**Letter from the A-Team Inviting**

**Businesses to Be a Part of The EAP**

At \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ school we have established a student appreciation team (A-Team) with a

mission to transform the culture of our school to one where students recognize and express appreciation to others who do things to make their lives better. In addition, another group of students called the G-Force (G for gratitude) is working to help develop a school-wide attitude of gratitude. We believe that this will carry over into students’ homes and community and have a significant impact on our community.

We have learned that employees who know that their work is recognized and appreciated by the students and the community will go the extra mile to give their best effort. We want our staff to know that they are appreciated not only by the students but also by the community.

We believe that there are a few businesses in our community that are prestigious enough to make our employees feel especially honored to receive a message of appreciation from them.  We believe that (name of business) is not only such a business but one that is anxious to make our community an even better place to live. For these reasons, we’re inviting (name of business) to join us in this effort.

We have divided our employees into eight groups and have designated eight appreciation days so that a different group of school employees will be celebrated on each of the days. We are seeking to have many individuals and groups do a little so that no one need do a lot.  We invite (name of business) to do something small to honor employees being recognized on one of our eight appreciation days. The number of employees being honored on each day varies considerably with the smallest being custodians and the largest being teachers.

This program is not about providing things of monetary value. Rather, we are seeking sincere expressions of appreciation such as a personalized card or a note to thank staff members for what they do. Tokens of appreciation such as a pencil, pen, candy bar, bottle of water or a coupon will certainly be appreciated by staff members but our goal is for our staff members to feel genuine appreciation from our community.

To make the appreciation days more fun for everyone concerned, we have chosen a theme for each day that we hope will be incorporated into cards, notes, etc.   We hope that you will welcome this opportunity to make a difference in our school and community. If so, please let our student A-Team know which day(s) you want to be involved with and what you plan to do. We’ll be happy to supply you with the dates of each appreciation day, the themes and the number and names of the employees involved in any group if you are interested.

We hope that (name of business) will find this program to be worthy of your support.

Sincerely,

The A-Team at \_\_\_\_\_\_School