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HISD provides creative ways to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week

April 30, 2021 – The Houston Independent School District is calling on the public to use social media, video and even sidewalk chalk to thank a favorite teacher during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3-7, and HISD is celebrating with an All-Star theme that includes creative themed days to share messages of thanks on social media.

“Our teachers truly are the heart and soul of HISD, and over the past year have stepped up as true team players for our students and families,” HISD Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan said. “Teachers have transitioned to virtual learning and back again, often teaching two classes at once—one virtually and one in-person.”

HISD is encouraging students, staff, parents, and the community to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week each day by using the hashtag #ThankHISDTeachers and tagging @HoustonISD and @TeamHISD.

Here is the game plan if you would like to participate in the fun on social media:

- **Monday MVP:** Who is your teacher MVP? Are they a current teacher, or do you have a fond memory of a teacher who impacted your life?
- **Tuesday Team Player:** Do you know a teacher with a team-first mentality?
- **Wednesday’s Chalk Talk:** Grab your sidewalk chalk and create a message to say “thank you” to your teachers!
- **Try-out Thursday:** Channel your inner cheerleader and create a fun cheer for your favorite teacher or teachers.
- **Flexible Friday:** This has been the “Year of Flexibility,” and we are grateful to our teachers who have cartwheeled, backflipped, and somersaulted through the school year. Show teachers the love with a special video message and (optional) your best gymnastics move!

Want to do a shout out in an even bigger way? Submit the story of your favorite teacher at HoustonISD.org/FavoriteTeacher, and HISD will share them at the end of the week.

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