

Parent/Child Incorporated

Teacher Appreciation Week 2024

Commemorative Edition
May 6 - 10

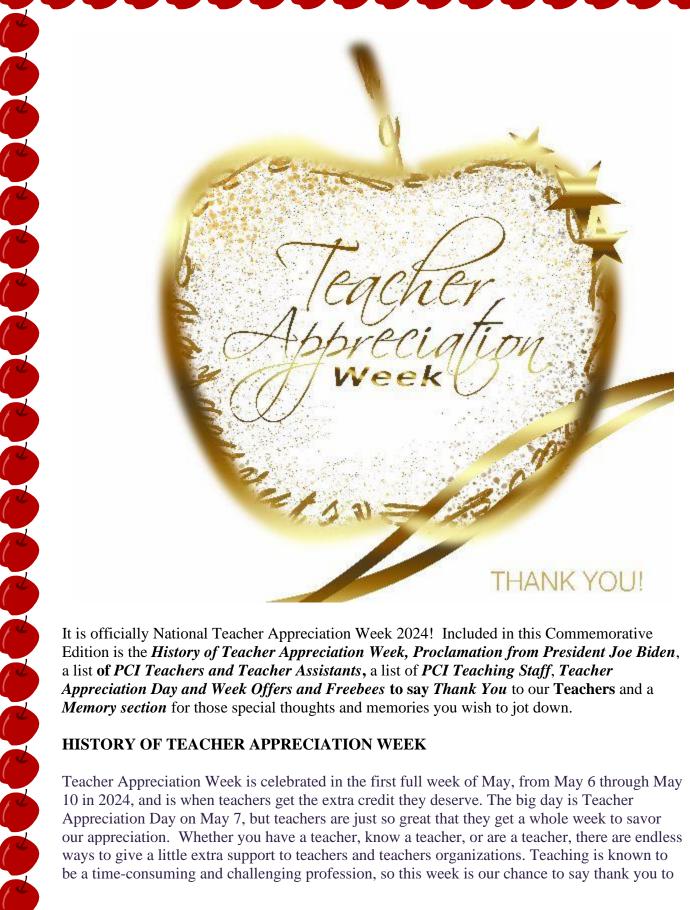


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TEACHERS - WE APPRECIATE YOU!



It is officially National Teacher Appreciation Week 2024! 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

Teacher Appreciation Week is celebrated in the first full week of May, from May 6 through May 10 in 2024, and is when teachers get the extra credit they deserve. The big day is Teacher Appreciation Day on May 7, but teachers are just so great that they get a whole week to savor our appreciation. Whether you have a teacher, know a teacher, or are a teacher, there are endless ways to give a little extra support to teachers and teachers organizations. Teaching is known to be a time-consuming and challenging profession, so this week is our chance to say thank you to

those that play or have played such a huge role in our lives. Who doesn't have a fond memory of a teacher who inspired us in some way?

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 school teacher, 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.



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after the pandemic so that teachers could return to their classrooms. It also delivered critical support for schools — from supporting early childhood programs and funding after-school and summer programs to hiring more teachers, counselors, and school psychologists.

We also passed the most significant bipartisan gun safety law in nearly 30 years because teaching should not be a life-threatening profession and teachers should never be on the frontlines of the gun violence epidemic. The law enhanced background checks for people under the age of 21 and gave States funding to enact red flag laws. At the same time, the law provided \$1 billion to help schools hire and train mental health counselors. But we need to do more — I continue to call on the Congress to implement commonsense gun safety laws that protect our kids and teachers.

Teachers deserve so much more breathing room: As I said in my State of the Union Address, let us give public school teachers a raise. Let us help relieve them of the student debt they took on to become teachers. My Administration has already worked to take the crushing weight of student debt off teachers' shoulders by fixing the Public Student Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program. To date, we have canceled over \$62.8 billion in student debt for nearly 900,000 public service workers, including teachers. That is up from the only 7,000 workers who had received PSLF when I took office.

