IDEAS



CELEBRATE & THANK YOUR STAFF USING NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

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CELEBRATE YOUR TEAM

Using national holidays as a way to celebrate your staff makes it easy for school leaders to show appreciation and create a positive atmosphere. These holidays provide ready-made themes and fun, engaging ways to recognize and reward your team.

Celebrating together boosts morale and reinforces a supportive work environment by reminding staff of their value within the school community.

Try out the holidays and ideas we've put together to make your staff feel special and appreciated throughout the year.



TIPS & TRICKS

- * Plan Ahead: Look over the national holiday calendar and decide which holidays you want to celebrate. Choose just a few or do them all... it's totally up to you! Share a monthly calendar with your staff in advance. This way everyone can be prepared and excited for the monthly celebrations.
- **Budget Considerations:** Set a budget for each celebration and consider asking your PTO or other funding sources for support. This ensures you can provide adequate resources without overspending.
- ★ Delegate Responsibilities: After selecting the holidays you wish to celebrate, divide tasks among a committee or other school leaders to ensure everything runs smoothly. Need signs or tags? Use our printable decorations to add festive flair to the environment.
- **Encourage Participation:** Invite staff to contribute to the celebrations by bringing in items related to the theme. For example, for National Root Beer Float Day, certain grade levels can bring ice cream while others bring cups and spoons.
- **Gather Feedback:** After a few celebrations, ask your staff for feedback on what they enjoyed and what could be improved. This will help you plan even better celebrations in the future.





DIRECTIONS

- **1.** Set your calendar for the month, identifying which holidays you will celebrate as a school.
- 2. Discuss with your leadership team, or staff well-being committee, and assign responsibilities for planning and execution. Determine what supplies or decorations are needed, and use our printable signs and/or tags below!
- **3.** Send a reminder to your staff about the upcoming holiday celebration. Include details about the location, timing, and any items they need to bring or prepare for the activity.
- **4.** The day before the celebration, double-check that everything is ready. Purchase any necessary supplies and set out decorations, gifts, or any other items in advance to ensure a smooth event.
- **5.** Have fun! Celebrate your team and enjoy the national holiday festivities together!



AUGUST 2025

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS TO CELEBRATE YOUR STAFF

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|---------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | National Coloring Book Day (8/2) |
| O4 National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day | O5 | National Root Beer Float Day | 07 | National S'mores Day (8/10) |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | National Relaxation Day |
| National Tell a Joke Day (8/16) | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 25 | 26 | National Just Because Day | National Lemon Juice Day (8/29) | College Colors Day |





AUGUST 2: NATIONAL COLORING BOOK DAY

"Your dedication brings color to our school! We appreciate you!"

Ideas to try:

- Provide adult coloring books and colored pencils for staff to relax and unwind during breaks.
- Host a coloring contest with themed coloring pages related to your school mission or theme for the year, or choose pages with positive messages.
- Offer coloring book-themed gifts such as coloring supplies, stress-relief coloring books, or motivational posters.

AUGUST 5: NATIONAL CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE DAY

"We're chipper with appreciation for all you do!"

- Invite your staff to bring in their favorite chocolate chip cookies for everyone to sample throughout the day!
- Set out ingredients for staff to make their own chocolate chip cookie <u>baking</u> <u>mix</u> to take home and enjoy with their families!







AUGUST 6: NATIONAL ROOT BEER FLOAT DAY

"Thanks for keeping us a-float! We appreciate you!"

Ideas to try:

- Set up a root beer float station with root beer, vanilla ice cream, and toppings like whipped cream and cherries.
- Organize a root beer tasting and have staff vote for their favorite root beer!

AUGUST 10: NATIONAL S'MORES DAY

"You make our team s'more fun and amazing!"

- Set up a s'mores bar in the staff lounge with a variety of marshmallows, chocolates, and graham crackers for everyone to make their own s'mores.
- Encourage staff to make a s'mores dessert to bring in and share!
- Set out ingredients for staff to make their own s'mores kits to take home and enjoy with their families around a campfire.





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AUGUST 15: NATIONAL RELAXATION DAY

"Thank you for your hard work—take some time to relax!"

Ideas to try:

- Set up a relaxation station in the staff lounge with comfortable seating, calming music, relaxing teas, and snacks.
- Ask a local massage therapist to offer 10-minute chair massages for staff members to enjoy.
- Buy a selection of stress balls or fidget toys for staff to pick from.

