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Thankful for You!

Thank a Support Staff member today!

Support Staff Appreciation Day

by Rachel Lovingood

Grab your scuba gear and get ready to dive in and celebrate Support Staff Appreciation Day in April using an Under the Sea theme.

The packets include fun ideas such as creating a simple treasure chest of goodies and all kinds of fun ocean creature inspired ways to say thank you to these important employees.

Mini-Grant Deadline...

by Rachel Lovingood

The deadline is rapidly approaching to apply for a dedicated mini-grant to fund educational projects in your school district. All member boards have the opportunity to apply for and receive mini grants that can expand learning opportunities for your students. The details are [here](#) and the deadline is April 1 so get those grant applications in and DON'T MISS OUT.

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Principal Appreciation Day Celebrations

We are not “lion” when we say Principal Day with the Lion King theme was a “roaring” success! The smiles on the faces of principals and assistant principals across the State of Tennessee told the story of a great day of appreciation and gratitude. The students, led by incredible coordinators, did an outstanding job celebrating their leaders of the “pride”. For your viewing pleasure, we have added links to all the system albums and a few of the outstanding school albums so you can see the pictures of the great ways the principals were honored. Enjoy!

Anderson County. Click [here](#) to view the system album.

Anderson County Career & Technical Center - For Principal Appreciation Day, the A-Team and the staff at ACCTC treated Mr. Myers and Mr. Herrell to an Italian feast. Spaghetti, baked spaghetti and lasagna along with garlic knots were made by our culinary arts class (delicious). Also salad and numerous desserts. The A-Team also gave our principals a signature mug filled with candy and a

subway gift card along with posters of appreciation. Everyone had a blast!

Andersonville Elementary - AES had a blast celebrating our Principal Beth Roeder! We started our morning by crowning her our queen for the day in our morning assembly. Students were then encouraged to stop by her new office, that was set up in the hall! Her office was decorated with Lion King cards from each class, and her desk was decorated with flowers and a book from all the third through fifth graders about why she should be queen for the day! The staff celebrated along Mrs. Roeder by sponsoring a potluck lunch in addition to PTO and the U-Trust EAP contributions. The luncheon was capped off with a beautiful chocolate cake (the principal's favorite!). Mrs. Roeder said in the eight years she had been at AES this was one of the most memorable! Maybe that's why we could never seem to catch her in a picture, she was always somewhere having fun!

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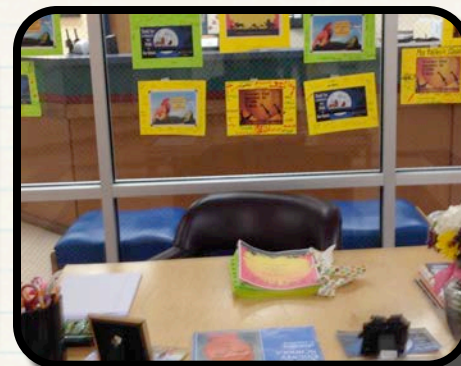
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Showing Principal Pride on their Appreciation Day

Lake City Elementary - Prior to the special day, the book "Beatrice's Goat" by Page McBrier was read to the student body during their related arts classes. The students were asked to each bring in \$1 to purchase a goat for a needy family in Africa. The night before a group of students stayed after school decorated Mr. Baggett and Mrs. Branham's offices with streamers, balloons and signs. The student body performed a song to the tune of Can You Feel the Love Tonight written for the principals. Mr. Baggett and Mrs. Branham received a standing ovation by the student body as they walked to their special "thrones" on the stage. They were given a picture frame that said LCES loves Mr. Baggett, LCES loves Mrs. Branham and a crown that had LCES on it. A PowerPoint played with pictures and the words to the song as the students sang to our "King and Queen". The students announced that they raised \$380 and were able to donate 3 goats and a flock of chickens to families in Africa in their honor. The staff provided a Taco Bar lunch in their honor.

Bells City School. Click [here](#) to view the system album.

