

On today, of all days, the California Day of the Teacher, I think it's appropriate to talk with you about some of the amazing and wonderful things WUSD teachers do:

- a. We take kids to Science camp.
- b. We help put on talent shows.
- c. We take field trips - like today's to the California Academy of Sciences.
- d. We write grants.
- e. We produce plays.
- f. We barbeque.
- g. We are innovative educators.
- h. We come to campus over Spring break to help a student with a STEM project.
- i. We do Science Night.
- j. We do sing-a-longs.
- k. We plan field days.
- l. We tutor (on breaks, at lunch, before school, after school).
- m. We do lunch-time sports.
- n. We do a variety of after school programs.
- o. We do spelling bees.
- p. We chaparone Washington D.C. tours on our own vacation time.
- q. We coordinate sock and penny drives for local charities.
- r. We help with school fundraisers.
- s. We help with book sales.
- t. We read names at graduation.
- u. We buy supplies for our classrooms.
- v. We feed students.
- w. We clothe students.
- x. We sometimes provide housing for students.
- y. We are a shoulder to cry on.
- z. We are cheerleaders when our kids need a boost.

Having said all that, when we go to mediation next week, we need to remember all the great things our teachers do, and make sure they honored appropriately.