

**Sand & Sea Announcements.** Use the announcements provided or create your own to inform the student body about Special Area Teachers Day.

**Catch a Wave of Thanks.** Decorate the doors of the special area teachers with a surfboard and write a message of thanks on the board..

**Surf's Up Song.** Enlist the chorus or a group of students to sing the rewritten song to the the special area teachers during the presentation.

**High Tides & Good Vibes Messages.** Use one of the messages provided or create your own to inform the community of Special Area Teachers Appreciation Day.

**Life's is Better at the Beach Thanks.** To have some fun, have students draw a beach ball, flip flops or other beach related item and write a note of thanks on it and give it to a special area teacher of choice.

**Sand Bucket Goodies.** Enlist a student or parent group to fill a decorated bag or inexpensive sand bucket with goodies for each special area teachers.

**Fun in the Sun Presentation.** Make the day special for the special area teachers by enlisting students to sing the song and say words of thanks. Invite a community or school group to provide a lunch for them.

**Templates.** Use the templates provided for water bottles and chocolate bars.

**Artwork.** Use the posters to inspire creativity to promote Special Area Teachers Day with the Sand & Sea theme throughout the school.

## Special Area Teachers Appreciation Day



SAND & SEA THEME

# School Coordinator Agenda

1. Distribute parts of the packet to the appropriate crew advisers (Action, Creative, Paparazzi).
2. Hold a planning meeting with the crew leaders to determine the following:
  - a. Decide the activities you will do for the appreciation day
  - b. Type of presentations (individual or group)
    - Which students will fill which roles?
    - Who will preside?
    - Will the principal or assistant principal be present to make a few comments?
    - Schedule a time for the presentation.
3. Invite the principal or assistant principal to say some honoring words to the special area teachers on their special day.



# Fun in the Sun Presentation

Before the  
Appreciation Day

## Presentation agenda

Escort the honorees to their seats in a circle  
MC starts presentation with a short introduction of the day  
Turn on Wipe Out for background music  
Students dance and toss around beach ball and say nice things about each honoree  
Principal/assistant principal speak  
Present the Sand Bucket of Thanks to each Special Area Teacher.  
Invite honorees to the luncheon provided  
Escort them from the circle to the table

**Action Crew:** Enlist a community group to provide theme-related luncheon items such as:  
Sandwiches with croissants with toothpick eyes (looks like crab)  
Fish and Chips (goldfish and potato chips)  
Nutter butters made to look like flip flops

**Creative Crew:** Decorate a table(s) in the cafeteria for the luncheon with theme-related decorations such as small beach balls, small drink umbrellas, sunglasses, etc.

Make sure to have enough chairs in the circle for all the Special Area Teachers.

**Action Crew.** Invite all the Special Area Teachers to sit in a lounge chair in a circle wearing sunglasses.

Enlist all the A-Team students to dress in beach clothes with big floppy hats, sunglasses, Hawaiian shirts, etc.

Enlist a student to serve as MC. To get the presentation started in a fun way, have the MC do a small intro like "Welcome to a Day at the Beach. We are here today to honor our Special Area Teachers. And what better way to have a little fun in the sun than to play a little beach ball."

Play the Wipe Out song as background music for the next part of the presentation.

Place the A-Team students behind the circle of honorees. Use a blank beach ball for the A-Team students to toss around. The students can dance and have fun to the music while they wait for their turn. When the beach ball gets to each one, he or she will say something nice about his/her assigned Special Teacher. Continue until all the honorees are covered.

Next, throw the ball to the principals/assistant principals so they can say some nice things about the honorees after the students have said their thanks. (Be sure to let the principal/s know you're going to throw the ball to them so they can say nice things to the honorees)



# Action Crew Adviser Agenda

1. Put up the marquee message
2. Enlist 2 students to perform the announcements for 3 days.
3. Put the completed thank you beach ball in front of the decorated door or wall space of each Special Area Teacher.
4. Assign a Special Area Teacher to each classroom. Encourage students to draw and color a beach item on paper and write a thank you note to their assigned Special Area Teacher.
5. Collect the completed notes from all the teachers and put them in the Bucket of Thanks belonging to the Special Area Teacher.
6. Enlist a community or school group to fill the Sand Bucket Goodies..
7. Invite all the Special Area Teachers to a presentation and luncheon.
8. Dress in beach attire and participate in the presentation and luncheon.
9. Enlist a student to serve as MC of the presentation.
10. Play the Wipe Out song during the presentation.
11. Assign a Special Area Teacher to each A-Team student to come up with kind things to say about their assigned honoree during the presentation.
12. Invite the principal/assistant principal to say some kind things about the honorees during the presentation.
13. Enlist a community or school group to provide a luncheon for the honorees using theme-related items., if possible.
14. Find a group or individual to sing the rewritten song to the special area teachers.



