



2026-27 Appreciation Schedule

We appreciate our staff and believe everyone deserves a day for our community to celebrate their achievements and recognize their contributions! There are many different regularly scheduled observances throughout the year that are dedicated to specific job classifications. These are typically established by advocacy organizations or through presidential proclamations/state legislative actions. The following celebrations have been observed in Ken-Ton Schools. When an observance consists of a week or a month, the first day is celebrated. To simplify and ensure that everyone is included, individual departments are celebrated whenever possible. In cases where there are multiple dates for a specific job classification, we select the observance that is the most widely celebrated or is recognized at the state level or by major educational institutions. When these celebrations coincide with a weekend, holiday, or recess week, they will be observed on a different day. This will typically be the preceding/subsequent school day or week though this sometimes varies. You will find these noted in the Weekly Connection, on social media, and on school/district calendars.

Questions or suggestions? Email pfanelli@ktufsd.org

JOB/ROLE	OBSERVANCE	WHEN IT OCCURS	2026-27 DATE
Assistant Principals	1st Day of Assistant Principals Week	1st week in April	4/5/2027
Board Members	1st Day of School Board Recognition Week	2nd or 3rd week in October (check with NYSSBA)	10/13/2026 (observed)
Buildings & Grounds staff	Custodian/Buildings & Grounds Staff Appreciation Day	Always October 2	10/2/2026
Clerical staff	Administrative Professionals Appreciation Day	Wednesday of the last week in April	4/28/2027
Coaches/Asst. Coaches	National Coach Appreciation Day	Always October 6	10/6/2026
Counselors	1st Day of School Counseling Week	1st week in February	2/1/2027
Crossing Guards	1st Day of Crossing Guard Appreciation Month	Month of May	5/3/2027
Finance Staff	International Accounting & Finance Staff Appreciation Day	Always November 10	11/10/2026
Food Service staff	School Lunch Hero/Food Service Appreciation Day	1st Friday in May	5/7/2027

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Human Resources staff	International HR Appreciation Day	Always May 20	5/20/2027
Library staff	School Librarian Appreciation Day (Observed)	Always April 4	4/5/2027 (observed)
Nurses	School Nurse Appreciation Day	Wednesday of National Nurses Week (May 6-12)	5/12/2027
Principals	School Principals Appreciation Day	Always May 1	4/30/2027 (observed)
Psychologists	1st Day of School Psychologist Week	1st or 2nd week in November (check with NASP)	11/9/2026
Social Workers	1st Day of School Social Work Week	1st full week in March	3/8/2027
Speech Pathologists	Speech Pathologist Appreciation Day	Always May 18	5/18/2027
Safety Officers	School Safety Officer Appreciation Day (Observed)	Always February 15	2/12/2027 (observed)
Substitute Teachers	Substitute Teacher Appreciation Day	Friday of American Education Week	11/20/26
Teacher Aides/Monitors	School Paraprofessional Appreciation Day	1st Wednesday in April	4/7/2027
Teachers	Teacher Appreciation Day	Tuesday of the 1st full week in May	5/4/2027
Technology staff	IT & Technology Staff Appreciation Day	3rd Tuesday in September	9/15/2026
Transportation staff	School Bus Driver & Transportation Staff Appreciation Day (Observed)	4th Tuesday in April	4/27/2027

In Chronological Order:

IT & Technology Staff Appreciation Day	9/15/2026
Custodian/Buildings & Grounds Staff Appreciation Day	10/2/2026
National Coach Appreciation Day	10/6/2026
1st Day of School Board Recognition Week	10/13/2026
1st Day of School Psychologist Week	11/9/2026
International Accounting & Finance Staff Appreciation Day	11/10/2026
Substitute Teacher Appreciation Day	11/20/2026
1st Day of School Counseling Week	2/1/2027
School Safety Officer Appreciation Day (Observed)	2/12/2027
1st Day of School Social Work Week	3/8/2027
School Librarian Appreciation Day (Observed)	4/5/2027
1st Day of Assistant Principals Week (Observed)	4/5/2027
School Paraprofessional Appreciation Day	4/7/2027
School Bus Driver & Transportation Staff Appreciation Day	4/27/2027
Administrative Professionals Appreciation Day	4/28/2027
School Principals Appreciation Day	4/30/2027
1st Day of Crossing Guard Appreciation Month	5/3/2027
Teacher Appreciation Day	5/4/2027
School Lunch Hero/Food Service Appreciation Day	5/7/2027
School Nurse Appreciation Day	5/12/2027
Speech Pathologist Appreciation Day	5/18/2027
International HR Appreciation Day	5/20/2027