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Custodian Appreciation Day

Get ready for some fun as we celebrate Custodian Appreciation Day with a World Series Theme. You'll find the packets full of fun ideas for the A-Team and G-Force to use to celebrate our custodians.

We hope you'll use our song and announcements and other ideas to knock it

out of the park on this special day.

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Bus Driver Day Celebrations

What a sweet treat to see and read about all the honoring things happening around the State during Bus Driver Appreciation Day. The Candyland/Candy Crush was better than a sundae with a cherry on top. The presentations by the students were taken to “new levels”. If this day is any indication of the appreciation days to come, we are going to “crush” it this year!

Below are the summaries by the coordinators. Pull up to the table, put your napkin in your lap and prepare for your sugar levels to soar!

Anderson County.

Anderson County Career & Technical - The A-Team prepared a breakfast for the Bus Drivers. The menu was omelets made to order with toast and bacon, also cantaloupe and monkey bread. They also made several cards and posters along with a goody box for each bus driver. They seemed to enjoy the celebration very much.

Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Anderson County High School - We made treat bags for our bus drivers. We also did thank you cards. We delivered everything to the owners of the bus lines and they placed the gifts on their bus before their morning run. Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Andersonville Elementary - The Fourth Graders at AES had a great time celebrating their bus drivers. Their grade level collected candy donations and wrote thank you notes on candy cut out notecards. On Wednesday a group of students came together to decorate their goody bags, put labels on water bottles, and stuff the goody bags full of their sweet treats. On Thursday each child expressed their gratitude as they boarded their buses. The icing on the cake was when the students shared their goody bags. It was a sweet day for everyone involved! Click [here](#) to view the photos.

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Showing Appreciation to Bus Drivers

Clinton High School - For our Bus Driver Appreciation Day, the CHS Dance Team volunteered to meet the drivers as they rolled in for morning drop off. The kids made signs, thank you notes, and goodie bags. School-wide, students also wrote thank you notes for the drivers. The Dance Team girls got on the busses to deliver the treats and notes to the drivers. Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Lake City Elementary - For Bus Driver Appreciation Day, we had a banner and a bus cut-out for students to hold up as the bus drivers dropped students off in the morning. Three teachers stood with them at the front of the building to lead the students in cheering for the bus drivers and saying thank you to them. We also gave them student-made pictures at that time. One of our second grade classes came by the cafeteria while they were eating and hugged the bus drivers, said thank you, and gave them cards they had made. Notes that students had written to their bus drivers in the weeks leading up to bus driver day were posted on the *'Attitude of

Gratitude'* bulletin board in the front of the school. The notes were taken down and put into their bags for appreciation day. One fourth grade class, led by the music teacher, also performed a program for the bus drivers while they ate.

*The "Attitude of Gratitude" board is available for students to write thank you notes to each other, teachers, and principals, and for staff to write notes to students and each other. The notes are left on the board for several days so that everyone can see our great Attitude of Gratitude. Then the notes are removed and given to the students/staff to keep as reminders of how much others appreciate them. This board is also used for our appreciation days each month. Students and staff will write thank you notes for each employee group that we spotlight and the notes will be available for all to see and then removed on the appreciation day and given to each group. LCES has an Attitude of Gratitude this school year!

Click [here](#) to view the photos.

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Sweet Celebration of Bus Drivers

Norwood Middle School - The bus drivers for Norwood Middle School were greeted on the 11th with bagels for breakfast! The Student Government Association made posters and presented them to the bus drivers before getting on the bus that afternoon! Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Bells City Schools.

Our bus drivers are so sweet so we honored those drivers that make sure we all enjoy services they provide throughout the year, like bringing our friends to school safely each day and helping make sure we enjoy learning outside the classroom on field trips, too. While some students ride the bus to and from school each day and others may only ride it for field trips and to special events, all students ride the bus from time to time. For this reason, all students were aware of the special day and were encouraged to thank a bus driver for taking care of us every day. A large thank you banner from everyone at Bells

Elementary was displayed for afternoon bus arrival and all drivers received a special thank you goodie bag. Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Benton County.

Briarwood Elementary - The students had a great day honoring their bus drivers. Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Camden Elementary - Our school held the Candyland Appreciation Day on September 11. This gave our drivers, students, and staff a bit of happiness on this solemn Patriot's Day. Drivers appreciated the treats and thanks. One driver said, "This really is a great way to end the day!" Parents volunteered sweet baked goods, and one parent went to Pinterest and found a template of a bus for a wrapper! This year, we are getting our businesses involved. Marquees were seen throughout our town. Our drivers are really sweet! Click [here](#) to view the photos.

