

100 Action Team Ideas

Involving Groups In Your Utrust Appreciation Program

1. Art teacher – help students design cards or notes of appreciation for honorees on each appreciation day
2. Art club-make at least one poster for each appreciation day honoring the people who are recognized on that day.
3. Band director- Choose a few band members to serenade honorees during celebrations.
4. Baseball team- Write a note of appreciation from the team to bus drivers saying “Its a big deal for any one of us when we get a hit, but you make a home run every single day. Thanks for making sure every student on your bus is “SAFE AT HOME” every day. Sign it the ____ High School Baseball Team and have every player sign it.
5. Baseball team-Have each team member write a personal note of appreciation and present it to a staff member in the group being honored. Start the note with, “You are a big hit with us because...”
6. Baseball team-Have each team member write a personal note of appreciation and present it to honor your coach on the appropriate appreciation day.
7. Boys Basketball team-Have each team member write a personal note of appreciation and present it to honor your coach on the appropriate appreciation day.
8. Boys Basketball team-Write a note from the team to each staff member being honored on an appreciation day. Make the message related to basketball such as: “As a basketball team we can only win with teamwork. Every member of our team plays an important role. You play an important role in our school team. We have noticed that you...(Offer genuine compliments to the staff member for things that he or she does.) Close with something like:" Thank you for being a valuable member of our team and making our school a better place to learn and work." Sign it," The ____ School boys basketball team and have every member of the team sign the note.
9. Boys Basketball team-Honor an employee group at halftime of a game or between games.
10. Businesses. Be involved in at least one appreciation day. (Send the letter provided by Utrust to selected businesses in your community.)
11. Cafeteria staff – provide coffee or tea and a sweet treat for honorees
12. Cheerleaders – perform a cheer on the school intercom for the honorees
13. Cheerleaders – perform a cheer for bus drivers outside the school on the morning or afternoon of appreciation day
14. Chorus Teacher-Have an individual or group or entire chorus sing the special appreciation day song for each appreciation day.
15. Church or Sunday School Class-provide a meal for honorees
16. Church or Sunday School Class-provide tokens of appreciation to individual honorees on appreciation days, preferably with a note of appreciation.
17. Church or Sunday School Class-send cards of appreciation to each individual school employee on their special appreciation day.
18. Class officers-write a note of appreciation from your class to the principal and assistant principals and present it (preferably read it) during the celebration of their appreciation day
19. Commercial foods class – provide a meal for honorees on an appreciation day.
20. Community or Student Volunteer – dress up in a theme related costume on an appreciation day and go around to thank each honoree or participate in the celebration ceremony.
21. Community volunteer – bake a cookie and wrap in Saran wrap for each honoree
22. Community Volunteer – bake and wrap in Saran wrap a brownie for each honoree

23. Community volunteer – provide a bottle of water for each honoree (A-Team make a theme related wrapper for each).
24. Community volunteer – provide a Hershey bar for each honoree
25. Community volunteer – provide an apple for each honoree
26. Computer savvy parent or student – prepare a DVD for each honoree with photos and videos made by the paparazzi
27. Computer savvy parent or student – prepare a video for YouTube or Vimeo with photos and videos made by the paparazzi
28. Dance team-make special presentation during a celebration
29. Dramatics club-perform a skit during an appreciation day celebration
30. Drum Corps-honor the food service staff buy marching into the cafeteria just before lunch and serenading them.
31. Drum Corps-join members of the A-Team who are holding signs honoring school bus drivers before or after school. Make the occasion special by playing your drums.
32. English teachers- Take 5 minutes at the beginning of your class to have students write notes of appreciation to members of the school staff being honored at each appreciation day.
33. FCA-write a note of appreciation from the FCA to each person being honored on the appreciation day saying something like: "Jesus taught us to love one another. We want to share with you why we love and appreciate you.(Mention specific things that you appreciate about the person and their work.) Close with," thanks for all you do to make our school a better place to learn and work."
34. Football team –Write a note from the team to each staff member being honored on an appreciation day. Make the message related to football such as: "As a football team we can only win with teamwork. Every member of our team plays an important role. You play an important role in our school team. We have noticed that you...(Offer genuine compliments to the staff member for things that he or she does.) Close with something like:" Thank you for being a valuable member of our team and making our school a better place to learn and work." Sign it," The ____ School football team and have every member of the team sign the note.
35. Football team- at the end of the day on teacher appreciation day, have each football player, in full uniform show up at a teacher's door to express appreciation for something they appreciate about them.
36. Football team- Have members of the team escort each cafeteria staff worker to a luncheon provided by some group
37. Football team-Have each team member write a personal note of appreciation and present it to honor your coach on the appropriate appreciation day.
38. Football team-Honor an employee group at halftime of a game or before the game.
39. Girls Basketball team-Have each team member write a personal note of appreciation and present it to honor your coach on the appropriate appreciation day.
40. Girls Basketball team-Honor an employee group at halftime of a game or between games
41. Guidance counselor – encourage students to write notes of appreciation to honorees who have made a difference in their lives. Help students understand the importance of expressing appreciation.
42. Individuals in the Community. Provide food or tokens of appreciation for honorees on appreciation days. (Send the letter provided by Utrust to invite their participation)
43. Home rooms or elementary classes. Choose one of the seven appreciation days and do something to make the day memorable for employees in that group.
44. Individual Classes. On teacher appreciation day individual classes are needed to plan and conduct a celebration for their homeroom teacher. In each case, the two G-Force members

in the class should lead the class in planning and conducting the celebration. The G-Force members will receive theme related suggestions from Utrust and for teacher appreciation day, even an agenda for the celebration.