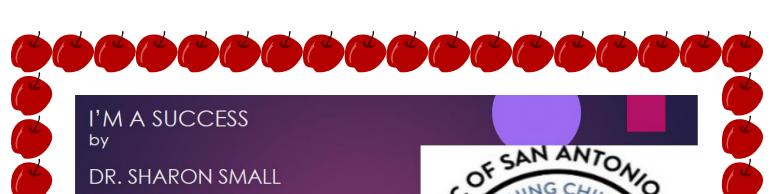
There is still much more to do to make sure our teachers are fully supported. My Budget proposes investing nearly \$3 billion in teachers and other educators, including \$650 million to support pathways into the profession, help keep great teachers in the profession, and increase the diversity of the profession. My Budget also proposes eliminating the origination fees charged to borrowers on every new Federal student loan, which would save the typical teacher \$1,000 or more throughout the repayment process. Further, my Administration proposed a rule that would boost Head Start teacher wages by \$10,000 on average, ensuring that they are getting the wages they deserve.

The First Lady has reminded me over the years that for teachers, teaching is more than what they do — it is who they are. That sense of purpose powers our Nation's teachers every day — even through the long hours they spend setting up classrooms, preparing lesson plans, and educating our future leaders. I have had the honor of meeting so many of our Nation's great teachers, who have poured their hearts into caring for their students — not only by educating them but motivating and inspiring them. Teachers hold the kite strings that keep our national ambitions aloft. The future of our Nation is in their hands. Today and this week, may we all show them the gratitude they deserve. We will always have their backs.

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 7, 2024, as National Teacher Appreciation Day and May 6 through May 10, 2024, 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 third day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.





2023-2024 Teacher/Teacher Assistant of the Year Nominees

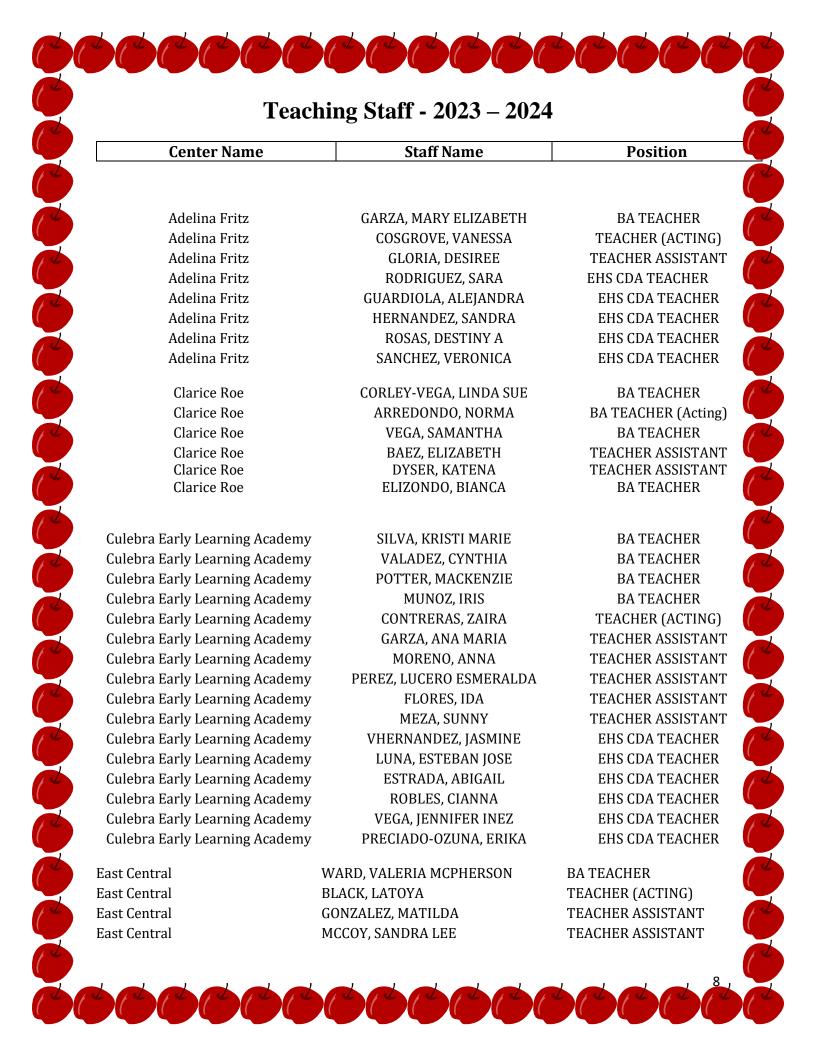
PCI Congratulates the 2023-2024 Center Nominees for Teacher / Teacher Assistant of the Year! To be nominated by your peers is a honor that should not be taken lightly.

