

# News Utrust

SPECIAL EDITION: TEACHER APPRECIATION

## Alamo City Wears Appreciation Proudly!

PTO members presented teachers at Alamo City School with t-shirts that read "Education Cannot Be Erased" on them. The shirts were said to be a big hit and a big surprise!

*Education Cannot Be Erased!*

Besides the shirts, PTO members also cooked up a big luncheon and decorated with spring colors and balloons. "Everyone enjoyed being waited on and us fixing their plates. That was hard for them to let us do", said PTO President Johnna Klyce. Alamo City School's appreciation celebration was a big success and ended the year on a positive note! Not only can education not be erased, but neither can the positive memories of this special "thank you" event.

## A Good Time In Lexington City

The Lexington City School Board pulled out all the stops for its teachers on May 5th!

It started with an ice cream social. Board members and Dairy Queen provided the summer treat during a recent faculty meeting. Teachers were able to make their own banana splits and sundaes before the meeting began.

The School Board then hosted a formal banquet on May 5th to honor the teachers. Every teacher was invited along with a guest, and the turnout was said to be a huge success. Besides a big meal and room full of fresh flowers, awards were also given to teachers about to retire. The Beta Club even offered babysitting services for the evening. The event ended the day with the perfect touch in Lexington City.

## Picture Perfect in Smith County

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then the photos that came out of Smith County for Teacher Appreciation Day are priceless.

The school district showed their teachers gratitude by preparing and serving breakfast and giving each teacher a certificate of appreciation.

At each school, photos were taken, and thanks were given by administrators.

Debe Pilant said the central office received several thank you notes and phone calls from teachers who were themselves appreciative of the special day.



Left: Teacher Leslie Smith wraps her arms around Principal Susie Woodard and Asst. Principal Donna Livingston.

Below: teachers gather to say "cheese".



## Jackson County Thanks Teachers for Helping Kids Grow!!

Teachers are like gardeners at times, helping each student grow into something wonderful. That's why at Dodson Branch Elementary School, teachers were given packets of seeds with "Thanks for helping DBS kids grow" written on top of each one. Teachers at the elementary school were also treated to a special luncheon.

Lunch at Gainesboro Elementary turned into a luau for teachers. Tables were decorated with grass skirts, paper palm trees and colorful little drink umbrellas.

While Jackson County teachers were treated to a nice meal, Superintendent Joe Barlow traveled from school to school, and classroom to classroom personally handing out

*A luau lunch, certificates of appreciation and packets of seeds with a colorful message were some of the many ways Jackson County administrators thanked their teachers.*

certificates of appreciation and giving a verbal thanks.

Jackson County's staff and faculty are now looking for a fun

summer off, and left on the last day of class knowing they were appreciated.

## SEEDS OF SUCCESS



## THE SPIRIT OF THANKS IS FOUND AT FAYETTEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

Working together, students, parents, PTO members, school staff and administrators made sure teachers received the recognition they

deserved on May 5th. PTO sent a letter home with each child informing parents about teacher appreciation week. Many parents and students sent flowers, letters, cards, and more. Catered lunches were also organized to honor teachers.

Central office staff delivered apples, notepads, and pens for each teacher along with a sticker commemorating teacher day that they could wear on their shirt all day. The local paper even featured an article about the celebration.



## EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION PROGRAM 2009-10

Utrust has already been busy planning some great and fun ideas for you to use on appreciation days for the 2009-10 school year. We hope to have most of the packets ready for you by the time school starts again. Keep checking our website [www.tnuct.com](http://www.tnuct.com) for information and we hope you make next year's appreciation days even better than this year!



## Crockett County Cares about its Teachers!

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Crockett County appreciates its teachers! An article about how important teachers are to the school system ran in the Crockett Times. Teachers were also thanked with gift certificates for dinner and a thank you letter. The Crockett County Board of Education also passed a resolution declaring May 5th, 2009 as Teacher Appreciation Day.

Superintendent Stan Black said "I have received more feedback from this special day than anything else like it in the past." Teachers in turn sent thank you cards and emails to the central office for receiving such praise.

## Photo Finish In Hancock County

Teachers didn't have to worry about what to have for lunch on May 5th because the central office provided them with a gift card and free drink from a sandwich shop. Pam Greene at Hancock Elementary said "It was very much appreciated from all of the teachers". Appreciation certificates were also given.



## Double the Thanks in Hawkins County

Hawkins County had already planned a Teacher Appreciation Day in November before learning of the Utrust day in May, but instead of canceling the second, they decided to have two celebrations!

At McPheeter's Bend Elementary, Principal Renee Bernard gave all of her female faculty members CASA bracelets, and the male teachers coffee mugs full of candy bars.

Teachers at Bulls Gap School enjoyed an extended lunch while assistants filled in for them in the classroom. Principal Sharon Southern provided a little fun by giving away prizes like comedy tickets, jackets, and dinner certificates during a drawing. "I think they all left happy!" Southern said. All of the prizes were donated by various companies and organizations.

A faculty room at one Hawkins County school turned into a day spa. Teachers were pampered with facials, and massages. It was a day full of fun, a little relaxation and plenty of appreciation. When it comes to teachers, Hawkins County goes twice the distance!



CASA bracelets  
proceeds support  
court appointed  
special advocates  
for children.



Teachers enjoy a day  
of pampering

## A Little Extra Time To Say Thanks In Grainger County

A little more time is something just about any of us can use, and teachers in Grainger County got a little more time to relax on May 5th.

Superintendent Terry Acuff sponsored an extra long lunch for teachers and asked principals to re-arrange their schedules to allow teachers a full hour break. "Teachers are the foundation of our schools, they pave the way for every student's future", said Acuff. "Each of us can remember a teacher that has greatly impacted our lives in some way, and we are forever grateful to them" the superintendent added. Teachers were also given a certificate of appreciation, a thank you letter; announcements were made at each school over the P.A. System, and messages of thanks were displayed on school marquees. Taking the time to make these few gestures will likely make a lasting impression for teachers in Grainger County.



## Rogersville City Teachers Revealed!

Teachers, as we all know wear many hats, and come from all walks of life. A lot of students however only regard them as a teacher. To help students learn a little more about their teachers, Rogersville City School created an online quiz on the school website.

The quiz matched a teacher's name with a fun, interesting fact about them. These "teacher facts" were also revealed over the intercom each day of the week during announcements. The game helped students relate to their teacher on a whole new level.

RCS didn't stop there with the appreciation day fun, the Board of Education hosted an appreciation banquet while the Beta Club hosted an appreciation breakfast.



Ms. Bowman won \$2,350 + prizes on the "Wheel of Fortune".



Miss Green dodged bullets from Israeli & Palestinian gunfire in Israel.



Mrs. Gillenwater performed on the TV show "Hee Haw".

## Great Staff fill Carroll County Schools!

For this year's teacher appreciation day, Carroll County used the theme "Behind Every Great School, is a Great Staff". Director Charlotte Tucker believes her teachers are great saying "A leader who keeps silent about having a great staff may soon find himself without one." To thank her teachers, Tucker along with school administrators gave each teacher a cooler filled with thank you notes, post-its, pens, popcorn and candy. Teacher Bob Tucker was one of many teachers who thanked the director for ongoing support, "Every time I visit with someone from another facility, I am reminded of our great working conditions here."

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~Charlotte Tucker on importance of thanking teachers

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