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# 7 Ways to Spread Sunshine in Your School

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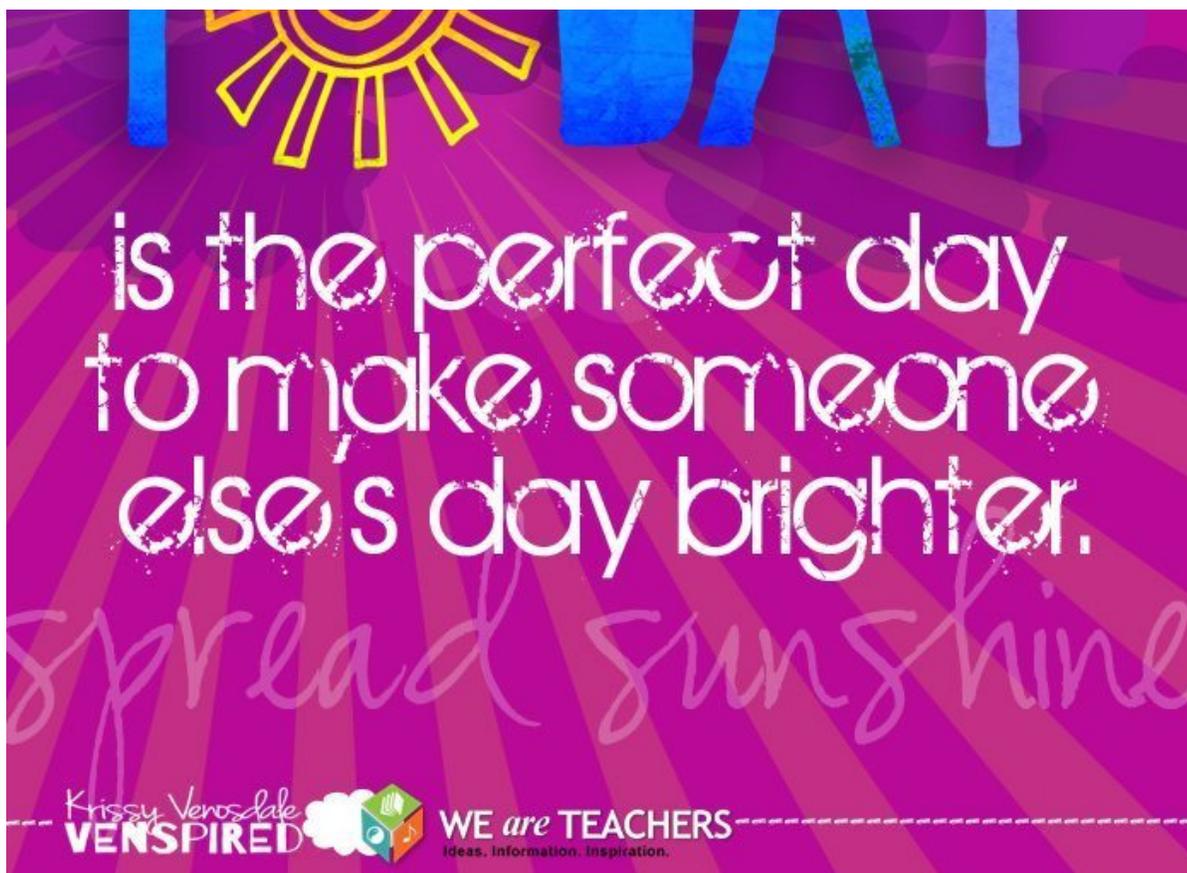


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1. Get a box of fun notecards on your next shopping trip. Thank a few colleagues for making a difference for you this year and slip the cards into their mailboxes to surprise them.
2. Encourage students to record a thank-you message for various staff members around the school. Ask a student volunteer to edit the footage and create a video to share on your school website.
3. Instead of just making a countdown calendar for the number of school days remaining, give each student a piece of paper with a number and ask them to write their best class memory on the page. Put the pages in order, staple them, and now you've got a countdown calendar that will also allow you and your students to remember the great year you had together. Each day, read the memory aloud and enjoy it with your class.
4. Have a new teacher in your building? Make the end of his or her first year unforgettable. Ask each student to write a nice note on a colorful Post-it. Then sneak out to the school parking lot and cover the teacher's car in positivity.
5. Start a chain of Random Acts of Kindness. Each time a student or teacher does a secret random act for someone else, he or she writes it down and adds a link to the chain. The chain is not about recognizing individuals but recognizing the good we all create together. Watch the chain grow each day. Kindness is contagious.
6. Host a recycled-resources swap. You know we all have things at the end of the school year we'd like to give away and that we know others can use. Pick a date and time and send out a message to your colleagues. Gather your best giveaways and meet in the cafeteria after school. Allow everyone to browse and take items that they'd like to use. You know teachers love getting "new" resources. Especially ones that are free!
7. Smile. This one is simple. But the end of the year can be stressful. A little smile goes a long way. Smile at your colleagues. Smile at your administrator. Smile at your students. Smile at your custodian and say thank you.

Spreading sunshine isn't in your job description and isn't just one more thing to do on your crazy task list as the year closes out. It's a way to bring a little sunshine your way too. And we could all use a little of that each day.





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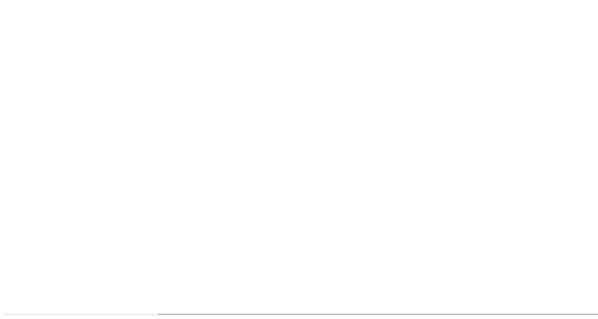
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