



Dear Ascension Parents,

Inspired by the recent celebration of Chinese New Year, PTO has declared 2018 at Ascension the **YEAR OF THE TEACHER**. We will celebrate on March 19-23 with our annual Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week! A fun week is planned for our Administrative Team, Instructional Staff, Campus Support and Office Personnel in order to share our appreciation for all they do to make Ascension the excellent school we choose for our children.

This week is made possible by all those who supported the "Louisiana Saturday Night" hosted by PTO in the fall. Funds generated through the auction allow us to celebrate those who educate our children and help create the wonderful world of Ascension.

Here's a preview of some of the exciting things we have planned:

Monday begins the **Year of the Teacher**

Following the Chinese proverb, "Better than 1000 days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher," faculty will be presented with a special gift--a block phone charger--to get them "charged" for the week.

On Tuesday, our staff will **Be Awakened**.

"If you plan for one year, plant rice. If you plan for 10 years, plant trees. If you plan for 100 years, educate mankind." This Chinese Proverb inspired PTO to provide faculty with a hot tea and coffee bar complete with a sweet snack to start their day.

On Wednesday, we say **Lucky Us, Lucky You**.

Since "Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere," faculty can look for their treasure hidden in takeout boxes in each campus office. One lucky takeout box per campus will even contain an extra prize.

Thursday invites faculty to **Find Your Zen**.

"Tension is who you think you should be; relaxation is who you are." We invite them to contemplate this Chinese proverb as they enjoy a relaxing mini-massage on each campus.

For Friday, we welcome them to **Nourish Your Soul**.

"Give me fish, and I eat for a day. Teach me to fish, and I eat for a lifetime." On each campus, the week concludes with a Chinese Feast catered by iMonelli. Parent volunteers will assist with the luncheon and cover classrooms, desks, or lunch duty as needed.

Do you want to show your appreciation for our staff? Volunteer opportunities are available on Time To Sign Up to help make this a special week for our Faculty. To sign up, please click [HERE](#). We especially need parent volunteers to assume carpool duty on the River Ranch and Downtown campuses all week, as well as to assist with classroom coverage during the Feast. Thanks for your continued support!

Sincerely,

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