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Food Service Appreciation Day

Brrrrr! Get ready to Winterize your Appreciation Day Celebrations.

Food Service Appreciation Day is just around the corner on January 16th. With record lows being set across the country, the Winter Wonderland theme will be particularly appropriate.

Check out the activities and suggestions in the packets to ensure that you create a warm and inviting celebration to honor the food service workers. Remember to watch the Thursday Tips for inside info and great ideas that will be sure to melt the hearts of those you are honoring.

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Superintendent Appreciation Day Celebrations

Superintendent Day is quickly becoming one of our favorite appreciation days because of all the charity drives that happen throughout Tennessee in honor of the superintendents. It is heart-warming to read the summaries and see the pictures of students doing incredible things to help their community while giving honor to their great leaders.

Below are first-hand accounts of all the great things that happened during Superintendent Appreciation Day. The pride of the coordinators is obvious. We know you will be proud, too.

Anderson County Career & Technical Center - The students presented Mr. Larry Foster with a card, a signed poster, and a picture for his office or home showing a big

Thank You for all his hard work for the students of Anderson County.

Lake City Elementary - As Mr. Foster walked into the auditorium, all of the students and staff gave him a standing ovation. Mr.

Baggett, our principal welcomed Mr. Foster and thanked him for coming. A special assembly program was written and performed by our Music Maker group that consists of 4th and 5th grade students and our music teacher. Following the performance, our student-body president introduced each grade level representative that came

forward with their grade level gifts for Mr. Foster. The program concluded by thanking Mr. Foster for his leadership and dedication to LCES and all of the Anderson County Schools. Following the program, one of our teachers took the vinyl sign that says "LCES Loves (heart) Our Director" to Central Office to hang near Mr. Foster's office and can be seen as you step off of the elevator.

Principal Mr. Baggett to the A-team, "You outdid yourselves this morning. Mr. Foster was genuinely touched today."



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Benton County Schools Honors Superintendent, Mr. Florence

Briarwood - A charity drive was held in honor of Mr. Mark Florence for his special day to benefit needy families in the community. Each grade level was encouraged to bring in items in a friendly school-wide competition. It was extremely successful. Hundreds of food items and household products were donated by the students to help others in need. Mr. Florence attended a special assembly where the success of the drive was announced for everyone to hear.

Camden Elementary School - Our Superintendent Appreciation Day was a treat, a birthday treat! We elected to make a Birthday in a Bag for our local Food Pantry. Each class brought in a specific item such as cake mixes, frostings, party plates, and napkins. Our staff provided the candles and a local church donated the birthday bags. Our A-Team made posters and announcements. Our entire student body also created and signed a gigantic banner during their Art class. On the Appreciation Day,

students presented their party bags to our superintendent, Mr. Mark Florence, and serenaded him in song. Our school board also participated by packing the party bags following their monthly meeting and celebrating with cupcakes made in the shape of a football since Mr. Florence mans our clock at the high school football games. This was the first year for Mr. Florence and he said, "Thank you so much for honoring me in this way. It is great to work for Benton County schools."

Camden Junior High School - The Camden Jr. High A-Team students showed their appreciation to our Director of Schools, Mark Florence, by donating 7 girl birthday bags and 7 boy birthday bags to the Benton County Ministerial Alliance in honor of him. Each bag contained cake mix, candles, napkins, frosting, and a birthday card. This was requested by our Director of Schools. The students also made an appreciation card and presented it to Mr. Florence.

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Career & Technical CHS - In honor of Superintendent Appreciation Day, the students created a giving tree and brought in food items. After the deadline passed, the students sorted the food into separate bags to give to specific families. The bags were distributed throughout the community to help them in time of need. All of this was done in honor of Mr. Mark Florence.

Holladay School - The students at Holladay School made cards for the Director of Schools and collected pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House in Nashville. The students collected over 64 pounds of pull tabs. The pull tab collection is an annual fundraiser where RMH uses the money made from recycling the tabs to help support the House during the year. It is a great program to teach the kids about recycling and helping others.

Fayetteville City Schools Celebrations

We did a food drive in honor of Dr. Wilson, our Superintendent. We used

our A-Team and Peer Educators to collect the cans and even allowed students to use canned items as admission to our ballgames that week. We were able to supply 6 families with food for Thanksgiving and start a Food Bank in our high school to meet any needs that may arise in the future.

