

Teacher Appreciation Week



The coronavirus pandemic is profoundly interrupting the education of students at every level. As the daughter of a career educator, I have seen, first-hand, the impact and lifelong influence teachers have on the lives of students.

Our teachers have gone above and beyond to quickly learn and adapt to distance learning. Many of them have found creative and caring ways to stay connected to students, extending a culture of kindness and respect beyond the physical buildings.

Let's not forget, during this crisis, many have done so while also tending to their own children and families.

Our teachers provide the high-quality instruction and support that students need to improve their academic skills. During uncertain times in the world, teachers also serve as a calming voice and presence for a child and family. In partnership with administrators and staff, teachers are mentors and a vital part of the child welfare system. Strong teachers meet the needs of the whole child. Because of them, children feel safe and valued. Teachers within our Department strive to deliver culturally relevant lessons designed to keep our students engaged and on track to grade promotion.

So today and through the uncertainty of tomorrow-- **thank you** to our educational professionals.

"I am not a teacher, but an awakener."

- Robert Frost



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