

# "Notes From School"

## Teacher Appreciation Week: May 1-5

Since 1984, National PTA has designated the first week in May as a special time to honor the men and women who lend their passion and skills to educating our children.

Unlike other careers in which the same method can be applied time and time again, teaching requires an individual approach as each student learns differently and has a different set of circumstances.

About teachers...

- On average, teachers work more than 53 hours per week, including 30 hours on instruction and 23 hours on tasks like preparing lessons and grading papers.
- Teachers work with an average of more than 20 students per classroom.
- Teachers with bachelor's degrees earn about 12.2% less than their BS/BA peers. The gap between teachers and non-teachers with a master's degree is 11.3%.
- Nationally, teachers spend \$1.5 billion annually of their own money on school supplies.
  - 91% buy basic school supplies for their students.
  - 67% buy snacks to help with basic nutrition.
  - 1 in 3 purchase clothing for their students.
  - 29% purchase bathroom products for their students.
  - Over half have paid for the cost of field trips when students/families were unable.
  - Teachers spend an average of \$13,000 of their own money over the course of their career.

Within Teacher Appreciation Week, the first Tuesday (May 2) is also National Teacher Appreciation Day. A huge "Thank You" to each of our School District of Mondovi teachers for all of their efforts throughout the year!