

## STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK THEME IDEAS

1 - "Teaching is an Art!" All fine arts can be included...applied and visual arts, music, dance, sculpture, photography, etc. Make cookies in the shape of a palette with M&M's as paint splotches. Crayons and Paint tubes can be made from construction paper for décor. A great student tribute would be a beautiful art book signed by students or a book compiled of student's art. A Skin-care consultant could donate tubes of lotions that could be dressed to look like tubes of artist's paint. A book for their classroom library on art or an artist is a great addition.

2 - "Teachers Make Magic Happen" Pass out little magic tricks to all staff, tell them they have to perform the trick at the luncheon! Wear Top hats and black & white all week. Tuxedo shirts as a gift. A deck of cards in each mailbox..."As a teacher, you stack up quite nicely"...A chocolate dipped marshmallow on an Oreo makes a "top hat cookie", "You're the Tops!"..."Every time you appear, a smile pops up on the face of a child"...include a party popper.

3 - "Our Teachers are World Class" Each day themed a different country and snacks or luncheon food served from that country...Boarding passes or passports for cards or invitations...Pilots Wings pins, "You help our children take flight"..."London, Paris, Berlin, Rome; You can teach anywhere but (school's name) is your home!"

4 - "Our school is "Ship Shape" because of our Teachers." Decorate like a cruise ship and lifesavers, sea shells, message in a bottle, etc are great mailbox surprises.

5 - "Teachers Help Build Strong Foundations." Use a construction theme, decorate in CAUTION tape. Get plastic yellow construction hats, lunch in a box, have volunteers wear plaid flannel shirts and jeans, use a "tool" mailbox surprise gags... Just get it hammered out!...(99 cent Lego kits); You are Rock Solid (Jaw breakers or Jelly beans that look like rocks)

6 - "Teachers Plant the Seeds in the Minds of Children." Garden theme...flowers, seed packets, painted pots, dirt cups dessert.

7 - "We are Wild about our Staff." A jungle or Safari theme.

8 - "We Hold the Monopoly on Great Teachers." All week themed all about the game Monopoly or just all about board games or game shows.

9 - "Confucious say, Great students are not made, they are molded by the hands of teachers." Stay with an Asian theme. Chopsticks, red envelopes, orchids, rock garden (each child can paint a rock and make a magnet of it), fortune cookies, bamboo, silk, etc.