Hakuna Matata! That's what Bells City School sang in observance of Principal Appreciation Day. The students and staff have "no worries" when it comes to being taken care of every day knowing Mr. Richard Davy is in charge! The students and staff showed appreciation for their Lion King principal by delivering special goodies, snacks and artwork. Mr. Davy also enjoyed the jungle theme displayed by all throughout the school declaring the "pride" they feel for their fearless leader and all he does to lead us in the right direction.

Hollow Rock-Bruceton. Click [here](#) to view the system album.

Principals Appreciation Week at Hollow Rock-Bruceton Special School District has been full of fun activities. Our principals were presented with Chocolate "LION KING" cheese cake, cards, posters, letters, singing, dancing and merry-making. We are very proud of our caring, considerate, and generous students and faculty.

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Benton County. Click [here](#) to view the system album.

Camden Elementary - Our Preschoolers watched the Lion King and rode a lion while making Thank You cards. Our students, lead by the G-Team, wrote a letter of thanks and compiled them into a class booklet. Our A-Team made daily announcements and posters. A volunteer made a special Mane of Honor for our principals and the art teacher lead some students to make a Mane of Thanks. A special visitor lead our special guest to a smorgasbord of goodies. Click [here](#) to view the pictures.

Camden Junior High School - Our A-Team celebrated the month of February with our principals. We honored Ms. Leonard, principal, and Mr. Wright, vice-principal, by showering them as the "kings of our jungle". The A-Team donated chocolates, party hats, and gave praises during announcements over the PA system. Our school thanks

them for their protective dedication for our learning.

Hamblen County. Click [here](#) to view the system album.

Hillcrest Elementary - Hillcrest Elementary had a great day as we celebrated Principal Appreciation. The terrific A-Team created a poster with the Lion King theme which read "No 'Lion' our principals are awesome!" A poem was read over the intercom to honor our principals. Each homeroom created a balloon with well wishes, thank you's and poems for each principal and these were gathered into a "bouquet bunch." The fifth graders created a bouquet of balloon fingerprints on canvas, which read "Thanks a Bunch!" as a lasting remembrance for our principals, and presented them at lunch. They treated Mrs. Bain and Mrs. Kelly to a luncheon where the A-Team served and entertained the great principals. Click [here](#) to view the pictures.

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Hawkins County Celebrates Principals

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Bulls Gap - For Principal Appreciation Day, we honored Ms. Southern and Ms. Morelock. There was an assembly in the gym from Mr. Palko where our principals were crowned 'Queens of the Jungle'. Our kindergarten classes also gave each of them a nice gift made from one of our assistants. Our 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade classes also made cards for each of them. One of our parents provided lunch and dessert. We are truly blessed to have them at Bulls Gap School!

Cherokee High School - At Cherokee, we honored our principals by putting up Lion King themed posters, having students make thank you cards for them which were put on their office doors, and having lunch brought in for them. Our principals were

also given goody bags with water bottles, zebra cakes, chocolate bars, gummie worms, aspirin and a few other things. Cherokee is grateful for their principals!

Church Hill Elementary - Mr. Hutson is the Lion King of Church Hill Elementary. He was treated to a wonderful luncheon. The faculty, staff and student body showed their pride for all his hard work and dedication by singing him a song. The students had their masks on to show him that he is the King of the Kingdom! Click [here](#) to view the pictures.

Church Hill Intermediate - We celebrated Principal's Appreciation Day Lion King style with a luncheon and "wild about you" goodies for our principals. Our principals were treated as "Queens" of the Jungle for the day!

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Hawkins County Honors Principals

Church Hill Middle School -

We at CHMS celebrated Principal Appreciation Day by treating our principals to lunch from Subway, with cake and ice cream for dessert. Our students also made appreciation letters and signs as well.

Clinch School - Mr. Barton is our PRIDE and our kids were his PRIDE on Principal Appreciation Day. Every child in our school had a mask that looked like one of "The Lion King" animals. Some of our high school students made posters and drew pictures of images from the movie. Mr. Barton was given thank you notes and a big box of snacks...you know Lion King's get soooo hungry! Paw prints of various African animals were made and hung around the school. Faculty and staff brought a covered dish lunch. We had a hippo of a time... & Mr. Barton roared with happiness! Click [here](#) to view the pictures.