CENTER	EARLY HEAD START TEACHER OF THE YEAR
Adelina Fritz	Veronica Sanchez
Culebra	Esteban Luna
Early Learning Academy -EHS	Regina Santos
Evelyn King	Nancy Torres
Imperial	Natalie Gamez
Lost Creek	Catalina Rivera
Midcrown	Kilana Duhart
Pearsall	Martha Espinoza
Place for Life-EHS	Cynthia Estrada
Southwest	Dolores Valdez
Terry O'Connor	Valerie Gonzalez
Timberhill	Crystal Flores
West Hutchins	April Barrera

CENTER	HEAD START TEACHER OF THE YEAR	
Adelina Fritz	Vanessa Cosgrove	
Clarice Roe	Samantha Vega	
Culebra	Iris Munoz	
East Central	Valeria Ward	
Early Learning Academy HS	Rebecca Melendez	
Evelyn King	Brandie Thompson	
George Gervin	Aliyah Carmona	
Imperial	Rachel Flores	
Lost Creek	Rebecca Garcia	
Meadowood	Crystal Olveda	
Midcrown	Sheril Daniels	
Pearsall	Mary Ann Rangel	
Place for Life- HS	Kari Correia	
Terry O'Connor	Felicity Olvera	
Timberhill	Carla Mandujano	
West Hutchins	Sandra Alfrido	

CENTER	HEAD START TEACHER ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR Desiree Gloria	
Adelina Fritz		
Clarice Roe	Elizabeth Baez	
Culebra	Lucero Perez	
Est Central	Sandra McCoy	
Early Learning Academy HS	Elaine Sanchez	
Evelyn King	Anna Flores	
George Gervin	Sharon Johnson	
Imperial	Imelda Powell	
Lost Creek	Maria Perea	
Meadowood	Estefany Motino-Arias	
Midcrown	Susana Ramirez	
Pearsall	Rose Arguello	
Place for life-HS	Debra Bosmans	
Terry O'Connor	Olga Gonzales	
Timberhill	Jema Salinas	
West Hutchins	Victoria Cardenas	





