

Dear 2014/2015 Room Parents:

Teacher Appreciation week will be the week of May 4th. Since 1984, the National PTA has designated the first full week in May as Teacher Appreciation Week. This year Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-8th and we will be celebrating with the following: On Monday, bring in either a store-bought, homemade, or garden flower for your teacher. On Tuesday, have your student draw a picture or write a note for their teacher. On Wednesday, bring in a sheet of stickers for your teacher. On Thursday, bring in a note from the parents for the teacher thanking them for all they do. On Friday, students come to school with a smile and be thankful for the wonderful teachers we have at Welch! There will be a note going home to all families regarding the activities/suggestions for the week as well.

If you want to plan a year end gift, this is a nice time to do so. This is entirely optional. If you do plan to collect donations of any type, please make sure that your parents know that they are not required to contribute and there is no required dollar amount required if they do wish to do so. Any card to the teacher should be from the entire class as we do not want to exclude any family who has chosen not to participate or is unable to participate. Below is a sample letter you can use as a template to get the donations started.

In the past, we have had many classrooms come up with low/no-cost ideas for teacher gifts. You can ask each student to submit a picture/letter/photos to the teacher to be combined into a scrapbook. Students can bring in an individual flower/piece of fruit/etc to be placed in a class vase or bowl for a gift. Class gifts can also be something for the classroom. A game or book purchase is always appreciated.

Thanks again for all of your time and energy you devoted to your classroom!

Michele and Salve

Sample Letter to "Cut and Paste" into your own letter to parents:

Good Morning!

Teacher Appreciation Week will be the week of May 5th. The PTA puts together suggestions for each day for a small way to say thank you to your child's teacher. We thought this might be a great way to incorporate a year end teacher gift.

If you would like to contribute to a class gift for Mrs. Bauer, please send in your donation in an envelope marked, Tanya Covey by **Monday May th**. We will purchase a Visa Gift Card and a plant with the donations that are received.

We will present the gift as well as a card from the entire class on Friday of that week. This is an optional gift. You are not required to participate and there is no dollar amount required in order to do so.

Please let us know if you have any questions.