

News U Trust

Appreciating, Developing, and Supporting School Staff

New! **STUDENT LEADERSHIP EMPHASIS**

Employee Appreciation Program

The Employee Appreciation Program helps to recognize and appreciate school employees – custodians, support staff, food service personnel, teachers, etc. We are excited about the success that schools and districts have had in using this program.

This year, we have introduced a unique component of the program that will help benefit students. The new student emphasis in the Employee Appreciation Program will help in developing student leadership while improving



communication and team building skills. The plan is to shift the responsibility for appreciation day activities from staff to students. We believe that students – even elementary school students – can do an outstanding job in carrying out appreciation day activities and learn important lessons while doing so.

Using students to enhance the Employee Appreciation Program in your school will prove to be beneficial for everyone involved. There are many opportunities for students to assume leadership roles and

improve skills that will serve them well in their future. Participation in this program gives students a chance to learn about appreciation and the importance of expressing gratitude for those who enrich their lives.

More information about the updated Employee Appreciation Program can be found on the Utrust website at www.tnuct.com. Remember, there are many awards available for schools and school systems. All you have to do is tell us about your school's Employee Appreciation Program and the most outstanding ones will win!

by: Allison Sterbling

GUIDES AVAILABLE ONLINE

Utrust has created step-by-step guides in order to make the implementation of the new student leadership model successful. These guides outline responsibilities and offer tips on how to make the celebration days as successful as possible. Click [here](#) to view all of the guides.

A flow chart has also been posted to provide a visual representation of the communication needed to make the program a success in your school. We hope that the guides help to enhance the appreciation day activities in your school.

If you have questions, please contact Utrust at utrust@tnuct.com.



Bus Driver Appreciation Day

ARE YOU READY TO CELEBRATE?

by: Allison Sterbling

Bus Driver Appreciation Day is almost here! September 16 is the official Bus Driver Appreciation Day - a special day to recognize all of the dedicated drivers who transport our children safely to and from school every day.

This year's theme is S.W.A.T. Team-our bus drivers are our Safe, Welcoming, And Trustworthy Team.

Utrust has created a list of fun and creative ideas to help recognize the S.W.A.T. Team of bus drivers. A new emphasis on student involvement has been added to the Employee Appreciation Program, so the students will play a much larger role in the celebrations now.

Make your Bus Driver Appreciation Day one to remember by dedicating the day to the driving force behind our schools!

Follow our suggested ideas and send in your stories of appreciation to utrust@tnuct.com.

Your school could win \$1000 for the best employee appreciation celebrations! Packets for board members and elementary, middle and high schools are all available online. In order to view the packets, you must register at www.tnuct.com/register.php.



We suggest system coordinators begin looking at the information that's available online. The board will need to adopt the resolution we have provided and news about the upcoming Bus Driver Appreciation Day will need to be advertised.

September 16 will be here before you know it! Planning in advance will help make these employee appreciation days more successful and increase your possibility of winning the \$1,000 award.



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NOW ON
FACEBOOK.

VISIT OUR PAGE AND RECEIVE
UPDATES ABOUT EVENTS AND
THE EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION
PROGRAM.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO BECOME A FAN.

COORDINATOR'S names needed

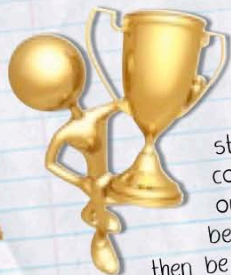
Please email your system and school coordinator's name and email address to utrust@tnuct.com so we can stay in contact and send them important information about upcoming employee appreciation days.

Utrust Writing Competition

The Utrust writing competition is an exciting opportunity to recognize school employees. Participants in the writing competition have a chance to win a number of awards, up to \$1000, for their creative stories of inspiration and appreciation.



The prompt for the writing competition is simple: write a story about a school employee who has made a difference in your life. Authors can bring ownership to their stories by illustrating specific examples and expressing an attitude of appreciation for how that school staff member has made a difference. Please click [here](#) for more information.



We encourage parents, teachers, principals, and most importantly, students to participate in our writing competition. Top stories will be posted on our website and have the opportunity to be converted into short movies, which will then be posted in our online video library.

Win up to \$1,000! for Best School EAP

It's easy! All you have to do is report back to Utrust about your appreciation day celebrations. The 3 schools with the most successful celebrations will win one of three prizes.

-Click [here](#) for more information-

Do you Have WHAT IT TAKES?

If you meet the five standards that Utrust has set, you could win the prestigious Five Star Award for excellence in employee management.

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