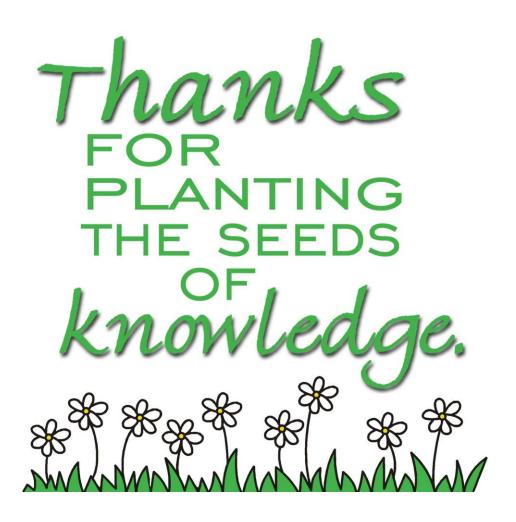


Midcrown	CARTER, RODNEYSHA	EHS CDA TEACHER
Midcrown	DUHART, KILANA	EHS CDA TEACHER
PCI Early Learning Academy (HS)	GONZALEZ, MYRNA ARACELI	BA TEACHER
PCI Early Learning Academy (HS)	MELENDEZ, REBECCA	TEACHER (ACTING)
PCI Early Learning Academy (HS)	TERRAZAS, MICHELLE	TEACHER (ACTING)
PCI Early Learning Academy (HS)	YANEZ, STEPHANIE	TEACHER (ACTING)
PCI Early Learning Academy (HS)	TREJO, LORIE	BA TEACHER
PCI Early Learning Academy (HS)	AGUIRRE, SANDRA	TEACHER ASSISTANT
PCI Early Learning Academy (HS)	CABRALES, ANA SILVIA	TEACHER ASSISTANT
PCI Early Learning Academy (HS)	GUAJARDO, VERONICA	TEACHER ASSISTANT
PCI Early Learning Academy (HS)	MEDINA, MARIA LETICIA	TEACHER ASSISTANT
PCI Early Learning Academy (HS)	SANCHEZ, ELAINE	TEACHER ASSISTANT
PCI Early Learning Academy (HS)	GONZALEZ, PRISCILLA LYNN	TEACHER ASSISTANT
PCI Early Learning Academy (EHS) PCI Early Learning Academy	ALAQUINEZ, JAHJET SCARLETTLEE	EHS CDA TEACHER
(EHS)	GUERRERO, CRYSTAL	EHS CDA TEACHER
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(EHS)	MARTINEZ, NANCY	EHS CDA TEACHER
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PCI Early Learning Academy (EHS)	MORALES, NANCY	EHS CDA TEACHER
PCI Early Learning Academy (EHS)	RAMOS, GRACIE	EHS CDA TEACHER
PCI Early Learning Academy (EHS)	ROBLES, CARYN	EHS CDA TEACHER
PCI Early Learning Academy (EHS)	SANTOS, REGINA ANN	EHS CDA TEACHER
PCI Early Learning Academy (EHS)	VARGAS, FELICIA BEATRICE	EHS CDA TEACHER
Pearsall	SANCHEZ, ALMA	BA TEACHER
Pearsall	RANGEL, MARY ANN	BA TEACHER
Pearsall	RIVERA, JESSICA	BA TEACHER
Pearsall	HERNANDEZ, OLGA	TEACHER ASSISTANT
Pearsall	RODRIGUEZ, CHRISTINE A	TEACHER ASSISTANT
Pearsall	ARGUELLO, ROSA	TEACHER ASSISTANT
Pearsall	GONZALEZ, JOANN	EHS CDA TEACHER
Pearsall	ESPINOZA, MARTHA ALICIA	EHS CDA TEACHER
Pearsall	ORTIZ, LAURINDA	EHS CDA TEACHER



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BARRERA, APRIL MARIE ESCAMILLA-MORENO, VIRGINIA GARZA, VICTORIA PENA, HERLINDA EHS CDA TEACHER EHS CDA TEACHER EHS CDA TEACHER EHS CDA TEACHER



"Growing San Antonio's Tomorrow...Today!"



Teacher Appreciation Week Specials SAN ANTONIO

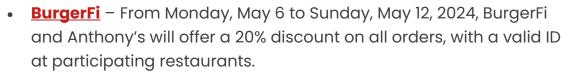
Freebies & Deals

Take advantage of these exclusive gifts and discounts before they expire!

Freebies

- Applebee's Teachers (with valid ID) who dine-in at Applebee's during National Teacher's Appreciation Week will receive a free dessert with any purchase. Plus, you'll get a voucher for a BOGO free entree for a future order. You can redeem the voucher from May 13 through June 9, 2024.
- <u>Buffalo Wild Wings</u> Buffalo Wild Wings is giving a shoutout to teachers with a 20% discount from May 6-12, 2024. Offer is valid for dine-in, call-in, and walk-in orders only. You must show valid ID.

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- <u>Dickey BBQ Pit</u> This year, Dickey's BBQ Pit is again offering nurses (with valid employment ID) a free Big Yellow Cup with a \$10+ purchase during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- <u>Dunkin'</u> Dunkin' Rewards members can enjoy a \$3 medium
 Dunkin' Refresher every day, including during Teacher Appreciation
 Week. You can use the offer once a day.
- **Edible Arrangements** BOGO Chocolate Dipped Fruit Cones weekdays through 6/7.
- Eyemart Express Any school employee (including educators, nurses, custodial staff, food service, even bus drivers) at an accredited public or private school PK -12, college, or university can get a 20% discount (in store only) at Eyemart Express with proper school ID. Offer is valid year-round.
- Golden Corral Golden Corral celebrates National Teacher
 Appreciation Week, May 6-10, 2024, with 20% off one adult buffet
 purchase for teachers, acknowledging their dedication to students,
 families, and communities. Proof of employment required. This
 offer coincides with the upcoming Grads Eat Free promotion (May
 6-10, 2024), aiming to encourage teacher participation and foster
 repeat visits.

- Happy Joe's Pizza & Ice Cream As a way to recognize the hard work and dedication of educators shaping our future generations, Happy Joe's is offering a 10% discount to teachers at participating locations. Offer valid May 6 – 10, 2024.
- Hat Creek Burger Company In honor of Teachers Appreciation
 Week, Hat Creek is giving free 6-piece nuggets to all teachers and
 school staff with a valid ID on Teacher Appreciation Day, May 7,
 2024. Available at all locations.
- HTeaO For 2 weeks in May, nurses and teachers can enjoy Happy Hour pricing (50% off) all day on cups of tea, every day. All nurses with a valid hospital, doctors office, and school nurse ID, and teachers with a valid professional school ID, are eligible for this offer.

