Parent/Child Incorporated Teacher Appreciation Week 2023

Commemorative Edition May 8 - 12







TEACHERS - WE APPRECIATE YOU!

THANK YOU!

It is officially National Teacher Appreciation Week 2023! Included in this Commemorative Edition is the *History of Teacher Appreciation Week, Proclamation from President Joe Biden*, a list of *PCI Teachers and Teacher Assistants*, a list of *PCI Teaching Staff, Teacher Appreciation Day and Week Offers and Freebees* to say *Thank You* to our **Teachers** and a *Memory section* for those special thoughts and memories you wish to jot down.

HISTORY OF TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Teaching is one of the oldest professions – in 561BC, the first private teacher in history was one of the most learned men of all time, Confucius. In Ancient Greece, there was huge value placed on educating children, and in the 1600s the Pilgrims also placed a similar emphasis on the practice.

By the 19th century, politicians began to believe that education was needed for political order, and elementary through college education was widespread and public, and the need for teachers has been growing ever since!

Though the origins of Teacher Appreciation Week are somewhat murky, it's clear that it was in 1944 that an Arkansas schoolteacher, Mattye White Woodridge, wrote to politicians and educational professionals about the demand for a day to appreciate teachers. However, it wasn't for nearly a decade until the idea was introduced to Congress by none other than Eleanor Roosevelt. In 1953, she was successful in convincing lawmakers to adopt the day.

After the National Education Association (NEA) and Kansas and Indiana state affiliates lobbied Congress again to create National Teacher Day on March 7, 1980, they continued to observe it yearly even though Congress did not. They did this until 1985 when the Assembly transformed the single day into the first full week of May.

Teacher Appreciation Day is described by the NEA, which spearheads the weeklong event, as "a day for honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make to our lives." Each year they provide social media kits, printable teacher achievement certificates, contests, and gift suggestions to help teachers feel all the appreciation we have for them.



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A Proclamation on National Teacher Appreciation Day and National Teacher Appreciation Week, 2023

In schools across America, teachers are arriving early to set up classrooms, spending long hours educating students, and staying late to prepare tomorrow's lesson plans. Their devotion to our children embodies the best of America – ready to serve and eager to see others thrive. Today and during this week, we celebrate our Nation's remarkable teachers and early childhood educators, and we recommit to having their backs, just as they have ours.

In the words of the First Lady, a lifelong educator, teaching is a calling – a way to live out the belief that we can shape our corner of the world, one student at a time. But shaping that world demands a lot. Teaching happens inside and outside the classroom. It often includes spending extra time coaching teams, supporting student clubs, and helping kids catch up when they have fallen behind. It means giving young children the foundational skills for success during a critical period of their development. It also demands being endlessly adaptable, like at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, when many classes went online and teachers had to find new ways to keep students engaged and learning. When Jill and I recently hosted the 2023 National Teacher of the Year ceremony at the White House, we were deeply inspired again by the dedication, creativity, and loving strength of our Nation's educators.

We owe our teachers and early childhood educators so much. We need to pay them better, improve their working conditions, and focus on recruitment and retention. My Administration's American Rescue Plan supported early childhood programs and helped K-12 schools across the country re-open, hire more educators, boost salaries, increase mental health services, and expand afterschool and summer programs. Thanks to our investments, public schools across the country have added more than 500,000 educators and staff. Compared with before the pandemic, the number of school social workers nationwide is up 48 percent, the number of school nurses is up 42 percent, and the number of school counselors is up 10 percent.

My Fiscal Year 2024 Budget calls for \$600 billion to provide access to high-quality child care and preschool programs so all families can afford to enroll their children and so early childhood educators have higher wages. It would also increase funding for Title I schools — which serve some of the most disadvantaged communities in our Nation — to give teachers a raise and expand their ranks. And it calls on the Congress to increase salaries for Head Start staff and invest \$300 million to help address shortages of special education teachers across America.

My Administration has worked to fix the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program – a key step in meeting our commitment to those who have chosen this vital profession and other areas of public service. To date, we have helped over 450,000 public service employees, including teachers, get nearly \$31 billion in student loan forgiveness. In many cases, educators have had their entire student debt wiped out.

