

National Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8-12, 2017

National Teacher Appreciation Week this year is May 8 through 12, 2017. The official National Teacher Day is Tuesday, May 9.

The NEA describes National Teacher Day *“as a day for honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make to our lives.”*

Teachers play a critical role in educating and shaping our children: the future leaders of our country. They are kind, patient, hard-working, dedicated and understanding professionals that mold our children’s lives in a positive direction. We entrust our children with the teachers, and they affect their lives on a daily basis.

HOW TO OBSERVE

It is time to say “Thank You” to the special teachers in your building and that you know. Let them know they are appreciated for all they do. There are lots of fun ideas to honor your teachers on Pinterest, and the NEA, and the National PTA websites (www.pta.org/thankateacher) have lots of themes, information and ideas.

HISTORY

Political and educational leaders first began discussions for a day to honor teachers in 1944. In 1953, Eleanor Roosevelt persuaded the 81st Congress to proclaim National Teachers’ Day. Congress declared March 7, 1980, as National Teacher Day. The National Education Association continued to observe Teacher Day on the first Tuesday in March until 1985, when the National PTA established Teacher Appreciation Week as the first full week of May. The NEA Representative Assembly then voted to make the Tuesday of that week National Teacher Day. National Teacher Day is an unofficial national holiday.

SCHOOL NURSE DAY IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017

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