45. Individual Classes. On custodian appreciation day individual classes should be involved in expressing appreciation to the custodian who regularly cleans that classroom. Clean the classroom and empty the trash. Leave a note from the class and small signs around the room to say thanks for specific things. For example a note attached to the trash can saying, "Thanks for taking out our trash. It would soon take up all our room if you didn't empty it."
46. Librarian – help students find books and stories about the appreciation day theme and encourage them to write notes of appreciation to honorees using the theme during library.
47. Marketing teacher-ask the marketing teacher to have his or her students develop ideas to encourage students to participate in appreciation day activities and work with the Action Team in implementing them..
48. Music teacher- Teach students to sing the specially written song to honor whatever group is being honored on each appreciation day.
49. News Media. Tell a story about each appreciation day. (Have a member of the Action Team contact the news media in the community 3 days before each appreciation day and invite them to attend a particular appreciation day activity, preferably a dramatic activity or particularly interesting . Be certain to tell the time and location the of the event.)
50. Pep Band-Play some tunes for bus driver celebration in the morning as buses arrive.
51. Principal – write a letter of appreciation to the superintendent on behalf of the school on superintendent appreciation day.
52. Principal-make a comment over the school intercom at the beginning of each appreciation day honoring the staff members being recognized.
53. Principal-make brief comments at the celebration for each group of staff being honored on their appreciation day.
54. Principal/assistants –participate in as many celebrations for honorees as possible
55. PTA President – Ensure that a token of appreciation and a personal note from the PTA is provided for each honoree for each appreciation day
56. Related arts teachers- incorporate preparations related to skills being taught for honoring staff on their special day into class activity.
57. Residents of nursing home – Personalized thank you notes
58. School clubs – each club take one appreciation day and do something related to the purpose of your organization to make the day memorable for honorees
59. School Clubs – send a note or card to each honoree from the club
60. School groups-contact the president or later of every club, class organization in the school and tell them that you want their group to be involved in a special way on at least one appreciation day. Them to do something to make at least one appreciation day special for those who are being honored. Tell them to let you know what they want to do.
61. School Newspaper-Work with the Paparazzi to produce an article and photo for each appreciation day.
62. Softball team-Have each team member write a personal note of appreciation and present it to honor your coach on the appropriate appreciation day.
63. Softball team-Honor individual employees on their appreciation day with notes that begin "You are a hit with us because...."
64. Speech class or club- Make the announcements on each appreciation day.
65. Student Council – send a representative to each appreciation celebration and deliver a personal message of appreciation
66. Student Council – write a note of appreciation to each honoree from the student council

67. Student Council – accept responsibility for leading an activity such as a coat drive to honor the superintendent.
68. Student Council – write a well thought out message of appreciation to the superintendent on behalf of the school on superintendent appreciation day or make a video clip.
69. Student Organizations- Do something to make at least one appreciation day special for honorees. (Send the letter provided by Utrust inviting them to participate.)
70. Volleyball team-Write a note from the volleyball team to each staff member being honored on an appreciation day. Make the message related to volleyball such as: “As a volleyball team we can only win with teamwork. Every member of our team plays an important role. You play an important role in our school team. We have noticed that you...(Offer genuine compliments to the staff member for things that he or she does.) Close with something like:” Thank you for being a valuable member of our team and making our school a better place to learn and work.” Sign it,” The volleyball team and have every member of the team sign the note.
71. Volleyball team-Have each team member write a personal note of appreciation and present it to honor your coach on the appropriate appreciation day
72. Yearbook Staff- Include a photo and brief article about the A-Team
73. Yearbook Staff- Include a photo and brief article about the G-Force
74. Yearbook Staff- Work with the Paparazzi to collect stories and photos of each appreciation day to use to prepare a spread for the Yearbook.
75. Yearbook staff-include at least one photo of members of the staff being honored on each appreciation day.
76. English class- Ask an English teacher (or other teacher) to make a writing assignment for each student to write about one of the honorees for an appreciation day. Invite the group to the classroom for a presentation or take the entire class to make a presentation somewhere else in the school.
77. Soccer team- Have the soccer team make a sign such as, “We get a kick out of you” and then have each player write a note on the sign a specific reason they get a kick out of the person being honored. Present it to the honoree with all players dressed in uniform and take a photo for the school newspaper, website, yearbook or to give to the honoree.
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