



QFHSA News Bulletin

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How to Celebrate Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week During a Pandemic: *Some Suggestions*

In late January, the QFHSA held a series of meetings with Home & School presidents. One of the topics discussed was Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week (TSAW) during this unusual school year. There were so many good suggestions that we absolutely had to share them!

Special Theme Days

- Coffee and Baked Treats Day
- Salty Treats Day
- Candy or Junk Food Friday
- Customized cupcakes + Costco roses
- Wine & Chocolates Day
- Gift Card Distribution Day
- We Think You're Soup-er! (Mr. Noodles in a cup)



Pre-Packaged Breakfasts, Catered Lunch Boxes, Dinner on Us!

- With potlucks impossible this year, purchase individually-boxed/pre-packaged breakfasts or lunches
- Pre-made Dinner-for-Two from a local company/restaurant (Teachers choose in advance from a menu)
- Epicure Spice Mix + recipe for a great dinner starter
- Visiting food truck

Small Gifts Dropped off at School

- School supply package
- Gift cards for local businesses
- Flowers
- Goodie bags



Ask Parents to Support Your TSAW Efforts

- Organize a gift collection. Set up drop-off locations for gift cards, wine, etc., outside volunteers' homes. H&S creates gift baskets with the items collected. Stretch out the fun by drawing a few gift baskets each day.
- Ask parents for a monetary donation via your website or set up an online form where parents can select the items/initiative they'll support.

Brighten Up the School

- Nice soaps in the washrooms
- Flowers for the Teacher's Lounge

Organize a Zoom Call/Video Message

- All the parents in the class get on the call to share their appreciation;
- Video messages from the students (kids can share a word that describes their teacher, using a letter of the teacher's name)

Special Zoom Events

- Yoga, meditation, belly dancing...

Make a Charitable Donation on the Teachers' Behalf

Plus... Ideas to Celebrate Teachers and Staff Throughout the Year

This year more than ever, H&Ss want to show their support for teachers and staff. **They are doing this throughout the year** by having coffee days and much more. Here's what they are up to:

- Monthly coffee days (can be funded by parents of a specific grade each month -- and accompanied by thank-you wishes from donors!)
- Roses and treats
- Catered lunch or monthly catered treats
- Special deliveries! (**Welcome Back Gift** with \$5 coffee card, reusable cup, chocolates; **Staff Survival Kit** with hand sanitizer, mask, lanyard, chocolates; **Self-Care Kit** with candies, lip balm, tissues, hand lotion)
- Teacher book fair (Teachers select items from Scholastic and order supplies)
- House plants for classrooms
- Postcards to teachers caught doing something incredible
- Dinner for teachers on Parent/Teacher night
- Online yoga classes and other Zoom activities on PED Days,