Joseph Rogers Primary -

Our principal, Teresa Drinnon, received a crown and t-shirt to wear on her special day. The JRP pride had an animal parade wearing masks they made and announced a "Thank You" over the intercom. Students made artwork and a banner for the principal as well. Photos and a blurb were submitted to the local newspaper. Our school is also taking donations of items to be given to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital in our principal's honor. Click [here](#) to view the pictures.

Keplar Elementary - On Principal Appreciation Day, all the teachers gathered together and had sandwiches, cake and chips with Mrs. Williams. All the staff pitched in and gave her two organizer book shelves with baskets for her office. We hope she had a GREAT time and we want her to know she is loved and appreciated.

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Hawkins County Celebrates Principal Day

McPheeter's Bend

Elementary - For Principal Appreciation Day, the children learned the Lion King themed song to sing to Mrs. Bernard and they all wrote her letters of appreciation. The A-Team gifted her with a book bag and a crown of her own to show that she is the queen of our pride. The faculty and staff celebrated with a BBQ sandwich and salad lunch.

Mooreburg Elementary -

We honored Mrs. Walker by decorating a bulletin board, giving her a gift bag, and a gift certificate to the Green Tomato Grill restaurant.

Mount Carmel

Elementary - We showed our WILD side for our Principal, Mr. Bobby Wines. His special day began with a

stampede of animals to the gym. Students were dressed as cheetahs, lions, snakes, giraffes, and wildebeests to name a few. We entered the gym to the tune of The Circle of Life! Mr. Wines came in with his mask (created by the A-team) as our guest of honor, our King...and we aren't Lion. Students from K-4 created class books for Mr. Wines to read. Each A-team member selected a page to read to him during the assembly. PreK students created banners for Mr. Wines with their handprints. Mr. Wines was presented an original piece of art to remember this day. Our Art teacher, Rhonda Abbott, created a lovely canvas print with the Lion King on Pride Rock. Mr. Wines also received a goody basket filled with snacks, gift cards and candy. Click [here](#) to view the pictures.

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Rogersville Middle School -

Principal Appreciation Day was celebrated by ordering a delicious pulled pork lunch from Pig-N-Chick restaurant for Mr. Ailshie and Mr. Simpson. It was a very busy day in the office, we are sure they enjoyed that surprise! On Friday, we had guest speaker Ron Walker with us. Since we were all gathered in the auditorium, we decided to honor our number 1 guys. Two students from the A-Team helped present their special gift. Due to the donations from the faculty and staff at RMS, we were able to give Mr. Ailshie and Mr. Simpson both a gift card to Chop House restaurant. They were super pleased!

St. Clair Elementary -

We surprised Mr. Floyd for Principal Appreciation Day! All of the staff provided a great lunch for him. Teachers decorated his office for the festive lunch. Students made crowns, books, cards, and wrote stories about why Mr. Floyd should be king. The staff pitched in to buy

him a gift card for a nice dinner. We had a fun day celebrating our appreciation for Mr. Floyd.

Surgoinsville Middle School -

Our Principals Appreciation Day began with our Friday morning assembly where Dr. Scott Trent and Mr. Rodney Roberson were thanked by our student body and staff for all the wonderful leadership they show us. They were given the opportunity to order from the Jubilee Point Cafe and were treated to the lunch of their choice. All of the things that needed to be addressed from the snow days kept everyone busy but it made their day go much smoother knowing how much the school appreciated their hard work.

Volunteer High School -

We celebrated Principal Appreciation Day by providing our wonderful principals with a lunch fit for a "king". Members of the A-Team and volunteer voices did an excellent job singing. The principals really enjoyed lunch and the show.

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Dodson Branch Elementary -
Our pride rock at DBS is our wonderful Principal and Vice Principals. Ms. Tammy, Ms. Connie, and Ms. Tena are our rocks to lean on. They put in so many long hours to make our school the best! We as a school were so happy to honor them on their special day. Our 2nd grade turned the song into a poem reading, with lion's masks. The neat thing about the lion's masks is that our 2nd grade teacher's son was a student of Ms. Tammy. She used this same pattern with his class back when she taught! Our 2nd grade teacher had saved the pattern all these years. The joy of that lion's mask has come full circle. Ms. Tammy was very touched by it. We are so blessed at DBS to have these 3 women! They have definitely put their mark on so many lives at DBS!