# Life is Better at the Beach Thanks

**Action Crew.** Assign a Special Area Teacher to each classroom for the students to write thank you notes.

Encourage the students to draw and color a beach item on paper such as a beach ball, palm tree or flip flops. Write a thoughtful thank you note to the assigned Special Area Teacher. Encourage the students to write about specific and thoughtful things the honoree does on a daily basis to make the school and students better.

Collect the completed notes from the teacher of every classroom and put them in the beach bucket belonging to the Special Area Teacher.





# Sand & Sea Announcements

Student 1	Good morning, students!
Student 2	Well, good morning, _____ (name of student).
Student 1	We are getting so close to spring break.
Student 2	I know! Springtime is coming and then summer will be here before we know it.
Student 1	Whoa... you are jumping a little ahead there, eh?
Student 2	I'm just excited because we are celebrating our special area teachers this week with a Sand and Sea theme.
Student 1	Oh, so are we going to have a "shell-abration?" (little giggle)
Student 2	You better believe it!! We can SHELLABRATE all week!
Student 1	Remind me who exactly are our special area teachers?
Student 2	They are: (list the names of all your special teachers including the art, music, PE, technology and speech teachers, as well as school counselors and librarians.)
Student 1	YES! We will have a blast getting to tell them how much we appreciate them.
Student 2	Stayed tuned tomorrow for more details!



# DAY 2

Student 1	Hello again, _____ (school mascot)!
Student 2	I am so excited about our Sand and Sea theme that I looked up some fun facts about the ocean.
Student 1	Tell us more...
Student 2	Did you know that oceans cover nearly 71% of the earth's surface!
Student 1	Wow! That's a LOT of water! And it's so salty!
Student 2	Oooh, yes. That's a true fact. Ocean water is salty. It is also home to over 1 million species of animals!
Student 1	And beautiful coral and there is SO. MUCH. SAND.
Student 2	Speaking of sand... this week we are going to give our special area teachers a SAND BUCKET OF THANKS filled with notes of gratitude.
Student 1	That's a great idea. Each classroom will be assigned one special area teacher and every student can write him/her a note of thanks!
Student 2	Remember to be specific and tell them WHY you are grateful for them and the job they do here at _____ (name of school).
Student 1	The Action Crew will collect them at the end of today for tomorrow's FUN IN THE SUN presentation.
Student 2	We better get going then, we have some notes to write!

# DAY 3

Student 1	Today is the day!!!
Student 2	We are SHELL-a-BRATING our Special Area teachers all day.
Student 1	Be sure when you see one of them today that you tell them THANK YOU for the great job they do here at our school.
Student 2	Everyone loves to know they are appreciated.
Student 1	And we are so thankful for all that our special area teachers do.
Student 2	Have a great day _____ (school mascot)!!

# High Tides & Good Vibes

## Messages

School Name

Our Special Area Teachers

are Fin-Tastic

Special Area Teachers Appreciation Day

March 2024

To encourage community participation in the Appreciation Day, use one of the marquee messages or create your own.

School Name

Our Special Area Teachers

are Swell

Special Area Teachers Appreciation Day

March 2024





# Surf's Up Song

Sing  
to the tune of  
Surfin USA.  
Click [here](#) for the link  
to a slideshow with  
vocals

Because we all love special teachers  
Throughout our whole school  
We're celebrating them today  
We think they're really co-ol  
They are all teaching their passions  
And we love it too  
That is why we're celebrating  
Special Teachers Day!

Chorus  
We're celebrating PE teachers  
(Special Teachers we love you)  
Art and Computer too  
(Special Teachers we love you)  
Technology and music  
(Special Teachers we love you)  
The whole library crew  
(Special Teachers we love you)  
Our school counselors are the best  
(Special Teachers we love you)  
Speech and Wellness too  
(Special Teachers we love you)  
Everybody's celebrating  
Special teachers Day!!!

We just want to say thank you  
You share your gifts with us  
School is better cause you're here  
Every day's a pl-us  
You really get us excited  
With all the things we learn  
That's why we celebrate you  
for Special Teachers Day!

Chorus  
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# Creative Crew Adviser Agenda

1. Decorate the special area teacher doors with a surf board and write a message of thanks on it. See Catch a Wave of Thanks for ideas.
2. Create a goodie bag for each special area teacher and make the labels for the goodie bag items. See Sand Bucket Goodies for ideas.
3. Make posters and signs to honor the special area teachers using the Sand and Sea Theme.
4. Participate in the Fun in the Sun Presentation, if possible.