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Supporting our teachers also demands that we keep them and their students safe at school. Last year, I signed the most significant gun safety law in nearly three decades, which includes enhanced background checks for individuals under the age of 21 and funding for States to enact red flag laws that can help keep guns from people who are a danger to themselves and others. This law also authorized more than \$1 billion to improve student mental health, enabling schools to hire and train thousands of new mental health professionals. Schools should be places to learn, make friends, and feel the support of a real community. No teacher or student should have to wonder whether the goodbye hug they give their loved ones before going to school one day will be their last.

The greatness of a nation is measured in part by how it prepares the next generation to succeed. On National Teacher Appreciation Day and during National Teacher Appreciation Week, we honor the remarkable educators entrusted with this responsibility. As I have traveled the country and met so many of our teachers – and seen their passion and dedication – I have never been more confident in the future of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim May 9, 2023, as National Teacher Appreciation Day and May 7 through May 13, 2023, as National Teacher Appreciation Week. I call upon all Americans to recognize the hard work and dedication of our Nation's teachers and to observe this day and this week by supporting teachers through appropriate activities, events, and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

DR. SHARON SMALL

I'M A SUCCESS AND I KNOW WHY Soy un éxito y sé por qué

MY MOTTO IS TO TRY, TRY , TRY Mi lema es tratar, tratar, tratar

TO DO AND BE MY VERY BEST Para hacer y ser mi major esfuerzo

THAT IS WHY, I'M A SUCCESS! Por eso, ¡Soy un éxito!

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PCI Congratulates the 2022-2023 Center Nominees for Teacher / Teacher Assistant of the Year! To be nominated by your peers is a honor that should not be taken lightly.

CENTER	EARLY HEAD START TEACHER OF THE YEAR	HEAD START TEACHER OF THE YEAR	HEAD START TEACHER ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR
Adelina Fritz	Veronica Sanchez	Vanessa Cosgrove	Elda Leal
Clarice Roe		Norma Arredondo	Elizabeth Baez
Culebra	Abigail Estrada	Marissa Zavala	Lucero Perez
East Central		Valeria Ward	Matilda Gonzalez
Evelyn King	Patricia Sanders	Sherika Hall	Anna Flores
Early Learning Academy -EHS	Crystal Guerrero		
Early Learning Academy -HS		Myrna Gonzalez	Sandra Aguirre
George Gervin		Hermino Patino	Shaydava Sledge
Imperial	Natalie Gamez	Keila Lopez	Imelda Powell
Lost Creek	Victoria Redwine	Lucia Saldivar	Celina Bobadilla
Meadowood		Ruby Yzquierdo	Guadalupe Aguilar
Midcrown	Joy Baldwin	Sheril Daniels	Paloma Benavides
Pearsall	Diana Perez	Jessica Rivera	Olga Hernandez
Place For Life EHS	Olaoluwa Falayi		
Place for Life HS		Hilda Rodriguez	Debra Bosmans
Southwest	Alexis Torres		
Terry O'Connor	Valerie Gonzales	Olga Gonzales	Vacant
Timberhill	Geraldine Garcia	Carla Mandujano	Tashyanna Pritchard
West Hutchins	April Barrera	Brenda Salazar	Sandra Alfrido



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Take advantage of these exclusive gifts and discounts before they expire! TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK DEALS IN SAN ANTONIO Z

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ABUELO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT

Teaching is hard work, but eating at Abuelo's is definitely not! Happy Teacher Appreciation Day to all the educators out there! We want to celebrate you with 20% OFF with a valid school staff ID. *Dine in only! #TeacherAppreciationDay

ACADEMY SPORTS

From 4/2/23 to 5/14/23, Academy will give a discount to teachers and campus employees. Take 10% off your entire purchase online or in-store. Please see the list below to determine your eligibility.

ADOBE

Create what's true to you, whatever you're into. Save over 60% on the Creative Cloud All Apps plan if you're a student. Í

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APPLE

Save on a new Mac or iPad with Apple education pricing. Available to current and newly accepted college students and their parents, as well as faculty, staff, and homeschool teachers of all grade levels.

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TEACHERS & THEIR FAMILIES: To all of us, you're essential to her, you're Nana. To us, you're Professor O'Neill. To show our appreciation, we're giving you our best price on unlimited plans. Starting from less than \$27/mo. per line when you get 4 lines.

