate treats. Ideas can include assorted chocolates, truffles, chocolate chip cookies, or chocolate candy bars. Have yourself or the student go around and offer a chocolate treat to all your staff members.
- ★ Golden Ticket: Fill a bag with chocolates that have a gold wrapper (such as Ferrero's) and include a lottery or scratch-off ticket. Include a note that reads "We are lucky to have you on our team; we hope you are lucky too!"
- Custom Chocolate: Design a custom fun candy bar wrapper. Hershey bar wrapper sizes are easy to customize. Take a Hershey Cookies N' Cream bar and create a wrapper that reads "Thanks for being a Cream of the Crop Caregiver." Personalize it further by adding your staff member's name and date.
- ★ Candy Gram: What better way to pair a heartfelt note or poem than with candy? Use some of the lines below to create your candy gram to leave in each of your teacher's cubbies or lockers. Insert the candy in place of the bolded words. Feel free to get the parents and children involved in this one and ask everyone to contribute to the project!
 - ★ Remember to Take 5
 - ★ You deserve a Pay Day
 - ★ You're an Extra (gum) special teacher
 - ★ You're out of this **Orbit** (gum)
 - ★ You're one of a Kind (Kind bar)
 - ★ You're worth more than a **100 Grand**
 - ★ You deserve a shopping Spree
 - ★ You're the best teacher in the MilkyWay
 - ★ You're punny and always have **Twix** up your sleeve



- ★ You are full of humor and make us all Laffy Taffy
- ★ You're a **Sweetheart** (Sweet Tarts) and always thoughtful
- ★ You are full of **Colorful** and creative ideas (Skittles)
- ★ You are full of **Joy** (Almond Joy) and make others happy
- ★ You always **Roll** (Rolo or Tootsie Roll) with the punches
- ★ You are always **Jolly** (Jolly Rancher) and have a positive attitude
- ★ All the students have **Mounds** of fun when they are with you
- ★ Your students are **Smarties** thanks to you
- ★ You always manage to get us out of a Crunch (Nestle Crunch bar) so thanks a Bunch (Cruncha Bunch)
- ★ The KitKats out of the bag
- ★ We love you to **Reese's Pieces**
- ★ You're the Berry (gummy bears) best teacher
- ★ You're O-Fish-Ally (Sweedish Fish) an amazing teacher (this is great for new hires)
- ★ We are lucky to have Lifesavers like you on our team
- ★ Love Limo/Snack Attack: Take a cart or basket and fill it with chips, candy bars, popcorn, crackers, goldfish, and any other snack you can think of. Have either yourself or students roll the cart from classroom to classroom once or twice a day. You can even make an A.M. snack cart and a P.M. snack cart.
- ★ If You Give a Teacher a...: Recreate the book "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" and change it to If You Give a Teacher a Cookie. Gift the book to your teachers and each day, follow along with the book and bring in each treat for your staff. For example, Monday could be milk and cookies, Tuesday donuts and juice, Wednesday muffins and coffee, Thursday a parfait bar, and Friday sandwiches and muffins.
- ★ Ice Cream Social: Set up an ice cream social in the break room. Provide a freezer or cooler full of ice cream bars or bring in all the fixings for a sundae bar!
- ★ Just Poppin' In: Provide a teacher with a bag of popcorn with a note that says "Just poppin' in to say thanks for being amazing!"



- ★ FANTA-stic: Give your staff a Fanta pop with a note that reads "You are a FANTA-stic addition to our team!" This small gesture is also a great way to welcome a new staff member to the team.
- ★ Thanks a Latte: Provide a Starbucks gift card for each classroom teacher. Attach cards that read "Thanks a latte for being our star!" Have all their students sign the cards.
- ★ Happy Hour: Find out your staff members' favorite non-alcholic drinks ahead of time and surprise them with their favorite beverage before or after lunch.



WRITING A LASTING IMPRESSION!

Showing your appreciation doesn't have to be extravagant. A heartfelt note can mean more than gifts. Sometimes a small gift can speak a thousand words or a small surprise can make someone's day. Appreciation comes in many shapes and sizes. Show your appreciation by giving a little something extra with these ideas that fit every budget.