Hamblen County Celebrations

Hillcrest Elementary - For Superintendent Appreciation Day, our A-Team honored Dr. Lynch by collecting non perishable food items for Food on Foot. Food on Foot is a faith based organization in the Hamblen County area that provides weekend food for children whose families struggle financially and may not have food on the weekends. The A-Team created a flyer to send home with each student, then they made a great banner to let Dr. Lynch know how much we appreciate all his hard work. Dr. Lynch came by the school and had lunch with the students and sent a very nice thank you note.

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Hawkins County Honors Superintendent, Ms. Britton

Bulls Gap - For Superintendent Appreciation Day, we had a dozen chocolate covered strawberries delivered to Ms. Britton to show our appreciation for all that she does. We also donated two books to our school library in her honor.

Carter's Valley Elementary - The A-Team students at CVES decided that they wanted to hold a food drive in honor of Director Britton that would help students in their area that may need food for the holidays and on weekends. The students set a goal of bringing in 1,000 cans from our small school. Each week students would collect cans and make boxes to send home with families for the Thanksgiving holiday. By the end of the drive, CVES students had surpassed their goal and collected over 1600 cans!

Cherokee High School - Cherokee High School's A-Team joined forces with our Beta Club and ROTC to host a food drive in honor of Superintendent Charlotte

Britton. We were able to collect many items which were donated to the local mission Shepherd's Center. These items were then distributed to families in need in our area over the holidays.

Church Hill Elementary School - To celebrate Superintendent Appreciation Day, our fourth grade teachers and students organized a food drive for the entire school. They collected food to donate to the Church Hill Food Pantry. It was a great success and done in honor of Director Britton.

Church Hill Middle School - Our Related Arts teachers coordinated a canned food drive. Students brought in canned food items to their Related Arts teachers which were donated to a local food pantry. Students also made signs of appreciation to hang in our school and signed an appreciation card to send to Ms. Britton.

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Clinch School - For Superintendent Appreciation, our school collected money to sponsor two people for Adult Education. The GED test costs around \$65.00. We have people in our community that take the classes and are ready to take the test to get their diploma but can't take it due to lack of funding. Clinch School decided to sponsor two people so they can better their lives and the lives of their children. We gave this money in honor of Mrs. Britton for her appreciation day.

Hawkins Elementary - For Superintendent's Appreciation Day, our students brought in over 1400 canned and boxed food items that were donated to our local food bank. This was done in honor of our superintendent.

Joseph Rogers Primary - Joseph Rogers Primary held a food drive in honor of our Director,

Charlotte Britton. Students donated 660 food items for the Hawkins County Family Resource Center. They also created thank you art and hand shaped cards. We framed a photo of the kids with food items for Director Britton to place in her office. A write up and a photo was submitted to our local newspaper.

Keplar Elementary - Mrs. Charlotte Britton, our Superintendent, came out and spent some time with us at our school. As a fundraiser the school sold suckers and had a "Presents for Pets" animal supply drive. We collected \$80 and numerous items to be donated to the Hawkins County Humane Society. We made a scrapbook for Mrs. Britton so she can always remember that she is our "Super C" superhero. We also got her a shirt to wear to match all the staff at Keplar and a personalized cape and mask.

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McPheeter's Bend - Our A-Team students worked really hard to create a bulletin board to honor our superintendent. They made Mrs. Britton into a Superhero of Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. They also made self-portrait faces to surround the superhero. We are thankful for everything she does for our schools.

Mooresburg Elementary - Mooresburg School celebrated Superintendent Appreciation Day by having a food drive. Our drive was called, "Bring for Britton" in honor of our Superintendent. We were able to collect a lot of cans and other food items. Our A-Team students helped pack the food in boxes. We delivered the food to the Mooresburg Community Association. It was a great day.

Mt. Carmel - To honor Director Britton, we collected socks to partner with the local Masons in Hawkins County. Our school collected 934 pair of socks! A smilebox was made from photos taken throughout the drive and given

to Mrs. Britton as a keepsake of the day.

Pathways - We honored both our Director and Co-Director of Schools. The students made banners and posters to decorate the room. They also wrote what the perfect Thanksgiving would be and what they are thankful for. We displayed them as well. We served them a great lunch. Thank you Mrs. Britton, Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Starnes for all that you do for Hawkins County Schools.

