



# Grand Lodge of Arizona Free and Accepted Masons Public Schools Committee



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## Suggested Lodge Activities for American Education Week November 13-17, 2017

WM and Brethren,

MWGM Scott A. Thomas has issued Edict No. 2017-01 declaring November 13-17, 2017 as American Education Week in support of our Public Schools. All Lodges are to observe the spirit of this Edict by participating and /or supporting our Public Schools. Below is a list of suggested activities to assist you.

- Contact your Public School(s) and inquire how you might be able to assist or support the School especially during American Education Week.
- **Ask about any requirements they may have for volunteers to assist in school activities.**
- Present the Grand Lodge Public Schools Essay Contest and Classroom Grant Program
- Host local awards for Essay contest winners
- Recognize outstanding Teachers or Administrators
- Volunteer to assist as playground or cafeteria monitors or wherever the school needs help
- Provide doughnuts or breakfast snacks for the Teachers and Office Staff
- Host an Ice Cream Social or other event at the school after classes are dismissed
- Offer help with funding or special projects
- Use Social Media to show your support and appreciation of Teachers, Administrators, Para Professionals and Office, Transportation and Maintenance Staff in our Public Schools
- Issue a press release to the local media announcing our support for Public Schools
- Approach City or Town officials and offer to assist them with proclaiming American Education Week in support of our Public Schools

Each day of American Education Week has a particular theme, Monday is the kick off celebration (social media announcements), Tuesday is Parents Day, Wednesday is Professionals Day (Educators), Thursday is Community Leaders Day (Volunteers) and Friday is Substitute Teachers Day.

Additional suggestions for school support activities and templates for social media and press releases, proclamations and announcements can be found on the National Education Association website [www.nea.org](http://www.nea.org) or by doing an online search of American Education Week or Public Education Week.

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