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Why are related art teachers, counselors and librarians not included in Teacher Appreciation Day?

There are three reasons why we celebrate special teachers and staff on their own appreciation day:

1. Classroom teachers want to be a part of celebrating the special teachers and they are able to help their students do so when they have their own special day.
2. They are special and deserve a special day. Teacher Appreciation Day activities are designed to be done in the teacher's homeroom. The celebration activities do not fit for special teachers and staff who do not have a homeroom class. If they were celebrated on Teacher Appreciation Day, the attention they receive would be considerably diminished.
3. Special teachers and staff are needed to help with the celebrations of Teacher Appreciation Day in the same manner that teachers need to be involved in celebrating special teachers and staff.

What's In This Issue?

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Winter Wonderland for Food Service Staff

The weather outside provided a beautiful backdrop for the Winter Wonderland theme for our Food Service Appreciation Day. It cooperated so much that some systems had to delay their fun activities several times because of all the snow days! When the festivities were finally able to take place, the students did an incredible job showing honor to these hard-working staff members. Here is a recap of the fun things that took place in the schools. It was a success because there's 'snow' one that works harder than the Food Service workers!

Anderson County.

Anderson County Career & Technical - The ACCTC A-Team put together goody bags for our lunch ladies at ACHS. They were on their break when the A-Team presented them their bags. The bags consisted of a 2 year planner, tissue, pen and notepad, an apple cinnamon sachet, hand sanitizer, gum, M&M candy, and a thank you card. They seemed to be pleased with their goodies!

Andersonville Elementary - We spent time celebrating our wonderful Food Service workers. We decorated our cafeteria with "snow" much thanks and sent sweet treats to warm their day! AES loves our Food Service Workers!

Clinton High School - The students created snowmen goodie bags and used the winter theme on our banner with snowmen and snowflakes. We thought about how hard all of the dish washing and cleaning must be on the ladies' hands, and about how they're on their feet for such a long time. We filled the goody bags with hand lotions and foot gels so the ladies can do a little bit of pampering at home. We also threw in some chocolate, because that usually makes everyone happy. Our teachers allowed the students time to write thank you notes, so we had a BIG pile to deliver to the ladies. The students helped deliver all the goodies to the cafeteria. It was great to do something nice for people who work so hard. The kids commented on how nice it was to see the smiles on the faces of the cafeteria ladies.

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Celebrating Food Service Staff

Lake City Elementary - Our Student Council made a sign that says "Thank You!" and wrote notes and signed their names on the sign. Students made appreciation cards for each cafeteria worker and personalized t-shirts were made for each of them. A special assembly program was also written and performed by LCES Music Makers and our music teacher. This was presented to the entire school. The cafeteria workers were given a standing ovation before and after the program. The staff also prepared and served the Cafeteria workers a homemade pot-luck lunch in appreciation for always preparing food for us. Also, the students were sure to say thank you to the cafeteria workers as they went through the line to get their lunch. They also tried to be especially helpful and well behaved in the cafeteria the entire week.

Fayetteville City Schools.

Fayetteville Middle School - The students at Fayetteville Middle School honored their Food Service workers by creating an adorable banner hanging in the cafeteria for them to see

everyday and posters with clever sayings thanking them for their hard work.

Fayetteville High School - Our A-Team as well as others students made and signed posters to hang in our commons area. The A-Team along with our principal and other staff members presented our Food Service Staff with a cake and told them how much we appreciate them and how much they "spice up our lives"!

Ralph Askins Elementary - The Food Service staff were given posters made by the students to tell them how much they are loved and appreciated for their hard work and dedication.

Jackson County

Gainesboro Elementary - We celebrated Food Service Day by making each lady a gift bag containing snowmen soup. Each worker received their gift from a student. Each class described the lunch ladies on a snowflake that was displayed in the cafeteria with the heading COOL COOKS!

