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Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!

"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it."

~ Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of The Children's Defense Fund

Dear Willingboro Family,

The month of May often brings us reminders of *Spring*, the time of renewal, revival and transition. The month of May also brings us an annual reminder to appreciate our Mothers, the first face of love, comfort and admiration for most of us. It is not a coincidence that this month also brings us the annual celebration of our *Teachers*. Mothers are often referred to as the '*first teachers*' of their children.

Teachers are responsible for so much... academic growth, socioemotional development, fine motor skill attainment and the list goes on and on. We also know that for some students, teachers also take on many roles of the aforementioned *Mother*; though it is not in their job description.

Teachers are personally and directly responsible for the maturation and renaissance of our children. We educators often discuss how some students are literally 'new people' by the end of the school year. Every spring, teachers can recall the trials, tribulations and 'restarts' that students have experienced. Many students spend more time interacting with their teachers than any other adult in their day-to-day lives. **You** are truly molding the future daily and impacting the citizens who will determine the fate of our society and **we thank you for it**.

In closing, we know that the month of May is closely tied with **Spring, Mothers' Day and Teacher Appreciation**...and we are of course thankful for the opportunity to celebrate these annual tenets. However, we know that *great teachers* happily embody the enviable traits of each of the previously mentioned May milestones: **love, forgiveness, restoration, protection, education and accountability**.

Thank you for all that you do, and please know that you are appreciated.

Yours in Education,

Dr. Ronald G. Taylor,
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