

TeachAde announces Top 5 Best Educator Appreciation Gifts for 2012

TeachAde, the innovative online community and free resource center for educators, compiled this list with input from educators around the country, just in time for the season of gratitude.

November 15, 2012 – Miami, FL – During this season of gratitude, it's only natural that thoughts turn to showing educators how much we appreciate them. TeachAde, the leading online site that provides free resources and communities exclusively to support educators, has assembled a list of the Top 5 best gifts that parents, friends, community members and just about anyone who has had a teacher touch their life can depend on to make their teacher's day.

Gift Cards & More Gift Cards: With so many teachers spending money out of their pockets on classroom supplies, they often don't have the cash to splurge on themselves. Hmmm, so what type of gift cards would a teacher like? Try a gift card for a hot, fresh cup of coffee to enjoy on their way to school in the morning or how about a gift card for dinner after a long day of grading papers? The important thing to remember is to tailor the card to what would work best for their personal needs and preferences. Room moms are a great resource for finding out what will be most appreciated. Your teachers – and their wallets – will appreciate the kindness and support!

Dedicate a Day: Have students declare a special day for their teacher – this day would fall outside of the usual school-wide Teacher Appreciation Day. Meet them at school in the morning with flowers, a banner, or little notes from the student. Another idea is to ask parents to chip in and cater a nice lunch just for them. Making it a surprise is even better.

Elegant Desk Accessories: Treat your teacher to an elegant gift of appreciation such as beautiful accessories for their desk or classroom such as monogrammed pencils and pencil holders, leather bound journals, a bouquet of fresh flowers for their desk, gorgeous heirloom pens or fancy notecards. Teachers always need such items but simply won't purchase these for them.

Something soft and cuddly: We're not talking teddy bears. Every educator knows the perils of spinning thermostats that make classroom temperatures rise and fall like a rollercoaster ride. Spoil your favorite teacher with soft and luxurious scarves, throws or mittens that they can keep in the room and feel wrapped up in love and appreciation whenever temperatures fall.

A Simple Thank-You Goes a Long Way: Donna Meyerhoeffer, an educator with more than 30 years of teaching, said it best when she shared this story on the TeachAde Facebook page. "The best Teacher Appreciation gift I received was hearing from a student I taught over 30 years ago. ... We had a wonderful chat and talked about how he "acted" in school. Now he's grown up, married, has children, graduated from college and is working for a private company that supplies electricity to his city. He



simply wanted to thank me for not giving up on him. That's why I teach - to hear two simple words, 'Thank you.'"

Thanks, Donna, you hit it right on the mark. At the end of the day, the most powerful thing we can do to show teachers our appreciation and that they made a difference in our lives is to tell them so – simply and powerfully. The best part – it doesn't cost a dime.

About TeachAde.com

[TeachAde](#) has established itself as a leader online for educators to share and disseminate information that has been peer-reviewed and approved. A website that pioneered the idea of providing free service online exclusively for educators, TeachAde helps educators break out of stagnant information ruts and discover a world of trusted resources that enrich their classrooms and their careers.

TeachAde currently offers more than 60,000 free resources created, tested and approved by educators that support quality classroom experiences nationwide. This online support and resource destination for educators also provides easy access to updates in education, current events and highlights of valued resources directly to members through its eBulletin service.

TeachAde membership is available free of charge to educators, parents and members of the community who work with or support education. For more information and to sign up for a free account, please visit www.teachade.com or text TEACHADE to 22828. (Data and message rates may apply.)

TeachAde also has created strategic partnerships with organizations such as NEA Member Benefits, The Goldie Hawn MindUp Foundation, ThinkStretch, [Agile-Ed](#) and Disney to further support educators. Entrepreneur and philanthropist Robert Potamkin, Chairman of Potamkin Companies, provides investor funding for TeachAde.com. Visit TeachAde's newly redesigned website and find new resources, groups and members.

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