The last few years have been tough for educators and staff. Now that students have returned to in-person learning, teachers are doubling down on their efforts to support students in the classroom. During the holiday season and year-round, use these ideas to show appreciation for your child's teachers and recognize them for their hard work.

**Support a Teacher’s Classroom**

A great way to show appreciation for your child's teacher is to provide classroom support. An offer of much-needed supplies is always appreciated, as data show most teachers spend a good amount of their own money to provide their students with school supplies. You and fellow parents can use crowd-sourcing websites such as adoptaclassroom.org and donorschoose.org to make tax-deductible donations to teachers in need.

**Find Ways to Say Thank You**

Working with your children on ways to show teacher appreciation gives them a chance to add their own personal touch. Anything handmade makes your effort that much more special. Thank-you cards are always a good idea and can make for a fun craft project that sparks creativity. You might even include a “coupon” for help after school or something needed for the classroom. Another fun idea is to create a thank-you video or even choreograph a dance or skit with other parents and classmates.

**Organize With the PTA**

If you're looking for a collective teacher appreciation effort, work with school PTAs or other parent organizations affiliated with your child’s school. Most parent-teacher groups regularly organize initiatives to support teachers and school staff year-round. Whether it's going in on a gift card, organizing a bake sale, or planning a teacher appreciation picnic, pooling creative resources makes lighter work for all.

**Give the Gift of Self-Care**

Teachers put their students first, sometimes forgoing their own little luxuries to provide for others. Joining forces with fellow parents to chip in for a self-care gift is a great way to show appreciation for a job well done. Teachers love gift cards for salon services, specialty stores, gym memberships, and local restaurants.

**Make It Personal**

The most treasured gifts from students are ones that are from the heart and show the students know their teachers. Toys for teachers’ pets, seeds for a home garden, and anything personalized like tote bags, desk accessories, jewelry, and travel mugs are always a hit.

Sources: [How to Thank Teachers](#) and [How to Celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week](#)