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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the end of another school year approaches, the Gloucester Education Foundation (GEF) wants to remind you about its **Honor a Teacher** program, which could be a perfect way to say “thank you” to that special teacher or member of the school community for their contributions to your child’s education over the past year.

**WHAT is it?** “Honor a Teacher” is a teacher appreciation program that was created out of our belief that many people in a school play an important role in your child’s education – teachers, teaching teams/houses, aides, paraprofessionals; librarians, coaches and guidance counselors; specialists in art, music, media, physical fitness and science; custodians, food service team members, transportation staff, administrative assistants and other support staff; and administrators. *This program provides an opportunity for parents and others to honor individuals in the school community who have meaningfully impacted their child’s education.*

**HOW does it work?** Honoring a teacher is easy! There are two ways to honor a teacher and make a donation.

- **Online** - Log onto [www.thinkthebest.org](http://www.thinkthebest.org) and click on the “Honor a Teacher”

button on the right-hand side of the home page. Follow the prompts to complete the donor form and process a secure debit/credit card payment or donation via PayPal.

- **Mail** – Simply use the form with this letter or download a form from [www.thinkthebest.org](http://www.thinkthebest.org) (or pick up a form from your child’s school) and then place the completed form along with your donation, payable to “**GEF**”, in the mail.

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**WHO receives your donation?** All donations go directly to GEF, which drives innovation, encourages creativity, expands student opportunities and empowers educators to strengthen teaching and learning in the Gloucester Public School District. A listing of recent GEF-funded program can be found on the reverse side of the attached Honor a Teacher form.

**Honor a Teacher** Awardees will receive a letter informing them of your family's honorary gift, as well as your optional personalized note of appreciation. *All gift amounts will be confidential.* Gloucester Education Foundation is a (501)(c)(3) organization. Your donation is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law and will be acknowledge directly by GEF.

GEF thanks you in advance for honoring our teachers and staff.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE NEED TO RECEIVE YOUR  
DONATION BY JUNE 7 TO DELIVER NOTIFICATIONS TO  
TEACHERS BY THE CLOSE OF SCHOOL.**