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Benton County Celebrates Food Service Day

Big Sandy School - Big Sandy A-Team creates a Winter Wonderland for their ladies. Snowman was made from milk jugs; winter white lights decorated the party; snowmen were everywhere; bubble wrap was used for snow; and a bulletin board displayed a cotton ball message. The ladies were given homemade candy treats for their special day.

Briarwood Elementary - Students made snowflakes during their math lessons and snowball cupcakes. In order to help everyone get to know the staff, students took pictures of workers holding a sign about what they like to do after work. As a special keepsake for for the day, the ladies were given personalized snowmen made out of yarn, special name tags, aprons, decorated water bottles and snowman candy bars. There were posters and more posters announcing the big day and Winter Wonderland boards that featured students having a snowball fight and their favorite foods with recipe in the ladies' honor. Pie was the special treat for the day to show them they are "Perfect In Experience"!

Camden Elementary - Our Food Service Appreciation Day was a true

Winter Wonderland inside and out! Our students made snowman pictures and letters. Every student created their own snowball of thanks which the A-Team and G-Force assembled into individual snowmen posters for each of our Food Service workers. The A-Team made daily announcements and created winter wonderland posters. Early in the bitter cold morning, our workers were warmed by hot chocolate set up in the lunchroom. They were then treated to a lunch composed of homemade soup, sandwiches, chips and dip, and numerous winter wonderland themed desserts. Our principal and members of the A-Team presented them with a white snowman pot filled with goodies such as candy bars, marshmallow snowmen, water, snowball cupcakes, and snowmen glowsticks. All the workers gave a small speech stating their appreciation for their day and how much they enjoyed working at the school. They were then treated to a program where they were serenaded with song. One class spelled out a human "Thank You" while their teacher recited the reading in English and Spanish. The students were given a round of applause. It was a wonderful day!

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Camden High School - Our students made and presented a poster of appreciation to the Cafeteria Workers! They seem to really appreciate the attention.

Camden Junior High School - Camden Junior High A-Team students honored their lunchroom staff with a "winter-wonderland" appreciation. The A-Team leaders and their individual homerooms decorated life-size snowmen and snowflakes to display on the lunchroom walls. The snowflakes had strong adjectives to describe the hard work and dedication the staff shows our school all year long. The A-Team also presented each lunchroom employee with a bottled water labeled "liquid ice for someone nice".

Holladay School - Our students made cards and posters for the Food Service workers. The A-Team made gift bags which included snowman water bottles and popcorn. It was a good day.

Hamblen County

Hillcrest Elementary - We had such a lovely time treating our Food Service Workers. The A-Team made a

poster for all of the students to sign as they go to lunch. They also stuffed oven mitts with candy and snacks and attached a note that said, "we have to ad-mitt, we're glad you're our cook". A student read the acrostic poem over the intercom for all of the students and faculty. Our great Food Service Workers were treated to a luncheon in their honor. As the ladies dined, they were entertained by the A-Team with jokes and stories. We had a great time!

Meadowview Middle School - Student Council Officers prepared lunch for our Food Service Ladies. One day they had homemade lasagna, salad and dessert and the other day they had homemade chicken pot pie and fruit.

Union Heights Elementary - The cafeteria was decorated in snowy fun with snowmen everywhere to create a Winter Wonderland. We wanted to honor our Food Service workers "cause there's snow ladies like our lunch ladies!" They were treated to a wonderful lunch and given gift cards for another meal. Students wore white to show appreciation to our special ladies.

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Hawkins County Honors Food Service Staff

Carter's Valley Elementary -

The students were excited to celebrate our Food Service Workers by creating a Winter Wonderland banner for the cafeteria and handing out adorable personalized tote bags with goodies for the ladies to enjoy.

Cherokee High School - At Cherokee, we honored our cafeteria staff by having students create snowflakes with thank you messages and placing them throughout the school. We also gave our cafeteria staff some "winter wonderland" goodies such as candybars, hot cocoa, gloves, special water bottles, and wintergreen gum. CHS has the best cafeteria staff ever!