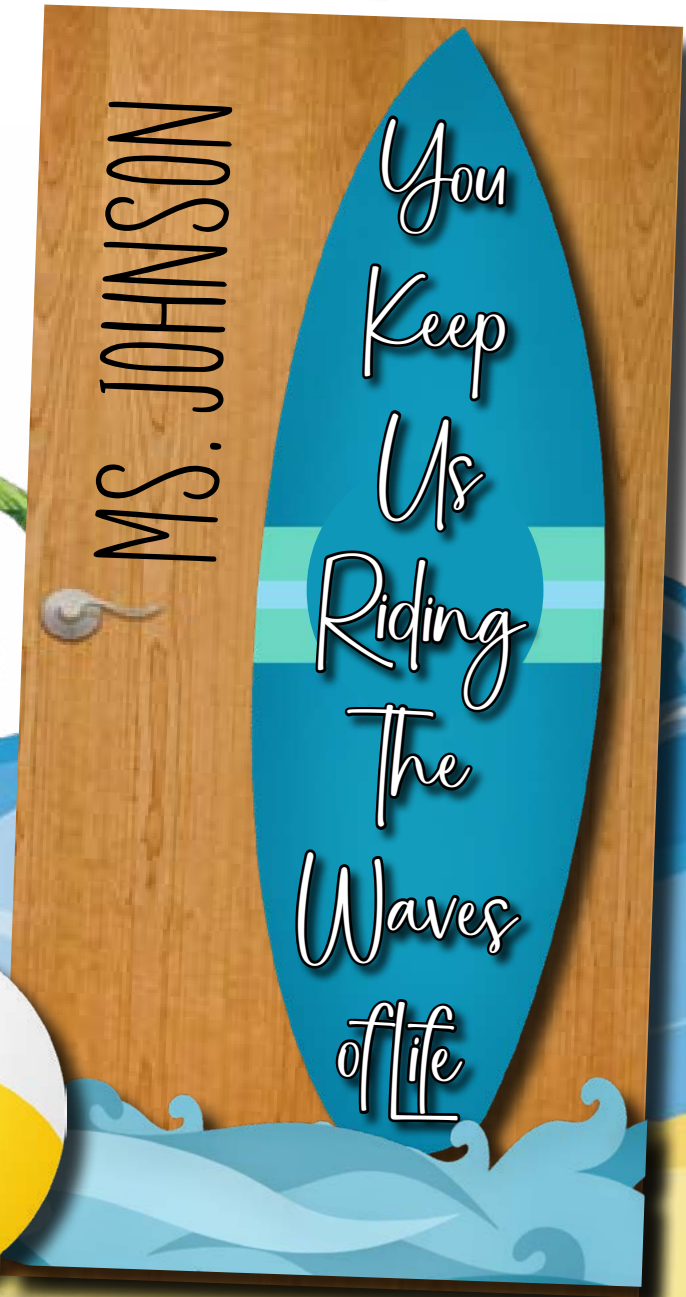


# Catch a Wave of Thanks



**Creative Crew:** Decorate the office door or wall space of each Special Area Teacher with a large surfboard and ocean waves.

At the top, label the scene with the words “You keep us riding the waves of life” or “You are Fin-Tastic!”



# Sand Bucket Goodies

**Creative Crew.** Decorate a paper bag to look like a sand bucket or buy an inexpensive one from the dollar store and fill it with goodies for the special area teachers.

Create labels for each of the items included in the goodie bag. Wrap the labels around each item and secure them with tape or twine. The labels can be created on the computer or handwritten on paper.

**Action Crew:** Enlist a community or school group to fill the sand buckets with items such as:

- Water bottles
- Chocolate bars
- Swedish Fish with the label "you are o-FISH-ally our favorites!"