- ★ You've Got Mail: Mail a handwritten card or place it in your staff members' mailboxes at work. Tell each employee why you are thankful for them or give them shoutouts for all their hard work. Personalize each message to fit each of your staff members personalities by starting with the following sentences:
 - ★ (Addressed to husband or family members) I'm so very thankful to your family for sharing _____ with our center. S/he is such a blessing to have on the team.
 - ★ A wonderful employee is the one who inspires their boss as much as his/her boss inspires them. Thanks for always being my inspiration.
 - ★ Your enthusiasm is a personality trait that cannot be learned and a skill that cannot be taught.



- ★ Your uniqueness embodies all of our company's core values. Thank you for being you!
- ★ Having you on the team makes a huge difference!
- ★ You always find a way to get it done-- and done well!
- ★ Thank you for always speaking up in team meetings and providing a unique perspective.
- Mailbox Surprises: Sticky notes, gum, hand sanitizer, pencils, and highlighters are great inexpensive ways to show your appreciation to your staff. Pair each surprise with a note or cute saying; for example, a note that would go well with a highlighter would be "Thank you for being the highlight of our school." Place the surprise of your choice in each of your staff's mailboxes. Additional ideas include:
 - * Burts Bees chapstick: "Thanks for BEEing such a great teacher, you're the balm!"
 - * Awesome pens: "Thanks for being so dePENdable!"
 - ★ Hand Sanitizer: "Hands down you're the best around!"
- ★ Snail Mail: Send a gift card, note, or picture to your staff member's home to show them how much they mean to you. Everyone will be extra happy to receive fun mail that isn't a bill!
- ★ Sticky Note Shout-Out: Create a sticky note shout-out board. Purchase a corkboard or poster board and every day during Teacher Appreciation Week give a shoutout to several



different employees. Try to divide the number of your staff by five so by the end of the week everyone will have earned a shoutout.

* Letter of Recognition: Give your employees a formal letter of recognition for something that they have been doing exceptionally well at lately.

★ Display on the Shelf: Hand out certificates of recognition or mini trophies for accomplishments such as 'Perfect Attendance,' or 'Always On Time.' During a staff meeting hand out serious and silly awards.



- ★ Serious Awards: Professional accomplishments, attendance, and dependability, program quality, above and beyond award
- ★ Silly Awards: The Energizer Bunny Award for tireless energy, the Spic N Span Award for the cleanest desk, the Glass Half Full Award for most optimistic, the American Idol Award for most likely to break into song, and the Glow Stick Award for your glowing personality that brightens every day. Be sure your silly awards are only positive - giving a sarcastic award could be a huge demotivator.
- ★ Bouquet of Compliments: Ask parents if they can contribute to gift cards and have students create cut-out flowers. Invite parents to write a compliment that you can place on each flower. Then tape the gift cards to the cut-out flowers and place them in a vase with a note that reads "Thank you for helping your students grow and blossom." Include everyone's name on the note or card.



- Five Days of Parents and Children: Get parents and students involved in Teacher Appreciation Week by inviting them to gift a different suprise to their child's teacher every day. Ideas include:
 - Donate a book with a note that reads "My teachers grow great MINDS!"
 - ★ A handwritten note on how their teacher has impacted their life this past year. Include the message "My teachers are NOTEWORTHY!"
 - Put together a scented spa kit including lotion, essential oils, soap, and flowers. Include the message "My teachers are SENSATIONAL!"
 - ★ A favorite snack or beverage. Include the message "My teachers are a TREAT!"



- ★ A gift card to a favorite restaurant. Include the message "My thanks are in the CARDS!"
- Music to My Ears: Play upbeat music in common areas or break rooms. Ask your staff for a list of their favorite tunes ahead of time and create a Songs for the Teacher's Soul playlist. Play their favorite songs all week.
- ★ Pimp My Lounge: Decorate the break room or give it a makeover. Surprise your staff or have everyone chip in on the fun!



★ Digging for Treasure: Deliver treasure boxes full of stickers, pencils/pens, markers, school supplies, gum, candy, sticky notes, and beauty products to each staff member.

★ The Daily Chalkboard: Start a fun team-only newsletter or blog. This can be either print or digital. Come up with a catchy title, feature shoutouts, the latest school news, tips, and ideas that your staff might find useful. For example, include fun ways to promote social distancing through classroom activities.

