Celebrate National Teacher Day on Social Media

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4–10 and includes National Teacher Day, Tuesday, May 6. Thousands of communities will take time out to honor their local educators and acknowledge the contributions they make to our lives.

CEA recognizes the crucial role teachers play in making sure every child receives a quality public education and hopes administrators will take the time to convey to parents and the community the hard work educators do each day to make public schools great for every child.

So spread the word. Get onto your Twitter account and tweet one of these:
- If you learned a second language, #thankateacher
- If you can write an essay, #thankateacher
- If you love to read, #thankateacher

Join thousands showing their support for our nation's teachers. Show some love on Facebook and Twitter or get creative and create your own six-second video “thank you” on Vine. Follow these steps. It's easy. Here's how:
1. Vine is available as a free download on all three major smartphone platforms, including Android, iOS and Windows phones. After installation, you'll be prompted to sign up with either your Twitter account or email address.
2. Start recording! Press the camera icon in the top-right corner of the app. Holding your finger to the screen begins recording and releasing your finger pauses it.
3. Once you've recorded your video, press the arrow in the top-right corner of your screen and preview your finished product. If you'd like to rearrange your sequence of clips, press the Edit button and simply drag and drop your individual clips to their new places in your timeline. You can delete clips by dragging them to the top of the screen into the trash can icon.
4. When you're finished editing, press Save, and then press the green checkmark at the bottom of your screen. You'll be brought to the Share screen where you can add a caption and the #thankateacher hashtag.

CEA would love to share your #ThankATeacher Vine. If you share your Vine on Facebook, make sure you tag Columbus Education Association. If you share your Vine on Twitter, make sure to include @columbusea in your tweet.

Make sure to “follow” us on Vine, “like” us on Facebook and “follow” us on Twitter. Help us show the world what a positive impact teachers make on students’ lives every day.

Go to the CEA website (www.ceaohio.org) to view videos of CEA officers and staff members thanking their favorite teachers.

National School Nurse Day

If you think school nursing is all about flu shots, BAND-AIDS and record-keeping, you haven’t been inside a school lately. School health professionals juggle a complex array of medical and social issues, seeing thousands of students and often moving from school to school throughout the district.

National School Nurse Day is Wednesday, May 7. Let's say THANKS! We love our school nurses, and we will do whatever we can to support them, making sure that CCS continues to provide this service for children.

Nurses are accomplished multi-taskers, giving immunizations, health care screenings, hearing and vision testing; helping students manage diseases such as diabetes and asthma; educating families about student obesity; providing special needs like tube-feeding; preventing the spread of disease through blood exposure; and helping students deal with the fallout from mental, emotional and social problems.

As public health workers, nurses are the leaders in the development and evaluation of school health policies. It's a monumentally important job.

So, to our nurses and their 76,000 peers across the country: THANK YOU!

Affirming our strength

The OEA Capital District has new leadership. Kriston Crombie Stotik (Northgate Center) was elected President. Gerry Curran (PAR) was elected Capital District Vice President. J. Sanchez (Northland HS) will represent Columbus teachers on the OEA Board of Directors.

The Capital District Spring Representative Assembly met Apr. 23 to elect its officers and to hear briefings from our state education organizations. The program included Tim Meyers, OEA Secretary-Treasurer, presenting the OEA budget. Tai Hayden, who sits on the STRS board, gave her...
to wellness@columbus.k12.oh.us.

and how to determine if a food labeled "organic" truly is.

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place at the OEA Representative Assembly on May 8.
Emily Osterling (Lakota E.A.-Butler) and Janifer Trowles
(Dayton E. A.) are running unopposed for NEA Director positions. Karen Wright (Wellington School SS) is running unopposed for OEA Board of Directors At-Large ESP.
Forty-three delegates/alternates attended, along with
fourteen guests. A special thank you goes to CEA-R mem-
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A big thank you
Ohio Superintendent Richard Ross sent out a thank you
message to school districts that participated in the first round of
field tests for Ohio’s Next Generation Assessments—the
PARCC math and English language arts tests and the science
and social studies tests.