AUGUST 16: NATIONAL TELL A JOKE DAY

"Thanks for filling our days with laughter and joy!"

- Set up a joke exchange board in the staff lounge where everyone can post and read jokes throughout the day.
- Share a joke or two over the school's speaker system throughout the day to involve both staff and students.
- Provide magnets with funny quotes or jokes to brighten up teachers' classrooms!





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AUGUST 20: NATIONAL LEMON JUICE DAY

"You are simply the zest!"

Ideas to try:

- Set up a lemonade bar in the staff lounge with different flavors of lemonade for staff to enjoy.
- Provide lemonade mix or lemon-scented hand sanitizers as refreshing gifts.
- Provide ingredients for staff to make their own lemon sugar scrubs to take home.

AUGUST 27: NATIONAL JUST BECAUSE DAY

"Thanks for filling our days with laughter and joy!"

- Encourage staff to perform random acts of kindness throughout the day, such as writing encouraging notes, giving compliments, or helping out colleagues (and invite them to involve students too)!
- Organize a surprise treat delivery to staff members' desks or mailboxes.
- Handwrite personalized notes or cards expressing gratitude and appreciation for each staff member.





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AUGUST 30: COLLEGE COLORS DAY

"Many alma maters, one team strongly united!"

Ideas to try:

- Encourage staff to wear clothing or accessories in the school's colors and take group photos.
- Create a fun quiz about various colleges and universities your staff attended. Throughout the day, ask questions about famous alumni, notable achievements, and campus traditions, and award small prizes to those who answer correctly.
- Ask staff to bring their favorite tailgate dish for everyone to enjoy throughout the day.

PRINTABLES THAT FIT EACH TEAM

• Pages 11 - 15: Single sign

• Pages 16 - 26: Individual tags (four on each page)

THANKS FOR KEEPING US



A-FLOAT!

We appreciate all that you do!

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You make our team S'MORE S'MORE FUN & AMAZING



Thank you for all you do!









COLOR TOOUR SCHOOL WE APPRECIATE YOU!



We're



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with

appreciation FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!





Thank you for your hard work!

TAKE SOME TIME TO RELAX

WE APPRECIATE YOU!



YOU ARE -the-

Thank you for all you do!

just because... YOU'RE AMAZING & WE APPRECIATE YOU

Thank you for all you do!

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THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO - OUR STUDENTS ARE SO LUCKY!

















































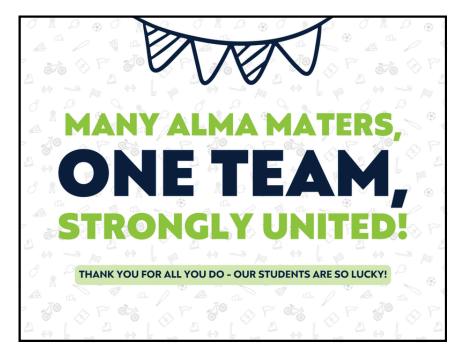


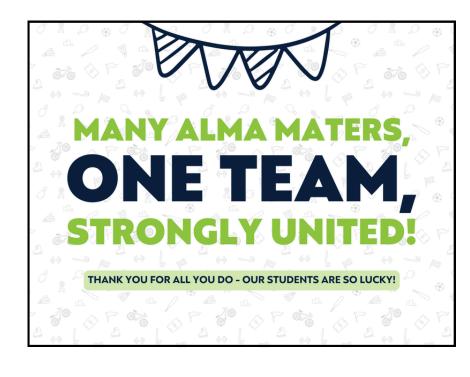


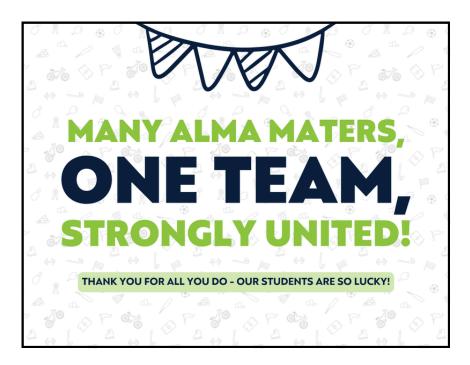












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