BARNES & NOBLE

Join the B&N Educators program to receive 20% off the publisher's list price on all purchases for the classroom and 10% off of cafe purchases. Bonus: On Educator Appreciation Days, you'll get up to 25% off. This is one of the best Teacher Appreciation 2022 freebies!

BOOKS-A-MILLION

The Books-A-Million Educator's Discount Program is a discount card program that is free for all educators, entitling them to a 20% discount on all items that they purchase in-store. Educators will be eligible to receive additional savings and benefits during educator events in-store and online. Educators are always eligible for online pricing and FREE shipping on applicable booksamillion.com purchases throughout the year.

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BUDGET TRUCK RENTAL

Welcome Teachers! Receive 20% off on local moves and 15% off on one-way moves, any day of the week! To redeem this offer apply the discount code 'TEACH'.

BURGER KING

Take a piece of Burger King's current offer, and hungry educators will feel loved for longer than just one week. Every week until June 30 teachers (and all customers) receive FREE fries with any purchase. Only Royal Perks members are qualified for the deal.

CHAMPION

We honor teachers with 10% off. All members of the education community, including retired educators can save an additional 10\$ off at champion.com

CHEAPCARIBBEAN.COM

Beach4TeachClub is teacher-exclusive and all-inclusive, with a common goal of getting the best beach deals, upgrades, and packages. Sign up for the Beach4Teach Club by submitting your credentials below. To get you started on your beach assignment, we'll send you a promo code for \$150 off your next vacay!*

COLE HAAN

Students & Teachers use your valid school email address and get 20% off.

COSTCO

Teachers can join Costco as new members and receive a \$20 Costco Shop Card. Sign up for the exclusive promotion.

CRAYOLA

Crayola.com offers all visitors to the site 20% off on all products from their Teacher Gift Ideas category page with code EDUCATORS.

EINSTEIN BROS. BAGELS

Don't forget to treat your teachers to a field trip they'll enjoy. Get 20% off gift cards for Teacher's Appreciation Week. Order here. <u>https://bit.ly/2Sr5rtU</u>

EYEMART EXPRESS

Get your everyday School Faculty and Staff discount at any Eyemart Express. Your hard work directly influences the minds of tomorrow, which will help shape the future. For that, we say thank you with an everyday 20% off discount on your in-store purchases.

FIREHOUSE SUBS

Firehouse Subs will give teachers nationwide any free medium sub with the purchase of any medium or large sub, chips, and drink, May 8-May 12. Any medium sub is eligible, including the limited-time Smokin' Triple Stack sub.

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FREDDY'S

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, we're giving one lucky teacher a \$100 gift card! All you need to do is follow Freddy's, like this post, and tag a teacher in the comments (or yourself if you are one!) Teachers, don't forget to stop by Freddy's by May 6th and get your FREE mini Sundae!

GREAT AMERICAN COOKIES

Giveaway! Teachers—We know this year may not be what you pictured, so we're here to make things sweeter. Comment below with how you're prepping for the new year for your chance to win a \$50 gift card! 2

GREAT WOLF LODGE

Teachers and members of the education community can save up to 40% on reservations booked between May 8-14 with the code TEACHER. The offer is valid for stays through 9/21/23. Great Wolf Lodge will also donate \$10 from every reservation booked as part of Teacher Appreciation Week (up to \$100,000) to Donors Choose to help provide classroom supplies to teachers across the country.

HALF PRICE BOOKS

Sign up for the Educator Discount Card for a 10% discount year-round.

HEADSPACE

Headspace offers free access to K-12 (primary-secondary) teachers and supporting staff in the US, UK, Canada, and Australia.

HOME CHEF

Home Chef is proud to support Doctors, Nurses, Hospital Employees, Military, First Responders, and Teachers. Thank you, heroes! New users can verify with ID.me in the signup process to receive 50% off the first box plus 10% off each recurring box.

INSOMNIA COOKIES

Cookies for teachers and nurses all week! We're showing for the nurse + teacher appreciation week. All teachers & school staff + all nurses get 1 FREE 6-pack of classic cookies with a \$5 in-store purchase 5/5 – EOD 5/12 when you show proof of employment in-store!

Exp. EOD 5/12/23. valid for one free 6-pack of classic cookies w/a \$5 purchase in-store only. nurses & teachers* must mention the deal in-store & present proper identification* to redeem. limit 1 use per customer. availability varies by location.

J.CREW

Students & teachers get 15% off your purchase. When you shop with a valid college ID. In stores & online.