- Huddle House Huddle House celebrates Teacher Appreciation
 Week (May 6-10, 2024) by offering free meals to local teachers with valid ID. Teachers can also vote for Teacher of the Year, with winners receiving a Free Meals for a Year card. Students can vote for their favorite teacher and get a Free Kids Meal with a \$6 purchase. Offer valid for dine-in at participating locations. Winners announced on May 13.

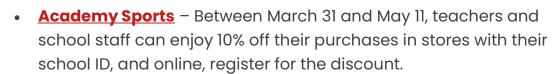
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- Insomnia Cookies Insomnia Cookies is giving teachers a free
 Classic Cookie in-store starting May 6 through May 12. No
 purchase necessary. You must show valid ID. Insomnia Cookies is
 also giving away a \$250 catering package to five lucky teachers.
 All you have to do for a chance to win is fill out their SWEETstakes
 form by 3 a.m. PT on May 13, 2024.
- <u>Krispy Kreme</u> Get 12 FREE Original Glazed Doughnuts when you sign up for the new Krispy Kreme Rewards by May 11. This offer is available to everyone, including teachers.
- McAlister's Deli Valid for educators from 5/6 5/12/24 for one
 Big Sweet Tea, Unsweet Tea, ½ Sweet & ½ Unsweet Tea, or ½
 Lemonade & ½ Sweet/Unsweet Tea (flavor shots excluded) on us in
 store at participating locations only. Must show valid educator ID
 at checkout. Limit one per person. No purchase necessary.

- Moe's Southwest Grill Say thank you to the Teachers in your life with Moe's catering! Spend \$300+ on Moe's catering and receive a \$50 E-gift card when using code **THANKYOU24** from May 6–12.
- Noodles & Company Noodles & Company honors educators with \$15 off catering orders over \$100 for Noodles Rewards members until May 17. Use code THANKSTEACHERS. Join Noodles Rewards for free perks.
- <u>Potbelly</u> Free cookie or regular-sized fountain drink when they purchase an entrée. This offer is available exclusively in-store from Monday, May 6, through Sunday, May 12.
- Smoothie King From May 6th to May 7th, use promo code "THANK\$2024" to enjoy \$2 off your order.
- <u>Sonic</u> Free rewards to educators in the SONIC Teachers' Circle program. On May 6, members can enjoy five free SONIC menu



- <u>Staples</u> FREE supply kit filled with goodies & enjoy 20% off purchases with your teacher ID. Plus, anyone who joins the <u>Classroom Rewards program</u> can earn 5% back to the school or teacher of their choice all year long, and teachers can sign up to redeem those rewards.
- TGI Fridays Teachers (with valid ID) can enjoy a free meal (from a select menu) at TGI Fridays when they dine-in on May 7. While we don't know this year's menu yet, here's a look at what they offered last year:
 - Cheeseburger with Seasoned Fries
 - Crispy Chicken Fingers with Seasoned Fries and Coleslaw
 - 6 oz. Center-Cut Sirloin with Mashed Potatoes and Garlic-Butter Broccoli
 - Caesar Salad with Grilled Chicken
- The Greene Turtle In honor of Teachers Appreciation Day, The Greene Turtle will offer a free meal up to \$15 value to all faculty and staff with a valid ID. Offer valid Tuesday, May 7, 2024 for dine-in only at participating locations.
- Whataburger Whataburger knows educating the minds of the future requires early mornings and the right fuel! During National Teacher Appreciation Week, the brand is rewarding the hard work of all school employees across its 15-state footprint when they show their school ID from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m., May 6 10. Whataburger will be offering:
 - A free Taquito, Breakfast on a Bun, or Honey Butter Chicken Biscuit
 - A WhataTeacher lanyard
 - 63 teachers will be selected to receive a \$1,000 grant for their school

Deals



- Ann Taylor/Loft Teachers can enjoy a 15% discount year round at Ann Taylor and Loft. This discount is valid for in-store purchases only.
- **Apple** Teachers can get discounts of up to \$200 on computers and accessories through the Apple Education Store.
- AT&T AT&T is showing its support for teachers today and every day with the best price on unlimited plans.
- <u>Canva</u> Teachers at eligible schools can get Canva for Education free.
- <u>Champion</u> All members of the education community (including retired educators) can receive 10% off at Champion online.
- CheapCarribean Teachers and educators can receive \$150 off their next vacation by verifying their teaching position with the Beach4TeachClub. Plus, enter here for a chance to win a gift certificate for a complimentary all-inclusive three-night stay for two at a RIU resort.
- <u>Costco</u> Teachers who join Costo get a free \$20 Costco shop card.
- <u>Crayola</u> Offers all visitors to the site 20% off on all products from their Teacher Gift Ideas category page with code **EDUCATORS**.
- <u>Dick Blick</u> Teachers who join the Dick Blick Preferred program can save 10% every day at Dick Blick.