Rogersville Middle School - Rogersville Middle School collected warm clothes and coats for the Hawkins County Resource Center in honor of Superintendent Day. Several students and teachers donated hats, gloves, heavy coats, and sweatsuits for the Resource Center. Students enjoyed drawing turkeys and writing Thank You notes on them. We have requested that the coat and warm clothing drive continue throughout the month of November.

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St. Clair Elementary - To show our Director of Schools how much we appreciate her, we had each of our students write about Ms. Britton and her job. All of these writings and pictures were compiled to create several books for Mrs. Britton to enjoy. We recognize and appreciate the huge contributions she makes for our school system!

Surgoinsville Elementary - We held our first ever Turkey Teacher contest for our Director of Schools Appreciation Day. For three weeks, students were encouraged to vote for their favorite teacher by dropping loose change in their turkey boxes. In those three weeks, we raised \$700! The money went to buy food gift cards for the students of SES. We were able to buy 28 \$25 gift cards. Mrs. Nikki McCurry was named our Turkey Teacher.

Surgoinsville Middle School - The students of Surgoinsville Middle School donated loaves of bread to make the stuffing for Thanksgiving

dinners distributed by People Loving People on Thanksgiving Day. We invited Steve Starnes, the Assistant Director of Schools, to an assembly to dedicate our donation in honor of Mrs. Charlotte Britton. The SMS Handbell Choir performed and Mr. Starnes gave a speech.

Volunteer High School - In honor of Mrs. Britton our "super" Director of Schools we collected supplies for Church Hill Rehab and Health Care Center. The A team entertained the residents with songs and their smiling faces. Thank you Mrs. Britton for everything you do.

Hollow Rock Bruceton - We had a SUPER Superintendent's Day Celebration. In honor of our Superintendent, David Duncan, we decided to do a penny drive to benefit a student of Hollow Rock-Bruceton who is currently battling cancer. The pennies were collected for 2 days and over \$700 was raised! It was an emotional and wonderful day. It was the TRUE definition of THANKSGIVING.

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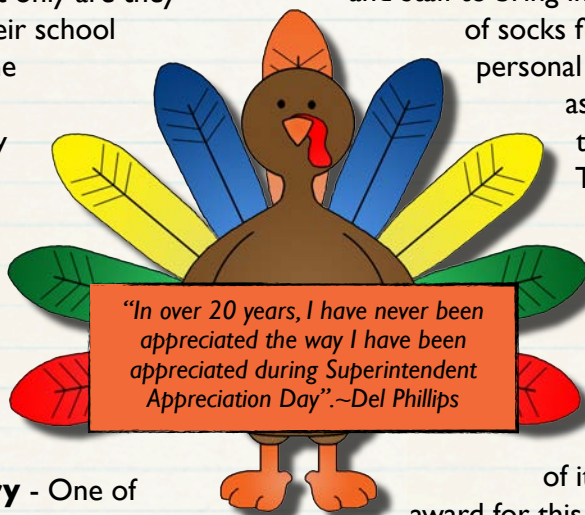


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Sumner County Honors Dr. Del Phillips

Beech Elementary - Beech Elementary had a great day with Dr. Del Phillips during Superintendent Appreciation Day. After showing him the success of coat drive held in his honor, he told the A-Team members not only are they leaders in their school but also in the community. He graciously expressed appreciation to them for all they did for him.



"In over 20 years, I have never been appreciated the way I have been appreciated during Superintendent Appreciation Day".~Del Phillips

Bethpage Elementary - One of our kindergarten teachers created a "flower" bouquet for Dr. Phillips for his special day. The "flowers" were made of paper with pictures of honoring things for the superintendent. It was titled "Thank You for Helping Us Bloom".

Howard Elementary - Our A-Team honored our Director of Schools Dr. Del Phillips by participating in the Socks of Love program. Three students made announcements asking all students and staff to bring in a new, clean pair of socks filled with personal necessities such as soap, toothbrush, etc. The socks were distributed to those in need through Gallatin CARES. Our A-Team voted to use up to \$25 of its Lucky Star award for this purpose. In addition, the students wrote a card of appreciation for Dr. Phillips and took pictures of each other holding up signs that spell out a special message for him.

