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APPRECIATING, DEVELOPING, AND SUPPORTING SCHOOL STAFF

GAINESBORO ELEMENTARY'S "OUT OF THIS WORLD" SUPPORT STAFF IS HONORED

Thursday, April 7th was a special day at Gainesboro Elementary School. Everyone in the school teamed up to honor their support staff with a outer space themed celebration they were sure to never forget.

Teachers covered the duties of the support staff in the cafeteria and the office during this time in order to provide them with an hour-long duty free lunch on their special day. The faculty prepared and set up a delicious meal which consisted of barbecue, sides and desserts.

Teachers also brought in goodies for treat bags that the support staff drew numbers for. Each of the 17 support staff members received a goodie bag filled with treats.

Students were given stars to express their appreciation for their "Shining Star" support staff members. The stars were then hung up in the hallway with a picture of the support staff with the words "Shining Stars of GES."

Treat bags were also sent to the Central Office staff to show appreciation to them for all they do for the schools. The bags were filled with Milky Ways, Moon Pies, and Orbit gum along with a note that stated "We think you're out of this world! Thanks for all you do!"



Gainesboro Elementary's Support Staff

"I was proud to see that students, faculty, and the school board recognized the job that we do for them each day. They are the reason we are here, but it is nice to have an occasional pat on the back," Freda Hammock, Federal Projects Bookkeeper, said.



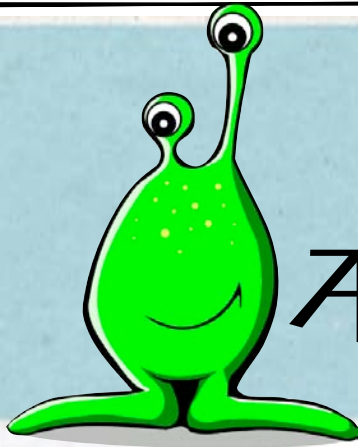
Support Staff enjoying a duty-free lunch on Support Staff Appreciation Day.



Tammy McDowell, Fiscal Services Assistant and Freda Hammock, Federal Projects Bookkeeper pose with their posters they received.



The goodie bags and letters from Superintendent Joe Barlow for the central office support staff members.



SUPPORT STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

3-2-1 BLAST OFF!! Administrative and Instructional Support Staff was a huge success. The celebrations for this appreciation day were truly "out of this world." With Candy Planets, Moon Rocks, Shining Stars, NASA Nutrients, an Alien Appreciation Acrostic and much more, support staff members all across the state surely felt appreciated.

The support staff at Rogersville Middle School in Hawkins County was treated to a day of pampering. First they enjoyed a delicious breakfast. Then they received manicures and massages, all courtesy of the faculty.

Warren County High School students wanted to make sure their support staff knew how much they were appreciated. The support staff received invitations to a special NASA Nutrient breakfast on appreciation day, where they enjoyed breakfast casserole, fresh fruit salad, and much more. The students also wore notes of appreciation on their shirts all day and made a flower arrangement for each support staff member.



Students at Hampton High School in Carter County made a banner of thanks for their "Out of This World" support staff.

Mountain City Elementary's shining star support staff received personalized artwork, cards and posters from the students. They also received goodie bags full of treats like Starbursts, Starlight Mints, Orbit Gum, and Milky Ways.

There were many more great celebrations for Support Staff Appreciation Day. Visit the [Utrust website](#) or our [Grouply](#) network to see pictures.



The support staff at Rogersville Middle enjoyed manicures and massages.



Warren County High School students wore badges of appreciation and made flower arrangements.



The support staff at Mountain City Elementary in Johnson County received artwork from the student and goodie bags.

Pathways Alternative School Loves Their Shining Star Support Staff

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Pathways Alternative School (PAS) in Hawkins County goes all out for each appreciation day, and Support Staff Appreciation Day was no exception.

The three support staff members enjoyed a fun filled outer space themed day of celebration. The halls of Pathways Alternative were filled with artwork made by the students. One of the posters was a display of outer space with three shining stars representing the support staff members.

"I was so excited and happy. I loved it! The students did such a great job!" Rhonda Harrell, support staff member, said.

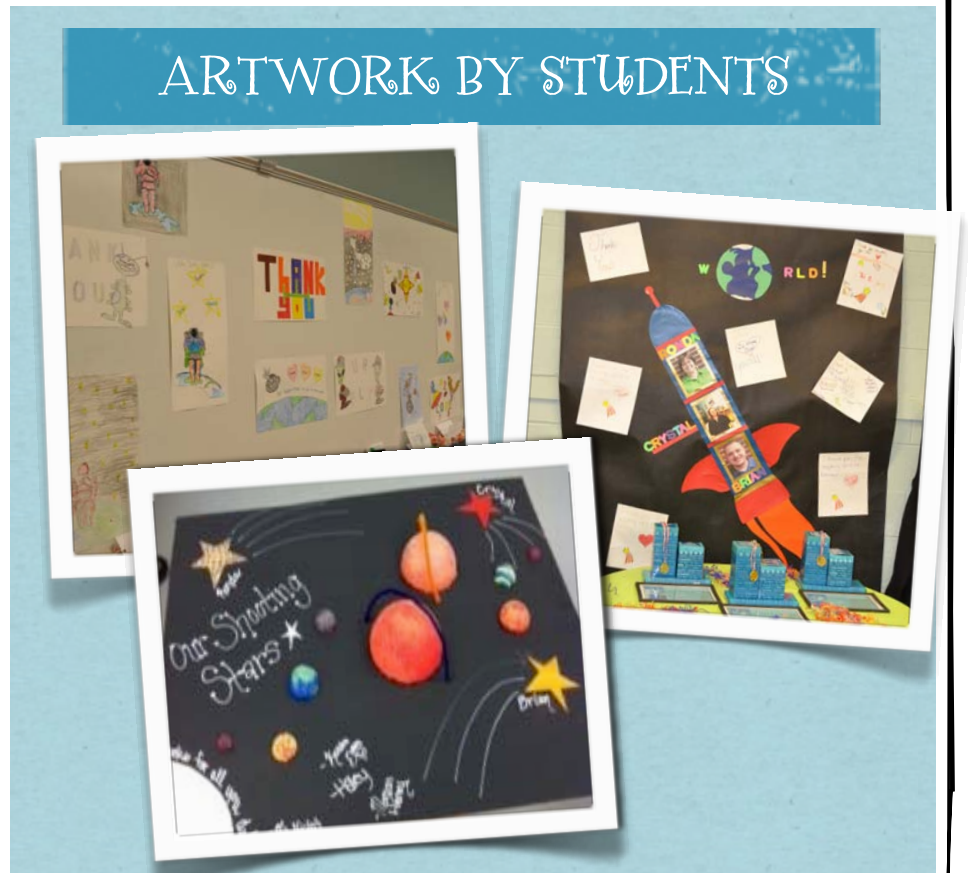
The support staff members also received thank you notes from all of the students. One student wrote "Thanks for always

