

Teacher Appreciation Week

“ EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD ”

- Nelson Mandela -



Six or seven hours is the "contracted" workday for a teacher. However, unlike in other professions, the expectation for teachers is that required work will also take place at home, at night and on weekends. For teachers, the day isn't over when the dismissal bell rings.



9 out of 10 teachers spend their own money on their students and classroom.



Teachers spend an average of 50-53 hours per week on instructional duties, including an average of 12 hours each week on non-compensated school-related activities such as grading papers, bus duty, and club advising.



Teachers make 14% less than people in other professions that require similar levels of education.



TEACHERS ARE NOT ONLY EDUCATORS, THEY ARE ALSO CARETAKERS



1 in 3 teachers have purchased clothing for their students.



More than half of teachers have covered field trips costs for students who cannot afford to participate.



Nearly 1 in 3 teachers have purchased bathroom and hygiene products for their students and classrooms.



More than 65% of teachers have paid for food for their students.

IN THE UNITED STATES, SURVEYS REVEAL THAT TEACHERS ARE THE SECOND OCCUPATION THAT CONTRIBUTES MOST TO SOCIETY'S WELL-BEING.

TEACHERS AREN'T IN IT FOR THE MONEY

When asked for the five most important factors for retaining good teachers: Supportive leadership, More family involvement in students' education, More help for students who have behavioral or other problems that interfere with learning, Access to high-quality curriculum and teaching resources, and Time for teachers to collaborate

HOW CAN WE HELP TEACHERS?

- Donate to their classroom fund or donate school supplies
- Volunteer for their classroom
- Support their efforts with parent involvement
- Show them you appreciate their ongoing efforts