



# 6 WAYS TO MOTIVATE TEACHERS: BE THE HOPE

## 6 Sweet Ways to Motivate Teachers

#### Motivate Teachers Tip #1 Understand What Teachers Need

**Teachers most often** need peace and quiet to get their work done. On work days, plan meetings at the end or the beginning, but let them actually WORK. Don't let vendors come on campus and interrupt them. Give them a stream of uninterrupted time. Sure, some teachers won't "work" but many will.

### Motivate Teachers Tip #2: Encourage Teachers to Walk It Out

**Teachers are often** up walking around the room or at their desk. Encourage them to get outside and take a walk. Make it acceptable and insist upon it.

## Motivate Teachers Tip #3: Realize the Financial Struggle

**Many teachers have** to work outside school. Many schools discourage this but many don't realize the nature of the fixed income teachers are on and the need to bring in additional money for their families.

## Motivate Teachers Tip #4: Help Them Help Kids

Countless students (at all schools) don't have school supplies. When money is tight it can be frustrating to go buy boxes of pens, highlighters, or markers because teachers doesn't nearly cover it. The poorer the kids at the school, the more teachers struggle to buy everything their students need.

**Replenish the school** supplies for teachers. Give them pencils, pens, highlighters, markers, and paper. It gets more important the closer you get to the end of the year when parents stop thinking about empty backpacks and school supplies.





#### Motivate Teachers Tip #5: Tell Teachers They Are Important

Remember the <u>5 love languages</u>? Teachers who need to hear or read they are important. These words need to be said. In our teacher's lounge, a parent left a mug of mints with a little sign: "Thanks for being so sweet." Some mysterious person keeps coming by and putting more mints in the cup.

**Write notes and** say inspirational things. Remind them in words of the nobility of their profession and who they are to be as teachers. For those who need to hear and read the words, these are like rain on dry land.

#### Motivate Teachers Tip #6: Acts of Service

**Do something kind** and thoughtful. My Mom bakes muffins and breads and leaves them in the teacher's lounge.

#### **Being Kind is Always Awesome**

Sometimes you get through big tough times with little things. The kind word. The laugh. The compliment.