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"If it wasn't hard, everyone would do it. It's the hard that makes it great."

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

<p>Monday- May 2nd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7th/8th track @ Ulysses 9AM • Spring Choir Concert 7PM
<p>Tuesday- May 3rd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7th/8th track @ Sublette 1PM
<p>Wednesday- May 4th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science MAPs
<p>Thursday- May 5th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science MAPs • HMS Dance 7 PM-9 PM <p>HHS Wrestling room (FEMA shelter); Doors will open at 6:45 and close at 7:15. Enter on the back side of the school through the wrestling room door.</p> <p>Cost: \$2 to get in; \$1 for glow necklaces if you'd like one; \$1 bottled water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who can go? Only HMS students are allowed. You MUST be eligible to attend the dance. Make sure your grades are good! You must be at school on Thursday in order to attend! • What do you wear? It's not formal, but the dress code will be enforced.
<p>Friday- May 6th</p> <p>Happy Friday!</p>

WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT AT HMS:

- Be sure to keep the iPad charged and ready for school the next day.
- Continue to encourage your child about educational successes!!
- Order your HMS yearbook now using the online link below. The yearbook will

arrive in the Fall. With tax, the yearbook costs approximately \$25.
<https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A02625450>

Ponder THIS

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week and we want to express a very special thanks to teachers for their continued dedication to teaching our kids through this school year. At Love and Logic, we appreciate teachers year-round and provide support in as many ways as possible. This year we will look at some ways that parents can also show their appreciation for teachers throughout each school year.

Acknowledging Teachers

A very important way to support your kids' teachers is to do everything you can to uphold teachers in the eyes of your kids. This is an investment you can't afford to pass up. One way you can do this is by making sure that your kids overhear you saying positive things about their school and their teachers.

I know too many kids who go to school believing, "I'll be lucky if I learn anything in this lousy school." These are the kids who frequently hear critical remarks about education, schools, and teachers. Unfortunately, kids take on the beliefs of their parents.

Don't voice your concerns in front of your kids. Deal directly with the school or with the teacher. You'll be glad you did.

When Kids Complain About Their Teachers

Even if you always say positive things about schools and teachers in front of their kids, they might still come home with complaints about their teachers. How do wise parents respond when their youngster says, "My teacher is mean!"? Because we care deeply for our kids, there are two traps that are far too easy to slip into. Here are two examples of these traps.

Trap #1: When Mary complains about her teacher being unreasonable, her well-meaning mom says, "Don't worry, honey, I'll give her a call and get this straightened out." Is Mary learning how to solve her own problems? No!

Trap #2: When Freddy complains that his teacher keeps asking him about his homework, his well-meaning dad says, "Well, if you would just work a little harder on your homework, I'm sure that she would get off of your case." Uh, oh! What are the chances that Freddy's dad might end up in a run-down nursing home some day?

Parents who use Love and Logic can avoid these traps. These parents know that empathy is the most important skill. They also know that kids need to learn how to

succeed with nice teacher as well as demanding ones. These parents respond, “That’s got to be rough. Would you like to hear how some kids get along with tough teachers?” Kids can learn to solve their own problems and be responsible when we resist the urge to rescue or lecture.

Instilling the love of learning in our kids is another way to support teachers. Every teacher loves to teach kids who love to learn. Our book, [*From Bad Grades to a Great Life*](#), is an excellent resource for parents who want to nurture the love of learning in their kids, which would be wonderful way to show your appreciation for teachers.



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