- <u>Lenovo</u> Teachers can save 5% sitewide, including laptops, tablets and desktop computers.
- <u>Lovesac</u> Healthcare Workers, First Responders, Military Personnel, and Teachers can get 5% off all purchases.
- 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.

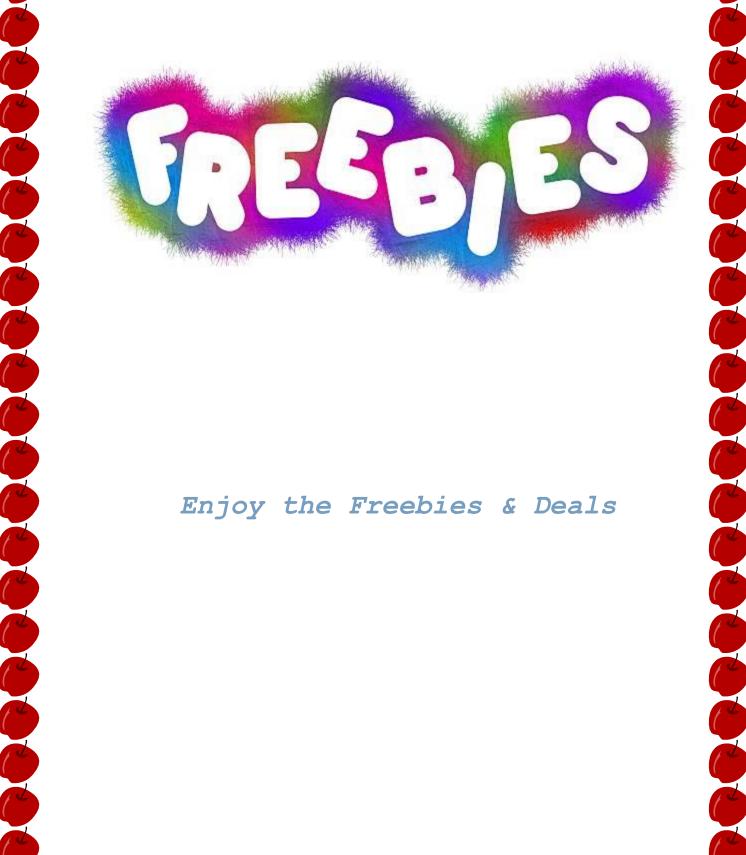


- <u>Verizon</u> Offers a discount of \$5 to \$12.50 per line to teachers. Eligibility needs to be confirmed on ID.me.
- Willow Offers teachers that are also moms a 10% discount on a Willow Breast Pump (not valid on accessories). Verification through **SheerID** is required for discount.

