For Families

Everyone appreciates being recognized for their efforts and a simple “thank you!” goes a long way! Some ideas include:

- Hand-written cards from you and/or your child
- An email to the staff member’s manager or administrator
- Fun handmade signs put up at the location of your program
- Healthy or non-food treats for the afterschool program staff
- Gift cards for a specialty coffee, teacher supply store or bookstore

For Administrators/Managers

Thanking your staff shows them you appreciate what they do! Some ideas to show your appreciation:

- Sharing with parents and kids about Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week via email or social media
- Providing healthy treats or lunch for staff
- Creating awards for specific strengths of staff members (Best Family Communicator, STEM Star, Most Positive, etc.)
- Sending a Press Release to your local media

For Communities & Affiliate Groups

When communities and organizations with similar missions recognize that afterschool programs and their staff members make a difference in the community, it shines the light on their efforts and accomplishments! Some ideas include:

- Sharing about Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week in your communications (web site, eNewsletters, social media)
- Hosting events honoring the success of your local afterschool programs
- Sending a Press Release to your local media
- Asking local officials to proclaim the event

More details and links found on www.heartofafterschool.org