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Teacher Appreciation Day

In 1985, The National PTA established Teacher Appreciation Day as the first Tuesday of the first full week in May. The next Teacher Appreciation Day is celebrated in the US on Tuesday, May 8, 2012. Many other countries have similar celebrations to mark the new school year in September. In China, the day is celebrated on September 10. In India, September 5 is the day set aside to recognize the special contributions made by teachers. Throughout Latin America, September 11 is Teacher's Day. Teacher appreciation is a great day to recognize teachers that do more than just teach, but lead by example. Teachers that don’t just let you fail, but will push you to make sure you succeed in life. Teachers that teach you important life lessons, actually prepare you for college, and life after that. These teachers make school worth coming to; make school enjoyable. There is a difference between an educator and a teacher. An educator will just give you the material, they won’t really present it well, and they don’t care if you will pass their class or not as long as they get their check. Teachers will present the work, make sure you understand it, go back over the work, and make sure you’re ready for the test/quiz etc. A teacher will not shun a student because they don’t behave right first off, but give you chances to correct your behavior. A teacher will hold you after class or school to make sure you’re understanding the work and to see if you need help. In my school career I’ve come across many educators and a few teachers, but the few outweigh the many. These teachers made me actually appreciate getting an education and I wanted to pay attention in their classes. When you’re younger you don’t really understand the difference because you’re new to school and think they’re doing their job. You think this is how every “teacher” acts or teaches their class. As you grow older you realize if you’re being taught or actually learning in a class. I would rather learn than to be taught when you learn things you actually gain something. When I leave a teachers class if I feel like they just taught me something I could learn on my own or from someone off the street then I put them in the educator category. Educators make me dread going to their classes because the agenda is very mundane. I will always want to go to a teacher’s class because when I leave a teacher’s class I go back over the things they said in class and evaluate the meaning of their words. I love the feeling of walking into a classroom and feeling at home; being ready to listen and learn. A teaching environment should be very relaxed and comfortable for a student. I’ve enjoyed that feeling a good deal and I know what it feels like. I can hold conversations with these teachers and actually want to listen to their and value their opinion. Teachers make school better than what it seems, they make school worth waking up in the morning when you don’t want to. When I graduate I will think about those teachers and pay them a special visit to let them know how much I really appreciate them doing more than just their job. I’m glad I got to experience some teachers in my school career rather than just all educators.