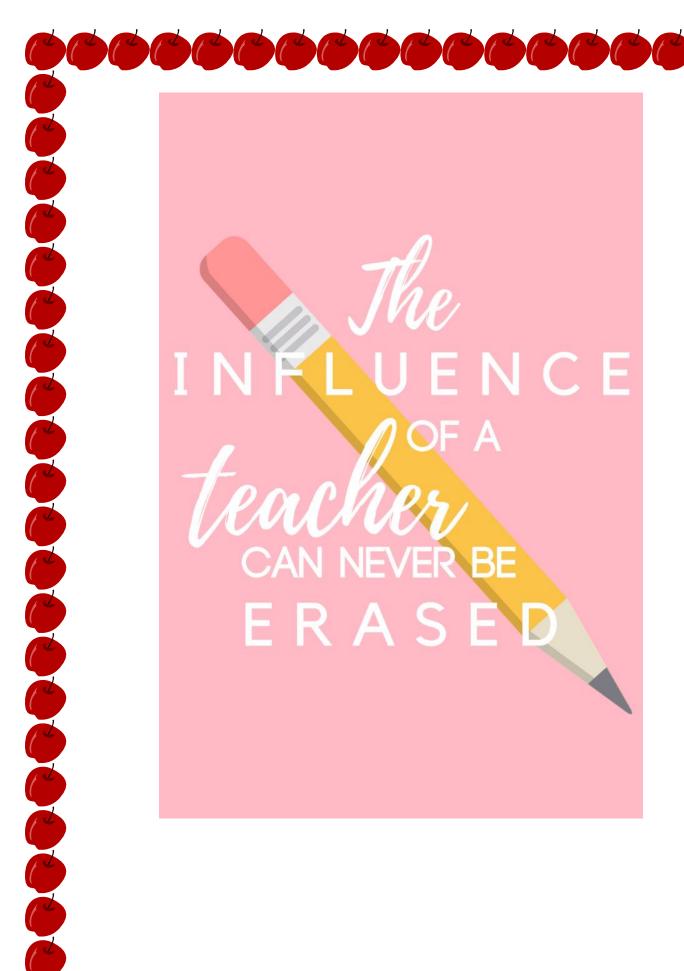
Sweepstakes & Giveaways

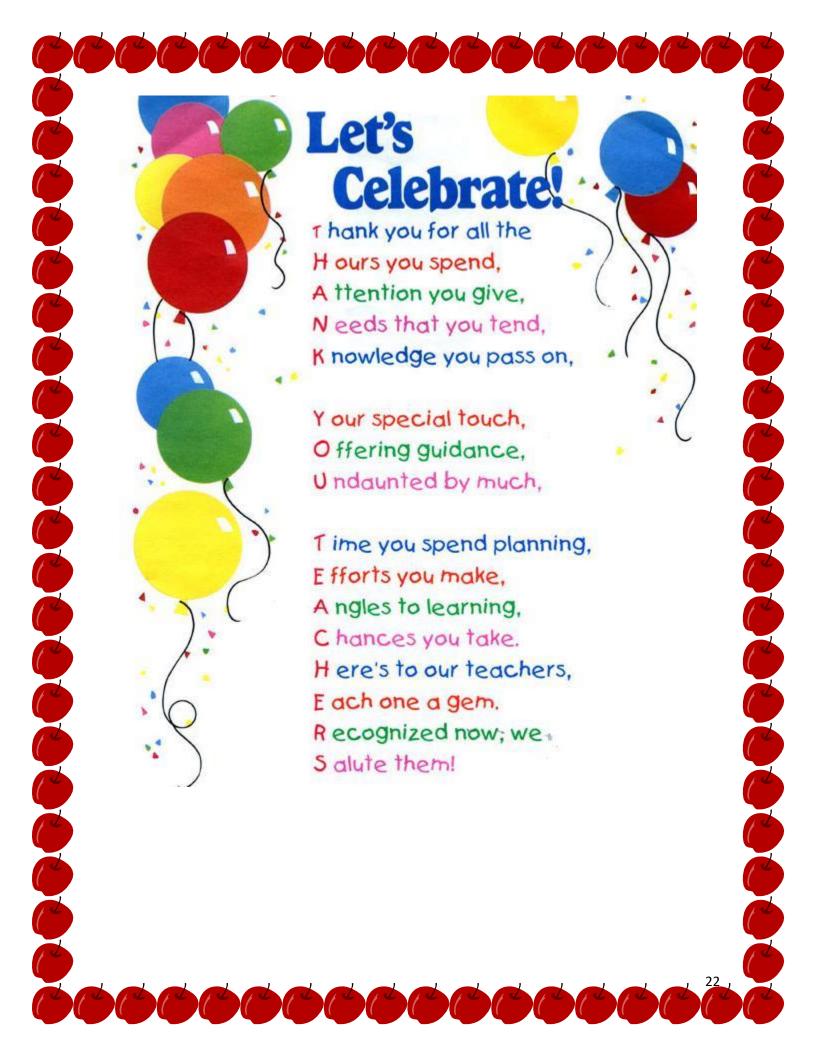
- **2024 Scholastic eGift Teacher Appreciation Sweepstakes** 7 Winners | One Time Entry | Ends May 11, 2024 (2:59 AM EDT)
- Cheap Caribbean Vacations Nurses & Teachers Heroes Month Giveaway Sweepstakes - 50 Winners | One Time Entry | Ends May 20, 2024
- Ramsey Teacher Appreciation Giveaway 3 Winners | One Time Entry | Ends April 30, 2024





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