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Hawkins County Honors Bus Drivers

Hawkins County.

Carter's Valley Elementary - We celebrated Bus Appreciation a day early at CVES. We gave each bus driver a poster, candy crown, and treat bag filled with a water bottle, chocolate bar, and candy. Every student at CVES made a card for the bus drivers because they rode the bus each day, or because they have ridden on field trips.

We also made "lollipops" for each driver that read...WE LOVE OUR BUS DRIVERS!!!! Our Music teacher and 3rd and 4th bus riders also sang to our drivers. Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Cherokee High School - To honor our bus drivers, the A-Team at Cherokee presented them with goodie bags full of sweet treats and thank you notes. We had posters all around the building to remind students to thank their drivers.

The lollipop signs were a big hit as a colorful, creative greeting! Our marquee says it all - "We love our bus drivers!" Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Church Hill Elementary - We had a wonderful time getting ready for our Bus Driver Appreciation Day! Our students decorated plates for lollipops and placed it in front of the school to let the drivers know just how much they are appreciated. As they got on the bus, they gave their bus drivers containers of candy, a bottle of crush drink, and also thru the month of September we have been giving the drivers a bottle of cold water to keep them cool.

We want our drivers to know just how much we appreciate them keeping our students safe as they drive them to school and drive them back home! Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Church Hill Intermediate - We celebrated Bus Driver Appreciation day in delicious style. Bags of candy were created for each bus driver that comes to our school. Students delivered these candy bags as well as personal notes written by the students in our school. Signs were made and hung to greet the bus drivers to show just how much we appreciate all that they do. Click [here](#) to view the photos.

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Candy Crowns for Bus Drivers

Church Hill Middle - Our appreciation activities for our bus drivers at Church Hill Middle went wonderfully yesterday!

Our art department made a banner to hang outside the building for the bus drivers to see as they came in. Another classroom made posters and had their picture made holding their work in front of our school sign.

In the afternoon, the students presented their bus drivers with a decorated treat bag filled with goodies. Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Clinch School - At Clinch we celebrated the bus appreciation in a "sweet" way. Our middle school and high school students made posters and thank you cards for our drivers. Each driver was given a bag of goodies and a bottle of water. Our drivers are the candy to our crush! Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Hawkins Elementary - For Bus Driver Appreciation Day, the students made candy crowns for our bus drivers as well as necklaces. The students also

made the bus drivers cards and candy treat bags. Click [here](#) for the photos.

Joseph Rogers Primary - The night before we used multicolored cups to write, "We heart Bus Drivers" in our fence that the buses pass by. Along both sides of our drive, we placed large lollipops and candy canes to create "Candy Lane" as our drivers drove to and from school.

We gave each of our bus drivers a breakfast bag with sausage biscuits and cheddar rounds donated by Pals. We also created cards for our drivers and had each student that rides that bus sign their name.

We gave them "Good & Plenty" candy as a snack for being so "Good" to drive our buses and to tell them that we love them "Plenty". Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Keplar Elementary - The students made crowns for the bus drivers to wear and thank you cards. They made buses to hang in the hallways. Also, the students gave the drivers candy and sang to them. Click [here](#) to view the photos.

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Hawkins Drivers Receive Happy Treat

Mt. Carmel Elementary - We celebrated our sweet bus drivers in a Candy Crush fashion! Each bus driver was crowned and given chains of thanks.

Our A-Team also wrote letters to the bus drivers with candy as part of the message. Our school sign recognized the day and our fence was decorated with giant hard candies telling our bus drivers that we loved them.

Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Pathways Alternative School - Here at Pathways we do not have bus drivers but here is a couple of pictures to show we still like to participate in all the appreciation days.

On that day, we ate meat balls, doughnuts, chips and dip, cookies, pizza pockets, popcorn chicken, pretzels and blueberry dip and soft drinks. It was a yummy day.

Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Rogersville Middle School - We celebrated Bus Driver Appreciation Day by thanking their drivers for all their

hard work. Also, students provided their drivers with treat bags full of sweets and thank you notes. (No photos submitted.)

St. Clair Elementary - St. Clair really appreciates our bus drivers. On Bus Driver Appreciation Day we made nice gift baskets for each driver that including items for their bus and, of course, candy!

We greeted the bus drivers with breakfast and a huge sign signed by all of the bus riders.

Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Surgoinsville Elementary - Cupcakes were made and provided to the drivers as their sweet treat for their hard work. Students decorated pictures to hand out the drivers.

Interviews were conducted with students and drivers and a sweet song was sung by A-Team members Eliza Smith and Charlie Wilson.

Click [here](#) to view the photos and video.

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Sweet Treat for Bus Drivers

Surgoinsville Middle School - Bus Driver Appreciation Day here at Surgoinsville Middle School was a great success. Through the efforts of many students and teachers, we were able to provide the bus drivers with handmade posters which were hung up outside for all to see as they drove by. Their gift consisted of a bag full of candy, a water bottle with drink mix attached and hand-written letters from students throughout the school. The gifts were passed out of the morning to each bus driver so that they knew how much those of us here at Surgoinsville Middle School appreciate their hard work. Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Volunteer High School - We celebrated Bus Driver Appreciation Day bright and early. Our A-Team worked hard wrapping the "candy" treats. Each driver received a large candy bar, and supplies for their bus. We really appreciate our drivers for all they do. Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Hollow Rock-Bruceton Special District. We showed appreciation to their bus drivers by making posters and presenting each driver with a bag of candy.

Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Jackson County.

Dodson Branch Elementary - We had a very "sweet" bus drivers day. We have 3 drivers for our school, and we honored them with lunch from Zaxby's and cookies. We had two sweet young ladies serenade our drivers. Ms. Lora, Ms. Lori, and Mr. Eddie said they enjoyed their day so much. It was nice sitting and talking with them about some of their adventures of driving our "goobers" around. Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Gainesboro Elementary - Today was Bus Driver Appreciation Day and it was awesome. We made thank you signs for the bus drivers and passed out candy bars. We had lots of smiles today from the bus drivers. Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Johnson County.

Johnson County High School - Students hand delivered water bottles, candy, and Longhorn Pride decals to the bus drivers in the afternoon. They also verbally expressed their appreciation. Click [here](#) to view the photos.

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Summer Drivers are Lifesavers

Sumner County.

HB Williams - Bus Driver

Appreciation week at HB Williams was spectacular! Our Kindergarten classes were in charge of pampering the drivers. The entire school wore yellow to show their support! At the end of the day before dismissal, all 7 classes gathered in our meeting area for a special performance of 'The Wheels on the Bus'. Then each class presented all 15 bus drivers and assistants with 'King and Queen Candy Crowns'.

Students brought up large cards made by each class and a very special handmade baggie with water bottles and a candy bar. Our secretary and office staff helped make baked goodies and one of the churches in the community many candy bags for every driver. The A-Team and G-Force members, along with their classmates, decorated signs that were hung throughout the school. Each bus driver was also presented with student illustrated envelopes that held handwritten notes of thanks from all of

the bus riders. Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Howard Elementary - We celebrated our Bus Drivers and Crossing Guard by greeting each driver and presenting him or her with a hand-decorated goody bag, a personalized chain necklace, and a hearty thank you! Other students held a large banner and waved to the drivers as they passed. The students met the crossing guard in the office and appreciated her in the same way. Prior to the day's activities, A-Team members met to create a bulletin board, cut chain-necklace strips for each class to decorate, and create and fill goody bags. Students made announcements on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in order to involve the whole school in the effort. Click [here](#) to view the photos.

JW Wiseman Elementary - Bus Driver Day was celebrated in a fantastic way with all the students and staff members showing honor to the honorees. An amazing smilebox was created for the drivers to a keepsake of the day. Click [here](#) to view the photos.

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Sweet Celebrations in Summer

Lakeside Park Elementary -

Lakeside Park had a great Bus Driver Day. We made candy necklaces and bracelets from the whole school. We made candy signs and gave the drivers chocolate bars and water. The A-Team worked very hard. The choir sang to them as they arrived. Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Station Camp Elementary -

At Station Camp Elementary, we celebrated our bus drivers in a big way! Our new 2014-2015 A-Team students met after school and created large Lollipops to say, "We love our Bus Drivers!" Another group of A-Team students created and decorated a banner continuing the theme of Candy Crush. The banner also said "We love our Bus Drivers!" Our third grouping of A-Team members, helped by putting together goodie bags filled with candy. On Bus Driver Appreciation Day, our A-Team members met before school to celebrate our

fantastic drivers that help them get to and from school safely each day! Students created chants and cheers for each bus as them pulled up to drop off students for school. Bus Drivers opened their doors to hear and see the love and appreciation our students feel for them. G-Force members got each class excited about Bus Driver Day by having them give their drivers letters as their tokens of appreciation. The candy and goodie bags were donated by parents and teachers at our school. Several bus drivers got off their buses to receive their goodie bags and take pictures with the students. Our Director of Transportation for Sumner County happened to be filling in on a bus that morning. She got to stop by and see what great appreciation the students at SCE have for their bus drivers and their hard work! It was a truly wonderful day expressing appreciation for others! Click [here](#) to view the photos.