JO ANN'S

JOANN wants to help teachers with 15% off every purchase, every day. To help teachers inspire young minds, we offer classes, inspiration, and teaching resources. Sign up for our teacher discount program now, and we can keep creating smiles in classrooms.

KENDRA SCOTT

Happy World Book Day! In partnership with First Book Org, The Kendra Scott Foundation is giving away a set of classroom books to ten deserving teachers across the country! Click the link to nominate yourself or a deserving teacher from a Title 1 or Title 1-eligible school! Want to help spread the word? Tag a teacher below who needs to know about this giveaway!

LENOVO

Teachers of all levels save 5% or more at Lenovo. Simply verify through ID.me in the cart to apply.

LOVESAC

At Lovesac, we're committed to supporting everyone who has dedicated their lives to helping others. As our way of saying thank you, we are giving First Responders, Healthcare Workers, Military Personnel, Teachers, and Veterinary Professionals 25% Off. Apply for the discount below through SheerID[™].

MADEWELL

Attention Teachers and Collage Students enjoy 15% off online & in stores.

MCALISTER'S DELI

Nurses and teachers, this one's for you. From 5/3-5/10, take a break with a McAlister's Tea, on us. Just our way of saying thanks for all the wonderful things you do!

Free 32 oz tea offer valid on 5/3-5/10/23 for Nurses and Teachers who show valid medical or educator ID at participating locations. Offer not valid on flavored shots or other beverages. Limit one per person. Must order in person (excluding in-app or online orders) for dine-in and takeout orders only. No purchase is necessary. Void where prohibited.?

MICHAELS

Get 15% off your entire purchase, including sale items, when you use your Michaels Rewards account to check out. Offer is available in-store and online and must show a valid educator ID or complete the educator verification process through the rewards program.

MICROSOFT

K-12 and higher education students, parents, and faculty are eligible yearround for an education discount of up to 10% off select products, including Surface devices.

MOOYAH BURGERS FRIES SHAKES

Calling all nurses + teachers! To show our appreciation for our hometown nurses & teachers, they will receive a free Little MOO Shake with any purchase May 1-6, 2023. In-restaurant only & must present school/nurse ID to redeem at participating locations.

NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

If you're one of the millions of members of the National Education Association, enjoy lots of ongoing deals and discounts exclusive to members. The member benefits are wide-ranging, from discounted vacations to credit cards with lots of rewards. Look under "Benefits & Discounts."

OFFICE DEPOT

Whether you're teaching remotely or in person, get rewarded on supplies and services to keep the school going, plus be on the lookout for exclusive teachers-only offers throughout the year!

PANDA EXPRESS

Teachers can enjoy a FREE bowl at Panda Express. From April 24 to May 14, the popular eatery is giving customers a FREE bowl with the purchase of a \$30 gift card online.

PERKINS RESTAURANT & BAKERY

Perkins Restaurant & Bakery is giving teachers 20% off meals from May 8 to May 12 when they present a valid teacher ID and are members of the restaurant's E-Club rewards program (join prior to May 8; the offer can be used multiple times during the week).

POTBELLY SANDWICH

Potbelly will give teachers and nurses a free cookie or regular-sized soft drink when they purchase an entrée May 6 through May 12. Just show your work ID or badge when ordering any entrée (sandwich, salad, soup, or pick your pair; in-shop orders only).

PRO TEETH GUARD

Teachers, we get it, it's a tough time right now. Whether you're trying to adapt lesson plans for Zoom or teach a class in a mask, it's stressful. As a show of our appreciation for the important work you do every day, we want to offer you a \$40 store credit towards one of our custom night guards.

P.VOLVE FITNESS

This school year, students & educators get 30% off everything.

SAATVA

To show our thanks, Saatva is proud to offer a year-round discount to teachers. If you have one of the following certifications, we invite you to take \$225 off your entire order of \$1,000 or more. (Note: This discount cannot be combined with any other sales, special discounts, or promo codes.)

SAMSUNG

Through Samsung's Education Offers Program, teachers and educators can save up to 30% on laptops, tablets, smartphones, and more when shopping on Samsung.com.

SCHLOTZSKY'S

If you're looking to give a gift to a special teacher in your life, from May 5 through May 8, if you spend \$25 in Schlotzsky's gift cards, you'll receive \$10 eRewards.

