



Education eBulletin Series 2018-2019 - #02



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This year, American Education week is November 12-16, 2018. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor all individuals who are making a great difference in guaranteeing that every child gets a quality education.

Show your appreciation by recognizing all who work at the school. This includes not only the teachers, but the janitors, cooks, office staff, principals and bus drivers. All positions in the school are an important part of your child's education as well as the teachers. You will need to call the schools to find out how many staff members there are to furnish treats for.

Here is a list of ideas for celebrating American Education Week at your schools:

- ✓ Place an ad in your local paper thanking all staff at your local schools
- ✓ Give each staff member a small treat in their mailbox at the school include a tag of thanks from your Unit
- ✓ Provide trays of cookies-candy-veggie tray in the staff room
- ✓ Plan an "After School Social" to recognize the staff
- ✓ Place an apple in each staff mailbox include a tag of thanks and from your Unit
- ✓ Small loaves of quick breads for all the staff individually
- ✓ Supply coffee, tea, sugar and creamer for the staff lounge
- ✓ For smaller schools, a carry-in meal could be provided, such as soup in a crockpot
- ✓ Make a "Thank You" card using cute clip art
- ✓ Look on sites such as Pinterest for ideas
- ✓ Surprise them with cinnamon rolls in the morning one day
- ✓ Make posters to hang in the school and/or in local businesses
- ✓ A Public Service Announcement (PSA) on the local radio station

For an added detail, you could use the American Education Week Cards that are fillable and ALA branded in whatever little gift of appreciation you bring to the school. They can be found on the Education program page when you log in to the Members Only section at www.ALForVeterans.org.

Your Unit could help recognize these educators, or it could be done as an individual member. But discuss it at an upcoming meeting to get the ball rolling.

Be sure to take pictures and include them in your reports. As well, your local newspaper might have a spot for a photo and a small story. And of course, don't forget to use social media!

As a retired teacher, I always loved the acts of appreciation during American Education Week.

Fun Fact: The American Legion was instrumental in founding American Education Week!

Additional ALA Education information, including more information on American Education Week as well as National scholarship applications, can be found on the Education program page when you log in to the Members only section at www.ALForVeterans.org.

How the ALA Education Program has helped:

Our American Legion Auxiliary Education program fosters learning for children in our own communities, with our focus on the children of our military and veterans.

Here is an example of how we've helped one young man, Rylan Hurd, with his letter of gratitude as he was a recipient of the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship. His application was submitted by Department of Nebraska's Fred F. Sturdevant Unit 34:

"I am writing this letter to thank you for awarding me the "American Legion Auxiliary Children of Warriors Presidents' Scholarship." Learning that I had received this scholarship was a true life saver.

This scholarship is truly amazing to receive and the reason I was eligible to receive it is because of my great grandfather Ervin Hoffman. He served in the Pacific Ocean in World War KK and if he was still alive he would have been just as ecstatic as or maybe even more ecstatic than me. At first I wasn't sure if I'd be able to afford my first year of college, but when I had found out that I received this scholarship, I knew I'd be financially stable. Especially since I come from a low income family, I thank you so very much.

I can't thank you enough for awarding me with this scholarship. I'm sure that if my great grandpa Ervin was still alive he would be thank you too. I hope you all have an amazing year and many more."

ALA Scholarship information and applications can be found at:

<https://www.alaforveterans.org/Programs/Education/>, on the ALA Education Program Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1489034401420831/> or you can contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 or education@ALForVeterans.org.

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