

Ty Ankrom's Here's What I Think ...

Teachers, and all who work in education, deserve appreciation for all that they do and the National Education Association sets aside a week especially for that.



Next week, Nov. 16-20, is American Education Week, an opportunity to recognize all who work in education.

The National Education Association created the observance in 1921 to increase support for public education.

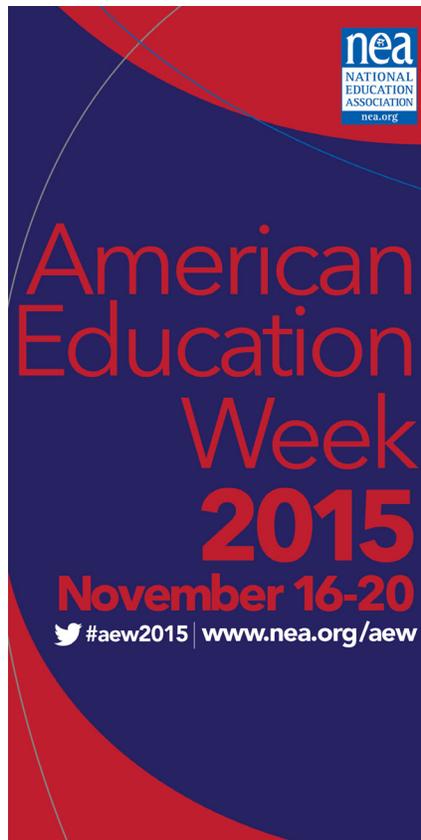
The association has provided suggestions for what schools can do to mark each day of next week's observance:

- Monday, Kickoff Day: Across the country, schools can celebrate excellence in education by hosting kickoff events and activities.
- Tuesday, Parents Day: Schools can invite parents into the classroom for a firsthand look at what the school day is like for their children.
- Wednesday, Education Support Professionals Day: Education Support Professionals keep schools running and students safe, healthy

and ready to learn.

- Thursday, Educator for a Day: Invite community leaders to experience the day as educators and discover the challenges of teaching and the needs of students. Learn more about this program at www.nea.org/grants/64381.htm.
- Friday, Substitute Educators Day: Substitute educators play a vital role in the maintenance and continuity of daily education.

Access links for ideas about each day at www.nea.org/grants/36941.htm.



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I've worked in education for several decades and am proud of helping students and other educators through the years.

While it's great to get appreciation from parents and community members, consider taking a minute to show your fellow educators your appreciation for all that they do.

We all learn from each other and that makes each of us better at what we do.

I, of course, thank all of you for your contributions to public education.

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