SONIC DRIVE-IN

Sonic is giving all those enrolled in its Teachers' Circle Rewards program a free cheeseburger with any purchase from May 9 to May 16 made online or in the Sonic App. Any teacher, faculty or staff at a K-12 school or degree-granting university can use the app to sign up for Teachers' Circle and get exclusive rewards; get verified before May 9 for the free cheeseburger deal.

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STAPLES

Join the Classroom Rewards program, and you'll receive 5% back in rewards on all purchases made by Staples Rewards members who link to your account.

SUBWAY

Teachers take advantage of Buy 1 FL, get 1 FREE. Order online or in the App and use code **FLBOGO** from 5/1-5/12 and get two footlongs for one delicious deal.

VINEYARD VINES

To show our appreciation, Teachers enjoy 15% OFF EVERYTHING. VERIFY STATUS <u>bit.ly/3uixVH6</u>

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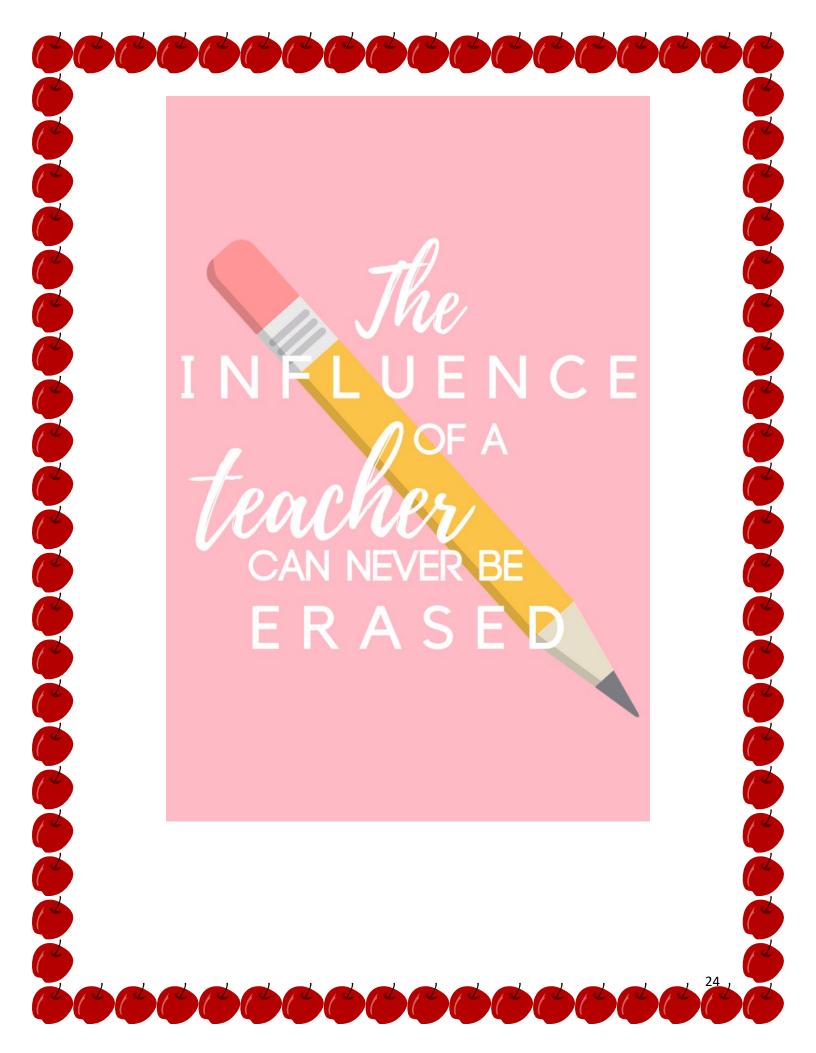
Educators can get free breakfast entrées from May 8 to May 12. During the week from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m., teachers get a free breakfast entrée plus a Taquito with cheese, Breakfast on a Bun or Honey Butter Chicken Biscuit. They also get a 25% discount on all items in the Whatastore with code WHATATEACHER23.

ZAXBY'S

tag the nurse or teacher you're taking to Zaxby's – BOGO offer is only valid 5/2 at participating locations and



Enjoy the Freebies & Deals



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Special Memories





Write your special memories here!

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FOR BEING A GREAT TEACHER

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