

Ideas for Teachers to Honor Individual Volunteers

1. Decorate your classroom door or a classroom bulletin board using any theme expressing appreciation for volunteers.
2. Make a large valentine from the whole class and have everyone sign it. Laminate it' your volunteer will treasure it forever!"
3. Invite your volunteer to the class valentine party as a special guest. Have a valentine box or bag for your volunteer and urge students to make valentines for him/her.
4. Have students draw pictures of volunteer helping in their class. Hang these on a bulletin board or wall and then give them to volunteers to keep after the celebration week. This activity would involve discussion of the concept of volunteering with students and making a list of all the things volunteers do to help at the school.
5. Find out the volunteer's birthday and provide a card, especially one signed by all the students.
6. Prepare your students to rise in a standing ovation when the volunteer arrives. This requires special preparation on the part of the teacher and the students in advance. This is an excellent way to impress upon students the value of volunteering.
7. Remember to say thank you often! Smiles and hugs go a long way!

More Thank You Ideas for School Volunteers

You're a Cracker Jack volunteer! Thank you!

Write message and tie it with ribbon around a box of Cracker Jacks.

We can always bank on your help! Thank you!

Attach a thank you note to a child's bank and tie with ribbon.

You are a key to the success of our students! Thank you!

Glue an old key (spray painted gold) to a piece of paper folder double. Cut a key shape about 1 inch bigger than the key all around, write your message inside, punch a hole and tie with a piece of ribbon like a key chain.

Thanks for your help---it tops everything off just right!

Write your message and tie with ribbon to a jar of ice cream topping or a jar of salsa.

You're a real lifesaver!

Write message and tie to pack of Lifesavers.

Thanks for all the thyme you give to help our students.

Write message and tie to tiny potted thyme plant or to a box of seasoning.

We'd all go nuts without your help---thanks!

Write message and tie to a can or bag of nuts. If you really want to go all out, make a batch of spice walnuts or pecans and put them with the message.

Just to set the record straight---you're wonderful!

Write message and tie to a phonograph record or a piece of black construction paper cut like a record with white paper put in the center to resemble a record's label.

You are SEW helpful---thanks for all you do for our school!

Write message and tie to a small sewing kit.

Face it---you make a difference in the lives of our students. Thanks for all you do.

Tie message to a small mirror.