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JW Wiseman - Our A-Team students led the entire school in a coin drive to feed hungry families in our community to honor of our superintendent, Dr. Del Phillips. The grade that collected the most money would choose which teacher or principal had to do the chicken dance in front of the entire school. Over \$500 was collected in one week! The 2nd grade won. They voted for 4 staff members to dress like chickens and do the chicken dance. There is a video to prove it. The chicken dance video, pictures and students singing the song were included in a smilebox made especially for Dr. Phillips. It was sent to him as a keepsake of the day. It was a day to remember.

North Sumner Elementary - North Sumner Elementary honored Dr. Phillips by holding a can food drive in conjunction with Red Ribbon Week. We also recognized Dr. Phillips thanking him for his support on our school sign. Classrooms sent cards thanking him as well. A bulletin board was decorated with a "SUPERMAN" theme. A picture of Dr. Phillips as Superman was drawn by our art teacher. Lunch was delivered to Dr. Phillips' office on his special day.

Station Camp Elementary - At Station Camp Elementary, we were so excited to be able to fulfill a need within our community, while also honoring our

superintendent of schools. We felt this would be a perfect way to honor our superintendent because the food pantry is specifically to Sumner County Schools through Second Harvest Food Bank. Once the food drive began, our A-Team students were hard at work making inspirational posters and getting our classes fired up to donate through our G-Force students and announcements. Likewise, we also created an invitation to give to our Superintendent, Dr. Phillips, for our presentation. This resulted in some very excited students! The A-Team students created a video of pictures and posters with statistics about hunger in our area. They put this video to the official Feed the World campaign song titled "We are the World." It was a great video, filled with students' hard work and hearts! The students presented the information to Dr. Phillips, and then loaded up the Second Harvest Van with the first ever Sumner County Schools Food Pantry donation alongside their superintendent and principals. The following school day, A-Team members were selected to go to the actual food pantry located at our Board of Education to help stock the shelves with Dr. Phillips. Their parents were invited to come along as well to help out. The students were filled to the brim with appreciation and felt they had so much to be thankful for!

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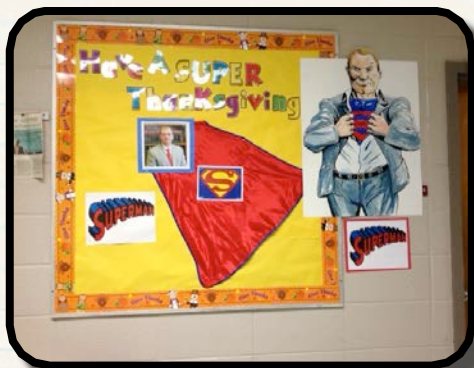
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Sweetwater City School -

For Superintendent Appreciation Day, Dr. Melanie Miller received many letters, cards, and gifts from the students and staff members. We all appreciate her very much. She does a great job to help make Sweetwater City School a great place to learn.

Trousdale County Celebrations:

Jim Satterfield Middle School

JSMS hosted a coat and shoe drive for The Christmas for Kids Foundation. All donations were presented in honor of Mr. Clint Satterfield for Superintendent Appreciation Day. The A-Team also presented Mr. Satterfield with a card of appreciation and winter inspired goodies.

Trousdale County

Elementary - Trousdale County Elementary School held a canned

food drive in honor of our superintendent Mr. Satterfield. We collected 707 canned food items that were donated to the local food bank in his name. He is a great superintendent and we appreciate all he does to make Trousdale County special.

Trousdale County High School

In honor of Superintendent Clint Satterfield, the TCHS A-Team went to local businesses and requested donations be sent to the American Red Cross for the Typhoon Relief and/or to help the Midwest after the tornadoes hit. They did an excellent job and raised \$150.00! We made announcements about our appreciation for our Superintendent Mr. Satterfield. A brief article will be sent to the local newspaper about the great things done in honor of our superintendent.

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Superintendent Appreciation Day
LUCKY STAR WINNER



Congratulations to Surgoinsville Middle School in Hawkins County for being the winner of the Lucky Star Random Drawing for Superintendent Day. \$100 goes to their A-Team to be used in great ways!

Remember, all you have to do to enter is submit at least 5 photos and a short, detailed summary after each appreciation day. You may win \$100 for your A-Team.

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