

Teacher Staff Appreciation Week

MAY 4-8, 2015

Dedicated to all teachers and school staff as thanks for their time, dedication and talents that they generously share every day with our children.

Since 1984, the National PTA has designated the first week in May as a special time to honor the men and women who lend their passion and skills to educating our children. May 4 through 8, 2015, is Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. Teachers and school staff play a key role in student success and sometimes a simple "thanks" goes a long way making them feel valued. Florence Community PTA thanks the teachers and staff of the Siuslaw School District for their commitment to educating the children of our community. We acknowledge the crucial role you play in making sure every student receives a quality education. You make a difference and we appreciate you! —Florence Community PTA



SHS secretaries
Hadley Wells,
Trisha Holden and
Angie Bernhardt

Beginning Monday, May 4, the teachers and staff at all Siuslaw School District schools and the bus barn will receive a variety of special surprises, organized by the Florence Community PTA. Breakfast items, sweet treats and gifts will be laid out in common staff areas at each building. If you would like to help set up or provide treats, contact Diane McCalmont at 541-997-1854.

How to show appreciation at your child's school

Go beyond Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week to say thanks to those who work with your children. Expressions of appreciation can build mutual respect and open the door to better communication about expectations, student performance and more. Take a moment to recognize the imperative and inspiring work our teachers and staff do every day.

Here are some ideas for showing appreciation and saying thanks to the teachers and staff at school:

- Ask the teacher what his or her favorite book is and buy a copy for them or have a copy donated to the school library. Include in each book a bookplate with the name of the teacher who chose the book.
- Give the gift of time: Volunteer at your child's school. Contact Vonnie McClellan at 541-997-2651 for information about other volunteer opportunities.
- Write personal thank you notes to teachers and staff. Say thanks the next time that you speak to your child's teacher. Send a quick e-mail expressing your gratitude.
- Contribute classroom materials, such as paper, stickers, tissue and pencils. Ask the teacher if there is something specific that they could use. Or give a gift certificate for the teacher to purchase the little extras needed in his or her classroom.
- Have your child share thank you messages with his or her teacher through notes or artwork.
- Have your child come up with a list of five nice things they can do for their teachers. They could pick one to do each of the remaining weeks of school.
- Don't forget the staff: custodians, librarians, office staff, bus drivers, kitchen workers, teachers' assistants and principals. Honor them as well.

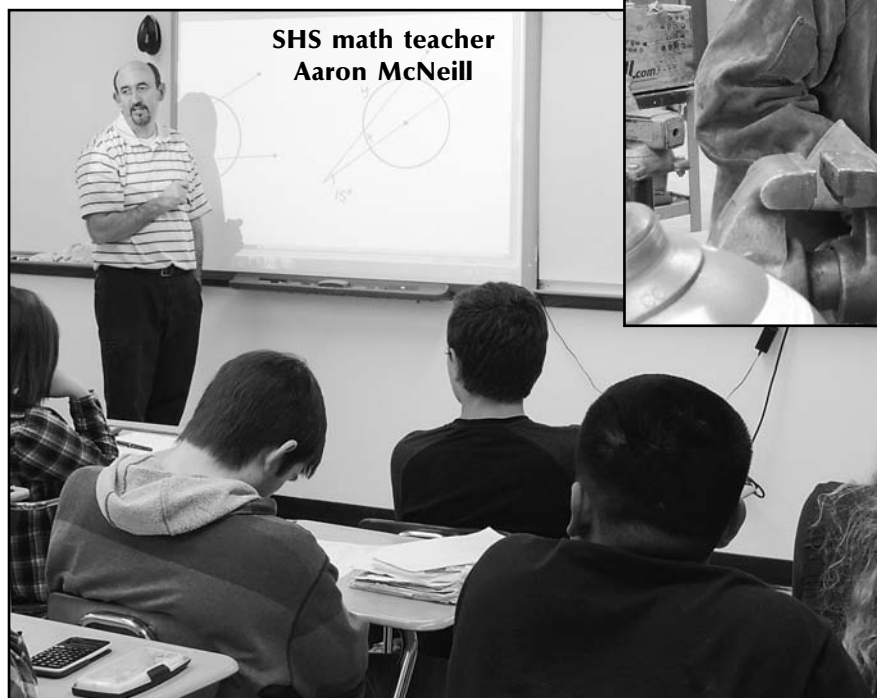
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Siuslaw bus driver
Liz Snyder



SMS math teacher
Ethan Dougherty



SHS math teacher
Aaron McNeill



SHS Auto
Shop teacher
Travis Blake



SES second-grade
teacher Gerald Fleming

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