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Confections of Affections for Drivers

Beech Elementary- The A-Team started the year celebrating the bus drivers with a candy crush theme. They wrote thank you letters, put together goody bags and made signs to honor the bus drivers who get them to school and home each day safely. Long Hollow Baptist Church also joined with the A-Team to honor these special people by providing a great breakfast from Chick Fil A

North Sumner Elementary - The fourth grade teachers honored the bus drivers for the month of September. We used the theme of "Candy Crush" to make a bulletin board display for the whole school to see. We also had all the grade levels make the bus drivers cards to show our appreciation. Once all the cards had been made we divided up our 4th grade students and had them personally deliver the cards and treat bags to the drivers when they arrived at the school at

dismissal time. Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Putnam County.

Jere Whitson Elementary - Students drew pictures and wrote thank you notes for their bus drivers. These notes were included in a gift bag with several different types of candy. Students presented the bags to their drivers as they were picked up to go home in the afternoon. Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Park View Elementary - We just celebrated our first A-Team appreciation week for our wonderful bus drivers at Park View Elementary. We had a surprise visit from Pandy the Park View Panda Bear to help us send warm wishes and appreciation to our bus drivers. We treated our drivers to a chocolate bar, a bottle of water and cards from the students that ride their bus daily. Click [here](#) to view the photos.

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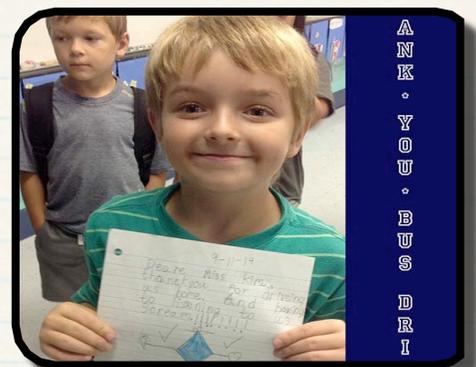
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Trousdale Treats Bus Drivers

Trousdale County.

Jim Satterfield Middle School

- Our bus drivers were greeted at the Sweet Shop Bus Stop with smiles, waves, and cheers of appreciation. Each bus driver was given a goodie bag filled with a JSMS mason mug, lemonade and honeybuns. An appreciation day article was sent to the Hartsville Vidette. Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Trousdale County

Elementary - We celebrated our bus drivers by having our A-Team students decorate boxes that we filled with homemade muffins, a package of mini pop tarts and also included a bottle of orange juice for a great breakfast on the go. We presented them with a bag of assorted candy. We also held up the signs we made telling the bus drivers how much we appreciate them. Click [here](#) to view the photos.

Trousdale County High School

- We celebrated Bus Driver Appreciation Day on Sept. 11 this year. My A-Team made goodies for the gift bags, brownies, cookies, chocolate covered strawberries, and candy for the Candy Crush theme! They made the lollipops shown in one of the Thursday Tip videos and decorated goodie bags with candy stickers. As always, my A-Team did a fantastic job! Click [here](#) to view the photos.

We're going to switch gears from Candyland/Candy Crush to baseball and the World Series theme in October. Our custodians are some of the hardest working employees in the schools. They deserve to be awarded MVPs by their students and staff members. We can't wait to see all the great photos of your students knocking the honoring presentations out of the park!

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Bus Driver Appreciation Day LUCKY STAR WINNERS



Congratulations to Cherokee High School in Hawkins County, Jim B. Satterfield Middle School in Trousdale County and Gainesboro Elementary in Jackson County for being our winners for the Lucky Star Random Drawing for Bus Driver Appreciation Day. \$100 goes to their A-Team to be used in great ways!

Remember, all you have to do to enter is submit at least 5 photos and a short, detailed summary after each appreciation day. You may win \$100 for your A-Team.



Create excitement and encourage your G-Force to accept their assignments with fun, interesting assignment videos.

Make their job simple and easy by sending the G-Force members a link so they can watch and learn their assignment for each day.