Church Hill Elementary - Our Winter Wonderland was beautiful with snowflakes in the air, snowmen everywhere. The students made thank you cards for the Cafeteria workers, with hugs and thanks and high 5's all around. Special wreaths were made with snowmen and beautiful ribbon. They had their own

special hot cocoa made in the form of a snowman.

Church Hill Middle - The snow could not delay us in celebrating Food Service Appreciation! Our 7th grade gold team honored our Food Service Staff by making posters and banners of appreciation, and we also presented them with a cake.

Clinch School - Oh the weather outside was frightful...but cafeteria appreciation day was delightful! The cafeteria was decorated with snow, snow, and more snow. Students made thank you notes with snowmen on the front and snowflakes on the inside. White bags were turned into snowmen and were used to hold "snowman soup", a snowman candy bar and other goodies. The staff and faculty gave each of the cafeteria ladies a scrub top. The decorations made the cafeteria look cold and wintry but the celebration made everyone feel warm and fuzzy inside!

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Hawkins County Celebrates Food Service Day

Joseph Roger's Primary - JRP's Food Service staff were greeted by students clad in winter attire to present a banner and treat bags. Students read a "Thank You" during morning announcements prior to the presentation. Students presented "Thank You" artwork from the whole school and gave verbal thanks and hugs to the staff. Our students worked on a "Thank You" banner, "Thank You" artwork and decorated treat bags. A photo and blurb were submitted to the local newspaper.

Keplar School - We love our food service workers, Gloria and Hazel. They are the best. To show them our appreciation we made them a goodie basket with their favorite treats and we also had them a set of scrubs embroidered with Keplar school and their names on them. We also made a bulletin board for them.

McPheeter's Bend - For food service appreciation day, The A-Team made our lovely ladies posters and we decorated the cafeteria to look like a winter wonderland. The staff

also prepared winter themed treats for everybody to enjoy. The A-Team gifted the ladies with an apple cider drink and mug. The children in the whole school also wrote them letters of appreciation.

Mooreburg Elementary - We celebrated Food Service Appreciation Day at Mooreburg Elementary by having the A-Team present each worker with a \$20 gift card from Cracker Barrel and gift bags full of hot cocoa, marshmallows, and candy canes. We honored them by decorating a bulletin board in the hallway.

Mt. Carmel Elementary - MCES is excited to celebrate our fabulous cafeteria staff!! Our cafeteria has been transformed into a winter wonderland. PreK and Kindergarten students created murals of thanks. 1st grade wrote snowmen of thanks. Third grade created snowflakes with notes of appreciation to our staff. 4th grade students fine tuned letter writing skills and wrote friendly letters to each staff member.

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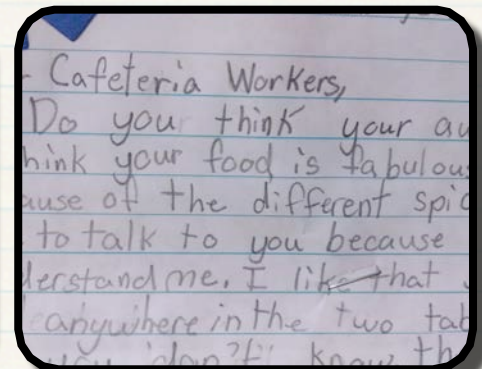
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Rogersville Middle School -

The students provided a Winter Wonderland for the cafeteria workers for their special day. It was decorated with handmade snowflakes and signs of appreciation. Judging by the smiles on the workers' faces, they felt honored and appreciated.

St. Clair Elementary -

For Food Service Appreciation Day, St. Clair gave each of our awesome food service workers a gift basket that included gloves, a candle, a gift card, coffee, and candy. All of the faculty pitched in to provide a tasty brunch for them to enjoy as well.