CEA joins Ross in appreciating your help as the state de-
velops these important exams. Here is some of what he said:
I appreciate the district technology coordinators
who worked to make updates. I also thank the 180,000
students and their teachers who participated in all of
these field tests. These individuals have helped Ohio
take a big step toward building a better testing system.
The Ohio Department of Education will use what it
has learned to work with test vendors and technology
 coordinators to improve the assessments and local
technology before the Next Generation Assessments
launch in spring 2015. We’ll also use the experience
to create professional development materials to help
teachers and schools better understand how to make
the Next Generation Assessments successful.
Another field test is coming this month for the end-of-
year tests.

Get fit
This is an ideal time to get outside and to be active. Re-
member, as a benefit to CCS staff we have
an offer for complimentary Shape Fitness
Gym memberships. In addi-
tion, the staff Wellness
Committee has worked hard
to create programs that offer
something for everyone.
Visit www.wellness.columbus.k12.oh.us to log in your
weight and height, get valuable health information and learn
about district fitness options and discounts. You can also fill
out your membership form for Shape. Examples of the topics
you can read about on the site are nutrition tips for diabetics
and how to determine if a food labeled “organic” truly is.
For questions about the wellness initiative, send an email to
wellness@columbus.k12.oh.us.

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month
May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month. We cele-
brate the contributions of Asians and Pacific Islanders
to the progress of our coun-
try. We also recall their his-
tory as immigrants and their
struggles to become fully-
recognized U.S. citizens.

Among many milestones, we commemorate the immi-
igration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7,
1843, and the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad
on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the
tracks were Chinese immigrants.

Many cultures are included in this annual commemora-
tion, including those of the Asian continent and the Pacific
islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu,
Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam,
Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the
Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand,
Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa,
American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Poly-
nesia and Easter Island).

You can emphasize many aspects of Asian-American his-
tory, including immigration, the influence of Asian arts on
American movements, the service of Asian Americans at war
and the treatment of Asian Americans during various periods of
history.

Draw upon your Asian-American students’ own experi-
ences. Involve parents in your school community. For history
of API month and for lessons on how to celebrate their her-
tag, go to: http://www.nea.org/tools/lessons/teaching-api
month.html.

Special notes
☐ Attention retirees: We still have a few tickets available for
your CEA Awards & Retirement Banquet. Call CEA
(253-4731) to make your reservation. The event will be
held on Saturday, May 17, at the Hilton Columbus
Downtown. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner
will be served at 7 p.m. If you are a retiree, please attend
this banquet. It is being held in your honor.

☐ Fee waiver applications for Autumn 2014 are due back
to Northgate by Tuesday, May 6, at 5 p.m. If you have
Priority I or Priority II status, include the proper docu-
mentation. Documentation is required with each fee
waiver process. Your priority status will change to Prior-
ity III without proper documentation. Call Norma Old-
ham, Northgate (365-8993), if you have any questions.

☐ The following alternative interview panels have been ap-
proved: Africentric EES, Curriculum Coordinators,
Innis ES and South HS.

☐ Chipotle Mexican Grill will offer a buy one, get one free
special on National Teacher Day. Tuesday, May 6, from 4
p.m. to close. Any educator who presents a valid school ID
will be able to participate. This offer is only in-store and
not eligible for online, fax or catering orders.

☐ Bowl at HP Lanes Bowling Alley’s (2012 Innis Rd.)
teacher appreciation day from 12–6 p.m. on May 17.
Bowl three games for just $7 (includes shoes). Send an
email to Steve Hiner (SHiner5842@columbus.k12.oh.us)
if you are interested. You can still go even without re-
sponding. Please note: The alley does not allow outside
food and drinks.