*** Paycheck Surprise:** Give your staff a little bonus in their paychecks this week, or if it isn't a pay week, suprise them with a bonus paycheck!



LET THE FUN BEGIN!

Gifts and treats aren't the only way to show teacher appreciation. Show you care by creating an experience they will never forget! From Zoom parties to cookoffs, create a fun way to blow off steam and create healthy competition. Below are some great ideas for teacher appreciation events and activities:

- ★ After Work Dinner or Potluck: Host a fun feast, cookout, or after-work potluck. Allow your staff to have a little fun away from work and their families, or include their families to eliminate the stress of needing to find a babysitter.
- ★ The Great Teacher Bake Off: Ready, set, bake! Host a brownie, cookie, or cake bake-off. Allow your staff to tap into their creativity as they rush against the clock to make something sensational. Supply everything they need to make a delicious masterpiece. Have fun taking pictures and taste testing all their creations. May your bake off end in the most delicious icing war!
- ★ Zoom Paint and Sip: Sign your staff up for this virtual gathering! Drop off supplies in work mailboxes, home mailboxes, or have the supplies shipped to their houses. Include small canvases such as smooth rocks that can be painted on, acrylic paint, and paintbrushes. Send a Zoom link or create an invitation containing the link. If your budget allows, hire a local artist, college student studying art, or professional instructor to lead the acitivity. Include everyone's favorite bottle of wine, and get ready to sip and paint!



- ★ Pamper Up Traveling Spa: Rent a massage chair or hire a masseuse from a local salon or school to provide relaxing shoulder and back massages to your staff during their breaks.
- ★ Family Game Night for the Staff: Send everyone a fun game to play with their families over the weekend break. Encourage them to take pictures and share their fun on your social media pages.
- ★ Movie Night Under the Stars: Host a drive-in movie night at your school for your staff and their families. An alternative option is to take your staff to the theater for a private viewing or host an indoor movie night.
- ★ Staff Charades: Carve out time in your staff meetings to play games. Give out prizes or just reward your team with lots of laughs. Either way, everyone is sure to have a blast!
- ★ Amazon Wishlist: Before Teacher Appreciation Week, have your staff fill out a questionnaire on all their favorite things or ask them to create a wishlist on Amazon. Surprise your staff with items on their wishlist or their favorite things from their questionnaire.
- Photo Booth Break Room: Set up a photo booth in your staff break room. You can get creative and elaborate if you desire but if you are strapped for time and cash a table with a polaroid and dollar store props will do!
- ★ Pajama Day: Teachers will appreciate low-key days filled with comfort and warmth. Pajama day is especially welcomed at the beginning or end of the week. Pair with crazy slippers and the outfit is complete!
- ★ Superhero Day: Have everyone dress up as their favorite superhero. Use the tagline "Every superhero has a superhero!" Wear a shirt with all of your staff's names on it or a team



picture to show that they are your heroes!

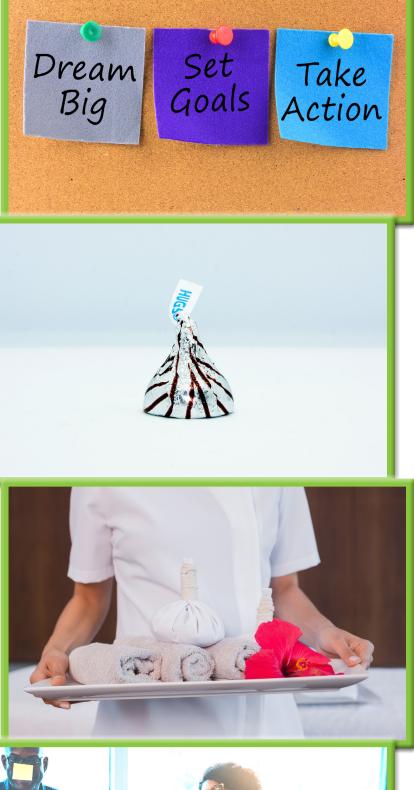
★ Crazy Hat Day: The personality is in the hat! Showoff everyone's goofy side with a silly hat that is sure to not only make the staff laugh but the children as well!