Gainesboro Elementary - We celebrated by treating Mrs. Tina and Mrs. Sonja to lunch. They also received

a box of chocolates with the wild theme. They're truly the pride of GES!

Sumner County. Click [here](#) to view the system album.

HB Williams - We had a fabulous Principal's Appreciation Week! Each grade level and our Related Arts team were assigned a day to show their thanks. We held a short assembly where the 3rd grade A-Team & G-Force members read a wonderful poem to the entire school about our administrators. Grade level teachers provided lunch, baked desserts, snack baskets, and of course, gave cards and notes of thanks. Our Related Arts team provided cake and punch at a faculty meeting. Hand crafted signs and art work are displayed throughout the school to show everyone how much we care about our administrators. We also used the template to create books for each Administrator. This was a heartwarming experience and I know that the leaders in our building were surprised and honored to see so much love for them. Click [here](#) to view the pictures.

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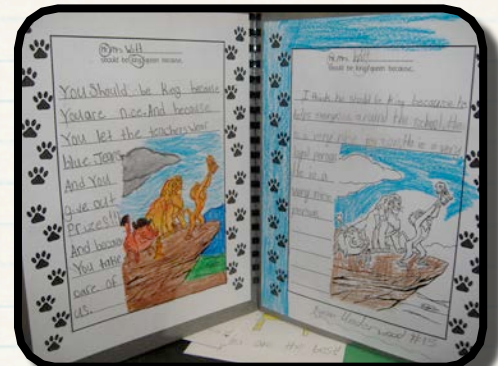
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North Sumner Elementary -

At North Sumner Elementary, we honored our cafeteria staff by providing them a meal. We also honored them with comments written on snowballs that were used to create three snowmen, cards and numerous well wishes. A hallway bulletin board was dedicated to them using the theme "Cloudy With A Chance of Snowballs".

JW Wiseman Elementary -

This week the celebs had the honor of joining their school to honor their principal, Mr. Wix. They wrote adjectives describing him and added their own interpretation of him in illustration form. The celebs performed and recorded their first musical piece, "You are our Lion King" under the direction of Mrs. Evie. The celebs and I know how very lucky we are to have a principal who truly cares about them and wants them all to be successful. Check out the

paparazzi pics and debut of their musical performance.

Station Camp Elementary -

We were able to surprise our principals with celebrations every hour on the hour! Beginning at 9am, every grade level brought them a gift and a poster or letters of appreciation. At noon, our fifth graders were able to provide a pizza lunch presented by our A-Team while they gave speeches of gratitude and sang the lion king themed song with a "ROAR" of an ending! Following lunch, the remaining grade levels continued the celebration with their gifts and letters each hour for the rest of the day. Our principals were so thankful for the gratitude shown. They even hung their pictures and letters in their offices for daily inspiration! We are so glad to have had the opportunity to celebrate our wonderful principals for all that they do for us!

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Knox Doss at Drakes Creek Middle School. The A-team honored their principals with a Lion King theme. They hung posters, wrote letters of appreciation and presented them with a notebook filled with thanks from many of the students in the school and prepared a goody bag filled with treats. During the presentation, A-team members served the principals lunch provided by Long Hollow Baptist Church and read their personalized note of thanks to Mr. Powell and Mrs. Green. It was a very special day. The students really love the principals and what they do for them each day and it was evident on this day.

Trousdale County. Click [here](#) to view the system album.

Trousdale County Elementary School. In honor

of Principal Appreciation Day, the A-Team presented our principal Mr. Kerr and our vice principal Ms. Mitchell each with a gift certificate for a free lunch at a local restaurant and a lion themed cake. We also made a wall decoration of pride rock which our students signed.

Jim Satterfield Middle School - JSMS celebrated Principal Appreciation Day in true Lion King spirit. Mrs. Gregory and Mr. McCall were presented with a school themed mug filled with goodies and a DVD featuring JSMS students and staff wishing them a Hakuna Matata Principal Appreciation. Special thanks to our music teacher for all her help and video equipment. She really helped to make this appreciation day very special.

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

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