Volunteer High School -

We celebrated Food Service Appreciation Day using the Winter Wonderland theme. Our A-Team performed a rendition of Walking in a Winter Wonderland to lots of applause from our great food service staff. Each member of the staff received a candy bar, a bottle of water, a "snowball" and a pair of cozy socks.

Personalized thank you notes from the student body were given to all.

Trousdale County

Jim Satterfield Middle School

- Our "Lunch Ladies" were given mugs filled with hot chocolate, a cookie and cream snowman, and a card expressing appreciation for all they do for students and staff.

Trousdale County

Elementary - Today we celebrated our cafeteria ladies. We served them snowman cupcakes and hot cocoa. We also made three snowmen with the circles that have our thank you written on them.

Trousdale County High

School - Snow days put us a little behind this month but my A-Team got the job done! Our cafeteria ladies were treated with candy bars, Subway gift cards, and hot chocolate with marshmallows! The A-Team did a fantastic job on the snowmen and showing honor to our hard workers.

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HB Williams Elementary -

Our blizzard of cafeteria appreciation was amazing! Our A-Team and G-Force members worked hard throughout the past week collaborating with their classes, teachers and peers. We planned five days worth of activities.

First, a large snowman with messages of thanks was placed outside the cafeteria for everyone to see. Students throughout the school wrote cards and designed snowflakes that were hung all around both lunch lines and the walls of the cafeteria.

Posters, cards, magnets, hugs, and smiles were given personally by students throughout the week. The A-Team and G-Force members, along with their classmates, designed posters that were used to do a HUGE cheer in the cafeteria just for our special ladies. The entire school dressed in blue to

show the ladies just how 'cool' they are.

Finally, teachers and the team members prepared desserts and hosted a beautiful shower for the cafeteria staff.

Howard Elementary - Our A-Team led the school in celebrating our five cafeteria ladies. Three students created a beautiful Snowman Bulletin Board; other students made announcements asking the student body to make snowflake or snowball notes with a word of appreciation. A different small group made personalized goody bags and created a "flurry of thanks" in the cafeteria line for the workers to see the next morning. On the big day, the school was instructed to be thankful and a group of students sang. The ladies were given their goody bags and they truly felt appreciated in their Kitchen Wonderland!

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Cafeterias Become Winter Wonderlands

Knox Doss - The food service workers at KDDC were treated to a special meal, thank you notes and a song sung to honor them for their work each day. The cafeteria was also decorated in a winter wonderland of thanks. Several times throughout the morning, the food service staff said how much they appreciated the efforts of the students to help make the day extra special. Often times at our school, the students don't always get to see the food service workers in a relaxed environment, cutting up and having a good time. However, after today, the students can't help but see the smiling faces of these wonderful ladies and appreciate them even more after taking the time to get to know them better. It really was an outstanding day and a reminder to us all how important it is to say thanks to those who help keep our brains fueled for learning.

Station Camp Elementary - The students worked hard this month for our Food Service Workers. First, they created giant snowmen using paper snowballs that contained words of gratitude from each student in the school and hung them around the cafeteria. Chocolate Covered Strawberry, a local

cafe, graciously partnered with the A-Team to provide these ladies with lunches on the house. Our A-Team members also reached out to our local Goodall Homes to see if they would like to be a part of our celebration by donating transportation. Goodall provided a limo for these wonderful women. As our Food Service Workers prepared to depart on their adventure, several of our students piled into the front lobby hallway to toss confetti and cheer as the A-Team sang and escorted them to the limo. We are so glad to have been able to show our attitude of gratitude for some of the lovely people important to our school.

The Hollow Rock-Bruceton Special School District honored our Food Service employees by having brunch, cooked by the high school nutrition class, snow men, made by the middle school and snowflakes/posters made by elementary students.

Sweetwater Primary - Food Service workers were honored during their special day by some of our students presenting them with candy bars and a big thank you.

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

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