★ Book Character Day: Celebrate the importance of reading by having your employees dress up as their favorite book character. Your staff will have fun with this one!

* Your Favorite Team Jersey/ College Wear Day: Have everyone show team spirt by wearing their favorite jearsey!



- Party for the Future: Share goals and create vision boards as a team. Ask everyone to share their goals and establish an accountability system to ensure goals are met. Make this event fun and equip your team with out-of-thebox art supplies.
- Walking Towards Success: Nowadays almost everyone owns a Fitbit, Apple watch, or has a walking app on their phone. Plan a walking challenge with your team and provide prizes for a first, second, and third-place winner. Prizes could be a lunch coupon, gift card, or something more expensive such as new running shoes.
- Hugs, You're It: Place a hug in a teacher's classroom with instructions that read "Hug, you're it! You have been hugged-tagged. Put this in someone else's cubbie or classroom without getting caught and include this message." Watch your staff scurry out of each other's rooms all day with a big grin across their faces!
- Weekend Relaxation: Gather your team for a weekend day at the spa. Most salons will give special pricing for large spa parties and give a variety of service options including express mani/pedis and 30-minute massages. Some salons even serve cocktails, supply chocolates, and will even let you bring in treats or appetizers to enjoy during your services free of charge.
- Team Shenanigans: Team bonding and blowing off steam is important for your staff's mental health. Plan something silly and fun such as a snowball fight, water balloon fight, or scavenger hunt. There are also a lot of great Pinterest ideas for monthly challenges.





THE GIFT OF GIVING!

Sometimes the most rewarding experience can be giving back to your community as a team. Here are three ways in which you can do this:

- ★ Community Outreach: Organize a community outreach event such as a food drive, coat drive, or plan to volunteer at a soup kitchen.
- ★ Giving Tree: Place a giving tree in your lobby and collect gifts for local families or center families that are in need. Each child or family can create a tag with three to five items that they need including clothing sizes. Pass out a tag to each staff member. Each employee is responsible for gathering the items on that list, wrapping them, labeling them, and placing them under the giving tree. Arrange to have the gifts distributed to the families privately.
- Charity of the Month: Have every staff member pick a charity of their choice and every month donate to or host a fundraiser for each of these cherities. Then, every month pick a different employee's cherity to create a full rotation and diversify the organizations your school is contributing to.



BASKETS FULL OF LOVE!

Assembling fun and useful packages is a great way to show staff appreciation. Your kit or basket can have a theme, vary in size, and contain items that fit your budget. Label each basket or add a personalized card and leave it on employee's desks or in their cubbies. Ideas for kits include:

- ★ Anti-Stress Kit: Decorate old shoe boxes and tape a thoughtful note or poem to the inside top of the box. Fill your box with a few of the following ideas:
 - ★ Bubble wrap or stress balls with a note that reads "For times of stress."
 - ★ Bath salts or bath bombs with a note that reads "To promote relaxation."
 - ★ Chill pills: Take an empty pill bottle and fill with Skittles or M&Ms label it "Chill Pills."
 - ★ Heated socks with a note that reads "May these socks bring you warmth on your coldest days."
 - ★ Wine or favorite beverage with a note that reads "To unWINEd after a long day."
 - ★ Candle with a note that reads "To remind you to shine brightly."



- Chocolate or cake in a mug with a note that reads "For when you need a sweet break."
- ★ Erasers with a note that reads "To make all your troubles disappear."
- ★ Kleenex with a note that reads "In case you ever need a good cry."
- * Smiley face gift and a note that reads "Laughter is the best medicine."
- ★ Heart-shaped treat and a note that reads "To remind yourself that you are loved."
- ★ Marbles with a note that reads "Just in case you lose some of yours."
- * Rubber band with a note that reads "To stretch yourself beyond your limits."
- Paper clip with a note that reads "To hold things together when they feel like they are falling apart."
- ★ Puzzle piece with a note that reads "Because without you things are not complete."
- ★ Penny with a note that reads "So you will never be broke."
- * Matches with a note that reads "To relight your fire when you feel burned out."
- ★ Battery with a note that reads "To give you an extra charge to keep going."
- ★ Gift card with a note that reads "Treat yourself to lunch on a gloomy day."
- * Chocolate Hugs with a note that reads "A hug for a day when you need it most."
- ★ Lifesaver candy with a note that reads "Sometimes even lifesavers need a lifesaver."



