

# News U Trust

APPRECIATING, DEVELOPING, AND SUPPORTING SCHOOL STAFF



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It's that time again. Just as you will be welcoming your students back into your schools, let us welcome you back!

The new school year means a new Employee Appreciation Program and this year we have made some changes to simplify your role and get even more people involved in saying thank you.

In this newsletter you will find some very important information that can help you have a great year so be sure and take just a minute to see what we have in store.

COMING UP	
Bus Driver Appreciation Day <b>Candyland/Candy Crush Theme</b> September 11, 2014	
Custodian Appreciation Day <b>World Series Theme</b> October 25, 2014	
Membership Appreciation Dinner <b>The Fontanel</b> November 15	

## What's In This Issue?



**SUPER 7 IDEAS TO GET YOUR EAP STARTED RIGHT**

**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL**



**MEMBER APPRECIATION DINNER**

**BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY**



**DON'T MISS THURSDAY TIPS**

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Check out our SUPER 7 ideas of ways to start this year off on the right foot....

1. **G-Force:** G-Force members are the unsung heroes of fantastic appreciation days because they are your pipeline of communication with the students in the school. The best part about having a G-Force is it doesn't require any meetings or oversight from an adult leader because the promotion of all the activities happens right in each homeroom classroom, once a month for about five minutes.
2. **G-Force Tasks:** Each appreciation day has video and written instruction for the G-Force right on our [home page](#) that can be shared with ease. Have an A-Team member send the link once a month to remind them to get ready for each day.
3. **Agendas:** Check out these simple and streamlined agendas for the 3 teams on your A-Team. All 8 days of agendas are organized into separate packets to make it easier to share with your leaders. Each agenda can be found under the coordinator

packets for each level. Click [here](#) to see the agendas for Bus Driver Appreciation Day.

4. **Staff Involvement:** Remember that everyone does a little so no one does a lot and that means getting help from other staff and faculty. We have combined various elements from all 8 packets into separate mini packets so that you can easily recruit art, music, technology or other staff to help. Click [here](#) to see more on this.
5. **Resources:** If you want to go over the top, invite people or groups to help supply items for the EAP throughout the year then all you have to do is let them know when and where to bring their contributions. Click [here](#) for a chart to use.
6. **Thursday Tips:** Each Thursday you can see fun, short videos about how to do different aspects or activities of the approaching appreciation day.
7. **Share the Success:** Let your parents and community know about all the great things happening at your school in the EAP by uploading photos and videos to dropcanvas. We'll send you a link to add to your website. [Click](#) to see how to do this.





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## Time for Members to Be Appreciated!



Yes, it is just about that time--the member appreciation dinner is coming up so mark your calendars now. November 15th is the day and this year we are taking you to an exciting new venue---Fontanel!!

Fontanel is the home where Barbara Mandrell raised her family. It's a beautiful, historic place for us to meet and enjoy a fabulous dinner, fantastic program and all around fun night because we at Utrust appreciate YOU!! Make plans now to be there and watch for more details.



Bus Driver Appreciation Day is first on the EAP calendar and the theme is Candy Crush/Candyland. September 11 is the date so get your sweet selves ready!!!

## Don't miss Thursday Tips!



Every Thursday a short but informative video is sent by email to help simplify the life of our coordinators. Don't miss them!

Make sure they're not falling into your junk mail.