helping the students and teachers. All of you are great!"

PAS did a great job of getting as many people involved in this appreciation day as possible. In addition to the artwork and cards from the students, Miss Bea's Perks

and Pies and the faculty provided breakfast for the support staff to enjoy.

Bryan Laster, one of the support staff members said, "I love my job and I feel so appreciated." Celebrating special days like this is a great way to increase employee morale and make them feel important.



A SUPPORT STAFF THAT IS OUT OF THIS WORLD



Cake provided by faculty



Alternative Pathways Support Staff,
Bryan Laster, Ronda Harrell and
Crystal Edmondson.



Breakfast was provided by local
restaurant Ms. B's and faculty.



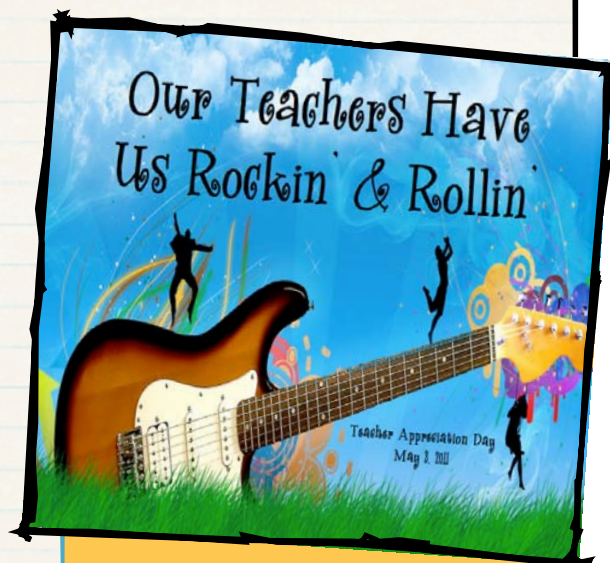
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Utrust Trustee Meeting

Friday, May 6, 2011

2:00 P.M.

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We hope everyone had a great Teacher Appreciation Day. We celebrated our rock star teachers with a rock-n-roll theme this year.



With tons of rockin' activities planned, like the Rolling Stone Book of Thanks, Grammy Gift Bags, and the Hard Rock Cafe, teachers were the stars of the day.



Please make sure you send your Teacher Appreciation Day celebration pictures to akellogg@tnuct.com



JOIN NOW!

Join the network created exclusively for Utrust members. Grouper is a great place to see pictures and videos from appreciation day celebrations in Tennessee. Not only can you view other school's pictures, but you can also easily upload your own photos and videos for everyone to see.

Grouper is also a place you can post comments, ideas and suggestions about the appreciation

days. We encourage each system and school coordinator to join the Utrust Coordinators Grouper page, and whoever else in the school system that participates in the Employee Appreciation Program.

Click [here](#) to view our page and become a member.



WHO DO YOU NEED TO THANK?



William Stidger, as a professor at Boston University, once reflected upon the number of people in his life who were un-thanked. People who had nurtured him, inspired him or who cared enough about him to make a lasting impression.

He thought of a schoolteacher that he had not kept up with nor even heard of in many years. He remembered that she had made a special effort to instill in him a love of poetry and it had become an important part of his life. He wrote a letter to express his appreciation to her.

The reply he received, written in the feeble scrawl of the aged, began, "My dear Willie." He was delighted. Now over 50, bald and a professor, he was surprised that there was a person left in the world who would still call him "Willie."

Here is that letter:

My dear Willie, I cannot tell you how much your note meant to me. I am in my eighties, living alone in a small room, cooking my own meals, lonely and, like the last leaf of autumn, lingering behind. You will be interested to know that I taught school for 50 years and yours is the first note of appreciation I ever received. It came on a blue-cold morning, and it cheered me as nothing has in many years.

Will wept over that note. She was one of the great un-thanked people from Will's past. You know them---the teacher who made a difference--- the coach you'll never forget--- the music instructor or the school secretary who encouraged--- the counselor who helped you believe in yourself--- the bus driver who cared.

We all remember people who shaped our lives in various ways. People whose influence changed us. Will Stidger found a way to show his appreciation -- he reached out and made a point to acknowledge them directly.

Make a difference to someone who has made a difference to you! Take part in the Utrust Writing Competition by writing about how a school employee made a difference in your life. Take or send a copy to them and submit a copy to the Utrust Writing Competition. You could win \$1000 but even if you don't, you'll feel better about yourself and you'll surely make someone else's day. Click [here](#) for more information.



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