Gardening Gift Basket: This is the perfect gift basket as we head into spring. Gardening is a relaxing pastime that eliminates stress and creates beauty and life. Assemble a gardening basket that contains a note reading "Bee happy, spring is here." Place an assortment of seeds in the basket with a note that reads "Seeds for the seeds of knowledge you grow." Include a pair of gloves with a note that reads "Gloves for the days you need an extra pair of hands." Be sure to also include gardening tools and a kneeling pad.



 Paint Your Piggies Gift Basket: In a perfect world, teachers would have the time and resources to keep up with spa days and luxuries like manicures and pedicures. Unfortunately, most are knee-deep in messes and don't have the time to go to the salon. Instead, create a mani/pedi gift basket for your staff members and grant them flexibility. Include the basics like a file, three step polish system, and a hydrating nail oil. Instead of creating your own basket, you can purchase mani/pedi kits that are already assembled and send them to your employees.

- ★ Teacher Survival Kit: Even the most patient and loving of teachers can sometimes feel like they are walking into a zoo of unruly children. Pair these days with a lack of sleep or just feeling under the weather and it can easily turn into the worst day ever. Lucky for them, you are about to give them the greatest gift basket of all. Each of these ideas is infused with love, humor, and tools to get them through their worst days.
 - * Animal crackers with the note that reads "For when your class seems like a zoo."
 - **★ Band-aids** with a note that reads "For when things get a little rough."
 - * Chewing gum with a note that reads "To help you stick to it."
 - *** A sponge** with a note that reads "To help you **soak in** all the children's needs."
 - **★ Tissues** with a note that reads "To dry the tears... yours and theirs."
 - * Crayons with a note that reads "To color your day bright and cheerful."
 - * Marbles with a note that reads "To replace the ones you've lost."
 - ★ Mounds bar with a note that reads "For the MOUNDS of confidence you give your students."
 - * Paper clips with a note that reads "To hold it all together."
 - *** Rubber band** with a note that reads "To remind you to **be flexible**."
 - * Starburst with a note that reads "To give you a BURST of energy when you need it."
 - * Erasers with a note that reads "Because everyone makes mistakes."
 - A marker with a note that reads "To remind you to leave a good MARK wherever you go."
 - Hershey Hugs and Kisses with a note that reads "To remind you that you are loved."
 - ★ Toothpicks with a note that reads "To help you PICK out the good qualities in others and in yourself."
 - * White-out with a note that reads "To correct your wrongs."
 - **★ A glue stick** with a note that reads "To **bond your team**."
 - **★ Batteries** with a note that reads "To **energize yourself**."
 - **★ A push pin** with a note that reads "To help you **push through your battles**."



- **★ Deodorant** with a note that reads "To help you keep your cool when the pressure is on."
- **★ Tootsie roll** with a note that reads "To help you **ROLL with the punches**."
- *** Notebook** with a note that reads "To write down all the funny things kids say."
- **★ Googly eyes** with a note that reads "Because sometimes you need them in the back of your head."
- **★ Teabag** with a note that reads "To remind you that you are **TEA-riffic**!"
- **Two pennies** with a note that reads "So you have the **CENTS to realize how** valuable you are."
- * Lifesavers with a note that reads "Because you are a LIFESAVER to many children."
- **★ Take 5** with a note that reads "To remember to **take a break** when you need one."
- **★ Snickers** or Laffy Taffy with a note that reads "To remember to laugh."
- **★ Kind bar** with a note that reads "Because it takes a **KIND heart to teach** little minds."
- **★ Coffee gift card** with a note that reads "remember that we like you a-LATTE."
- **★ Double Bubble** gum with a note that reads "For multitasking."
- Virus Survival Kit: Cooties have taken on a whole new meaning! Teachers are nervous







to return to their classrooms for the fear of getting sick or bringing the virus back to their families. When in a rush they may forget their hand sanitizer, mask, or other essential items to keep them safe. Now, you can ease that concern by giving them a Virus Survival Kit, complete with hand sanitizer and other preventative measures. Here's what to include in your staff's kit:

- * Hand sanitizer with a note that reads "Hands down, you're the best around!"
- Cheerful cloth mask with a note that reads "Your happy face for the days you are feeling down."
- **★ Disinfectant wipes** with a note that reads "To ensure a **cootie-free zone**."
- **★ Touchless snacks** such as a breakfast bar or Bolthouse smoothie.
- **★ Emergency-C** with a note that reads "Take in the event of an emergency."
- Multi-Vitamins with a note that reads "For the multiple little reasons to stay healthy."
- * Thermometer with a note that reads "To check the daily fun-o-meter"
- * Chicken soup with a note that reads "To warm your soul on a cold day."



MAKE IT PERSONAL!

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Show your teachers how much they mean to you by giving them a personalized gift. There are many different options for customized gifts and your staff will be impressed by how well you know them.

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Ways to Make it Personal

Craft Corner: Recruit a crafty teacher or parent to earn some extra money while sharing their talents. Design a poem in a frame, custom coasters, or a crafty candle. DIY Custom Scrabble Coasters is a fun gift that any English buff will love!

Picture Perfect: Construct a photo scrapbook by hand or arrange one on Shutterstock. If you choose to make your own check out your local craft store. Stores like Joann Fabrics, Hobby Lobby, and Michaels carry an assortment of photobooks and themed stickers to complete your perfect gift.

Leave It to the Pros: Online stores such as Etsy, Zazzle, and Personal Creations carry personalized gifts such as mugs, artwork, clothing, notebooks, and 3D glass photo blocks that are sure to WOW your staff. Zazzle even lets you design your own artwork for their items before brining it to life and shipping it right to you!



THE GIFT OF CCSC!

Celebrate your staff by enriching their minds and selves with a book from the Kris Murray Library! There are currently six different books to choose from. The Happiness Guide For Early Childhood Educators: Secrets to Living Your Best Life In and Out of the Classroom is specifically designed for teachers. The 218 easy-to-read pages reveal secret strategies and habits to maximize teacher happiness and their impact in the classroom!



THE PROOF IS IN THE SOCIAL!

No matter which teacher appreciation activities you plan to do, make sure you are taking lots of pictures. It is important to display your culture and build your reputation as the 'fun center.' Post pictures on your social media pages from your Teacher Appreciation Week or anytime you plan something fun.

Some fun ways to incorporate social media into your week are:

Themed Outfit Contest: Send your teams a list with themed outfits for the week. For example, Monday- pajama day, Tuesday- crazy pattern day, Wednesday- crazy hat day, Thursday-favorite sports day, Friday- Fancy attire. Post a picture to your business's Facebook page and the person in the picture with the most likes at the end of the day wins a gift card to a local restaurant or shop.

Positive Shout Outs: Feature positive staff shout-outs every day during Teacher Appreciation Week on social media.

Publicly Recognize Your Team: Create catchy themed graphics or use photos to rotate through staff and why you are grateful for them on social channels.



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FOLLOW-ALONG CALENDAR!

Too many ideas to organize and not enough time? Eliminate your stress by using the easy-to-follow calendar template provided, complete with a daily dress theme, meals, snacks, gifts, social posts, and even staff meetings to ensure your team has an amazing Teacher Appreciation Week! Every idea planned on the calendar is included in this booklet and listed by name. Next to the name will be the page number where you can reference it to find more details. Feel free to follow the calendar as is or swap out an idea here and there to include your favorites!

Remember, Teacher Appreciation Week should be fun, even for you! Take stress out of the equation by tailoring each activity to fit into your budget. If you don't have the time or resources to implement every suggestion given for the day, then just use one or two ideas. Teacher Appreciation Week is all about showing your staff that you care and having fun while doing it! Tag us in your social media posts so we can see how you are celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week!



