

GRADE-LEVEL TEACHER APPRECIATION IDEAS



Below you will find a list of teacher appreciation events that were done the last couple of years. Below the list of recent teacher appreciation events are additional teacher appreciation ideas to use for inspiration. If any room parents have additional suggestions, please email me at brandyblakely@gmail.com and I will add them to this list.

Last year: (2022/23)

For the month of October, the 5th grade room parents put together a breakfast spread including apple cider donuts, clementines decorated to look like jack-o-lanterns, juice, and other fruits. The 4th grade put together a popcorn bar with spindrift waters for the month of November. The 3rd grade put together "wellness" bags for the teachers which included: chapstick, lotion, a granola bar, and an affirmation card for the month of January. The 2nd grade put together goody bags with godiva chocolate hearts, a "you are appreciated" pen, "thank you" tissues, and k-cup coffee pods. In March, the 1st grade put together a St. Patrick's day themed breakfast of bagels and juice with student made decorations. In May the kindergarten put together a lemonade bar with lemonade, fruit mix-ins, and lemon treats.

(2021/22) The 5th grade gave teachers individually wrapped chocolate dipped oreos in a Halloween theme for teacher appreciation in October. The 4th grade put together and gave all of the teachers and staff individual s'mores kits in November. (You're appreciated s'more than you know!). The 3rd grade put together a tray of petite desserts for teachers and staff in January. The 2nd grade put together and gave all of the teachers and staff individual bags of popcorn and candy (You Make My Heart Pop!) for the month of February. The 1st grade room parents organized a spread of breakfast items (bagels, fruit, juice, etc) for the teachers and staff on the first day of parent/teacher conferences in March. The Kindergarten provided individual succulents "Thank you for helping is grow."

Food-Based Ideas

- Have an order of individually packaged bubbly water delivered to the staff room with personalized notes.
- Put together little hot chocolate gift bags (hot chocolate packets, peppermint spoons, a snack to go with it).
- Strawberry themed gifts (strawberry candy, strawberry water, strawberry masks, "You are the Berry Best!")
- Individually wrapped pretzels, mints, and seltzers, ("Thank you for your Commit-mint!").
- Fruit or vegetables of any kind are welcome. Requests for **healthy** has been given.
- Write messages with a sharpie on fruit you can peel (bananas, oranges, etc.)

You are awesome, you make a difference, we appreciate you, you're the pick of the bunch, we'd go bananas without you, thanks for all that you do, thanks a bunch, we couldn't have picked a better teacher, orange you glad it's Friday, etc.

- Make your own granola bar - set up plain granola and jars of extras and leave out containers for staff to fill

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- Make your own candy bar - set up jars/containers with different kinds of candy and provide bags/boxes for the staff to fill
 - Holiday themed candy or sweets - Valentine's, Halloween, etc.

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-Stock the staff room freezer with chipwich ice cream sandwiches or other frozen treat -Wrap gum/candy/package food with a message (google/pinterest for more ideas)

Extra Gum: Thank you for going the extra mile, Thanks for giving a little extra, Thank you for making this school extra special

Starburst: You are the stars of our school

Gold Coins: You are worth more than gold

Microwave Popcorn: Just popping in to say thanks

Swedish Fish: You're o-fish-ally amazing

Tea: Our teachers are tea-rific, We love our **teachers**

Mints: You were mint to be a great teacher, You were mint to teach

-Teachers love seltzer water

Non-Food Ideas

-Individual succulents ("Thank you for helping us grow!")

-Coordinate with ZASP staff to have students make drawings and decorate the staff room -Have your grade write thank you/appreciation notes on sticky notes and hang up -Decorate/stock the staff bathrooms: Bouquet of flowers, drawings from students, put out nice soap and/or lotion, holiday/seasonal themed garland,etc.

-Stress relief basket: stress squeeze balls, stress relief tea, stress relief coloring pages, lavender plant for the room, etc.

-Bring in a licensed massage therapist to give 10 minute chair massages (teachers sign up for slots, you could likely find someone to donate this as they can hand out business cards)

-Basket of dry erase markers/sharpeners/highlighters with signs: you are above the mark, it's going to be a bright year with a staff like you, you are the highlight of our school, etc.

-Basket of lip balm with a sign: "We think you're the balm"

-Have kids create artwork and have families tape them to all of the glass on doors outside of the school for teachers and staff to see when they come into school in the morning.

-Do a drive to collect necessary items for teachers' classrooms. Dry erase markers, other markers, hand sanitizer etc... Have them dropped off at the front of the school with a sign of appreciation

Virtual Ideas: (If necessary)

- - Virtual Photo Thank You (google slide works well)
- - Virtual Flower Bouquet (kids hold flowers and have a picture taken, parents send to room parent to put together) (google slide works well)
- - Google Doc's that lets families write notes, post pictures, and general thank you's to staff

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and teachers. (Could do this multiple times with different themes maybe?)

- - For an older class, maybe 3rd-5th? Have children write a Haiku or other type of poetry and Poetry bomb the teachers
 - - Create a “we love our teachers” mad lib and send it home to the families over email. Have the families send the completed mad libs to teachers on a specific day by email
 - - Create a virtual card via Kudoboard (<https://www.kudoboard.com/>). Using this site, individuals can post messages including pictures and GIFs and all will be posted to one board for the recipient.
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