

## **Teacher Appreciation Responsibilities**

National Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7-11, 2012. (Shepardson will not be in session Friday, May 11th)

This year Shepardson families will honor the Teachers and Staff with a Buffet Lunch on Tuesday, May 8th and Thursday, May 10th in the workroom. This will be a combined effort by several grades. Each grade/room parent has been assigned a day to coordinate bringing in food items to the workroom for these luncheons. Because so many classes will be contributing for the luncheon, little recruiting will be required by each room parent. Food should be ready for service at 11:30 and cleaned up at 1:30. Please make any attempt you can to keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot. Choosing a theme is at the discretion of the room parents involved.

Soup and salad, BBQ and Mexican have been popular theme's of the past. Note that the staff luncheons are the one exception to the "no home baked" foods rule since the food is for the teachers and staff and not for the children. Approximately 45 staff members will be eating lunch throughout the allotted time. The PTO will provide paper plates, cutlery and napkins and will be available in the workroom the day of the event. Below is a schedule for the lunches:

### **Tuesday, May 8th**

Kinder: Desserts/Drinks

First: Sides/Salads

Second: Main

### **Thursday, May 10th**

Third: Desserts/Drinks

Fourth: Sides/Salads

Fifth: Main

In addition to the Luncheons, below you will find a suggested activity for the kids to participate in honoring their teachers throughout the week. This is a simple suggestion for all the classrooms but please feel free to organize any activities that you see fit. Also, encourage students to recognize other specials teachers and staff in the school. An email from the PTO with the following suggestions will go out the week prior to all the families.

Monday: Bring in a flower to brighten his/her day.

Tuesday: Draw a portrait of your teacher.

Wednesday: Wear your teachers favorite color.

Thursday: Write a special note or poem about your teacher.

Friday: NO SCHOOL

The PTO is sending out a teacher preference survey to each teacher. Teachers will return the survey to their room parent. It is also nice to organize a "gesture" of appreciation for your class room teacher from the class. If you do not have enough money in your classroom budget it does not have to be a gift. Something as simple as thank you notes from the kids is greatly appreciated and treasured by your child's teacher.