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Dear Families,

As the end of the school year approaches, you may be wondering how best to thank the special teachers and staff who have taught and nurtured your children since September. Please consider participating in Newton Schools Foundation's (NSF) [Honor Thy Teacher](#), which provides a way to simultaneously recognize our faculty and support our schools while also complying with the [Newton Public Schools Gift Policy](#).

When you donate to Honor Thy Teacher, NSF will

- Notify honored teachers and staff of your gift
- Share honoree names with the Superintendent's office and individual school principals
- List all honored teachers and staff in a fall issue of the [Newton TAB](#)

The funds raised through Honor Thy Teacher focus on **teachers' professional development and new curricula and learning opportunities** which collectively impact school children across all grade levels. This year NSF funding is supporting programs and initiatives which range the gamut of content areas, including:

- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)
- Environment and Sustainability
- Leadership and Citizenship
- Race and Achievement
- Music and Arts
- Literacy and Writing Instruction
- Social/Emotional Learning
- Global Travel and Learning.

[Read about the programs NSF funds.](#)

By donating to NSF, you are not only acknowledging teachers on a personal level but also providing rich professional development opportunities for them, and supplementing the existing enrichment opportunities that the district provides.

The suggested donation to Honor Thy Teacher is \$25 per teacher/staff member. You can find out more information about the specific programs NSF supports online at [www.newtonschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.newtonschoolsfoundation.org), where you can also donate electronically.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to support Newton's teachers.

Sincerely,  
Tom Morris

(On behalf of the Newton Schools Foundation)