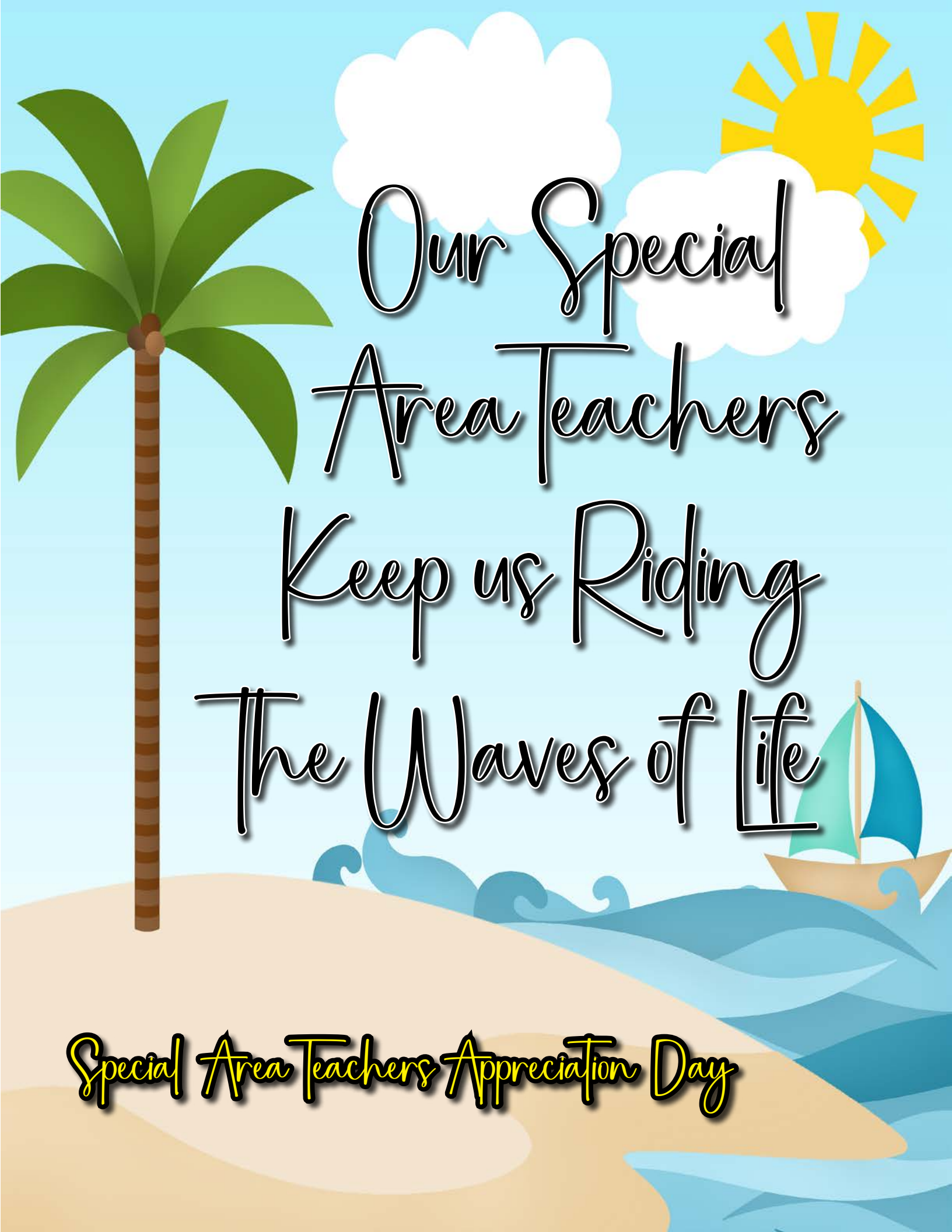
Thank you for always making p.e. fun!

You're the best!  
David

Thank you for always helping me pick the best books.

Love, Susie


Swims Up Our Special Area Teachers are the Best  
SPECIAL AREA TEACHERS APPRECIATION DAY



Our Special  
Area Teachers  
Keep us Riding  
The Waves of Life

Special Area Teachers Appreciation Day

# Special Area Teachers Appreciation Day



Our Special  
Area Teachers  
are Stars



SPECIAL AREA TEACHERS' APPRECIATION DAY

Our Special Area  
Teachers are Swell!



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# Paparazzi Adviser Agenda

## Questions to ask students about the Special Area Teachers:

1. Which special area teacher deserves an all expense tropical vacation and why?
2. Which one of your special area teachers would be the best chaperone for a class trip to the beach and why?
3. Which of your special area teachers would have the best reaction if you poured a bucket of water on him/her while sunbathing on the beach? How would she/he react?



For a chance to win \$100 for your A-Team (Lucky Star), submit at least 5 pictures and 3 thank you notes and a short summary of the appreciation day activities to our closed Facebook group "Utrust Coordinators" Click [here](#) to go directly to the page.

Include your school name.  
Deadline is Friday, March 17th.



Have the paparazzi put together a short video which includes short clips of video and pictures of the appreciation day celebrations. Include a few of the best responses to the questions above in the video. Give the video to the custodians as a keepsake.

Upload the photos and videos into the closed Facebook group Utrust Coordinators.

Tip: Coordinate times with other A-Team groups to get photos and video needed.

