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Embracing ND Educators

IDEAS FOR SCHOOL-WIDE TEACHER APPRECIATION

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For this strategy, schools can hang poster paper along the walls of the school cafeteria to provide a canvas for notes of gratitude. Poster paper is then labeled in sections with teacher names, and a stack of sticky notes is placed on the center of each lunch table in the cafeteria. During their lunch periods, students are encouraged to write a note of gratitude to their teachers on the sticky note and post it in the corresponding sections of poster paper. Other school staff can monitor these messages of gratitude throughout the week, and at the end of Teacher Appreciation Week, teachers are able to view their notes of gratitude.

Friendly Forms is a strategy that begins when school staff create a Google or Microsoft Form that students can use to leave anonymous positive messages for teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. The link to this form can be shared far and wide—using QR codes or links on signs around the school—and can be made accessible during passing periods or before or after the school day. Schools will want to ensure that students adhere to building cell phone policies, but this is a quick strategy for all to utilize to thank a teacher. At the end of Teacher Appreciation Week, teachers are given access to their positive messages via email.

FRIENDLY FORMS

ADMINISTRATOR ROUNDS

Teachers appreciate being appreciated—and who better to show appreciation for staff than the administrators of school buildings? During Teacher Appreciation Week, administrators can take an opportunity to make their rounds around the school building, calling attention to the great work that teachers have done throughout the school year. Bonus points if these affirmations take place with students in the room to agree with their applause!

School-Wide Teacher Appreciation IDEAS

This strategy may be incredibly effective for elementary classrooms where students may still be working on early literacy skills. School administrative staff or other support staff can set up a camera station (iPad, phone, laptop computer) and utilize a bit of classroom lunch time to film students sharing a word of kindness to their teacher. Videos can be compiled and sent to the teacher during Teacher Appreciation Week. Some sample prompts for younger students may include:

- What is your favorite thing about your teacher?
- What is the best thing about being in your teacher's classroom?
- What is one thing you would like to thank your teacher for?

For older students, a club or organization may want to take on this strategy and call for all students to share an appreciation for a specific teacher in the school. If videos are taken during lunch periods in the month prior to Teacher Appreciation Week, videos can be compiled, edited, and split into 3-5 minute segments with a new video released to school staff each day of Teacher Appreciation Week.

CLASSROOM FILMS*

*When using this strategy, ensure the school has a written photo/video consent form on file from a parent or guardian of each student under the age of 18.