MONDAY

Theme: Pajama and Crazy Slipper Day (p. 13)

Staff Meeting: Include Sticky Note Shout-Out, Serious/Silly Awards, and a game. (p. 9, 10)

Breakfast: Serve during staff meeting: Breakfast of Champions (p. 3)

Lunch: Lunch and Read (p. 5)

Snack: Afternoon Snack Attack Trolly (p. 6)

Gift: Mailbox Surprises (p. 9)

Social Media: Positive Shout-Outs (p. 23)



TUESDAY

Theme: Favorite Team Jersey/College Wear Day (p. 13)

Activity: Hugs, You're It! (p. 14)

Breakfast: Batter Up Waffle Bar (p. 3)

Snack: The Morning Love Limo (p. 6)

Lunch: Taco Tuesday (p. 5)

Gift: Letter of Recognition (p. 9)

Social Media: Favorite Team Jersey/College Wear Contest (p. 23)



WEDNESDAY

Theme: Crazy Hat Day (p. 13)

Activity: Party for the Future (p. 14)

Breakfast: Donut Day Bouffet (p. 3)

Lunch: Forks Up Salad Bar (p. 5)

Snack: Ice Cream Social (p. 6)

Gift: Pick a Basket Full of Love (p. 16-21)

Social Media: Publicly recognize your team (p. 23)



THURSDAY

Theme: Superhero Day (p. 13)

Activity: Team Shenanigans (p. 14)

Breakfast: Coffee and Fruit Spread (p. 4)

Snack: The Morning Love Limo (p. 6)

Lunch: Friendship Soup or Chili (p. 4)

Gift: Bouquet of Compliments (p. 10)

Social Media: Positive Shout-Outs (p. 23)



FRIDAY

Theme: Book Character Day (p. 13)

Activity: Photo Booth Break Room (p. 13)

Breakfast: Not Muffin Around (p. 3)

Snack: The Morning Love Limo (p. 6)

Lunch: Best Teacher in the World Chalkboard Menu (p. 5)

Gift: You've Got Mail (p. 8)

Social Media: Post pictures of all the fun ways that you celebrated your teachers this week! (p. 23)





Activity

Pick a weekend activity:

- Zoom Paint and Sip (p. 12)
- The Great Teacher Bake Off (p. 12)
- Movie Night Under the Stars (p. 13)
- Weekend Relaxation. (p. 14)
- Family Game Night for the Staff (p. 13)
- After Work Dinner or Potluck (p. 12)
- Team Shenanigans (p. 14)



Who Are We?

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MEET KRIS MURRAY

Kris Murray is known as America's leading expert on child care business success. Kris is President and Founder of The Child Care Success Company, which has helped thousands of child care, daycare, and preschool programs double, or even triple, their enrollment in six months or less.

She prides herself on her innovative approach as a childcare business coach and marketing consultant for the early childhood industry. Her mission is to help child care owners and directors become more successful and profitable through proven, cutting-edge marketing strategies and her top of the industry child care coaching and training program, the **Child Care Success Academy**.

Through the Academy, Kris has helped thousands of child care owners reach their full potential as leaders, create a strong culture amongst their staff, fill their programs, and expand their companies.

Kris has also authored several books that have helped thousands become more effective with their marketing and enrollment-building.



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She also hosts the world's largest conference 100% focused on the business side of child care. The Child Care Success Summit[™] regularly hosts 900+ top child care business leaders who are looking to learn the strategies to become more profitable, run their businesses better, and succeed in life. Check out childcaresuccesssummit.com for current dates and location.

Kris has been featured in Entrepreneur Magazine, INC Magazine, Newsweek, USA Today, Child Care Exchange, PBS Radio, and is proud to have received an award from Moving America Forward for the impact she's made on the industry.

By far in 20 years of business this is the best decision I ever made to join The Child Care Success Academy. Kris is amazing and beautiful inside as well as out... The training and guidance that is given through her wealth of knowledge and passion is only a benefit to our whole industry... this has changed my life forever. Kris Murray has revolutionized the lives of many childcare owners including ours. Kris has programs designed to engage you at your current level and ramp you up. Ultimately, you have to put in the work, but if you're willing to put in the work it's possible to achieve your goals. Thanks again, Kris, for all you do!



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The Child Care Success Team is made of up several unique and diverse individuals representing 4 countries and multiple states across the US. Each member of the CCSC team is an expert in their own rite. From Sales to Marketing, Coaching to HR we have years of experience to offer you.

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