

# VOLUNTEER AND TEACHER APPRECIATION

## HOW TO MAKE IT SPECIAL ON A BUDGET!

Most volunteers would say that they don't want to be thanked or need a gift, but a big part of keeping volunteers (and gaining new leaders) is showing them how much you appreciate what they do.

Another big part of PTA is having the budget to do all the things that you need and want to do for your community. It is ok to spend a little money on your volunteers. This money is just part of the costs associated with running a non profit.

You can be mindful and still give thoughtful and great gifts to thank your volunteers and teachers. This sheet has a few tips to help you. For more information or ideas please visit the **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT** page on Utah PTA or see the many boards on Utah PTA's Pinterest page or email me: [juliec@utahpta.org](mailto:juliec@utahpta.org)!

Don't discount the dollar store. There are tons of cute items that you can dress up and add to that make cute gifts.

Cups, Candy, water bottles, nail care items, lotions, etc.



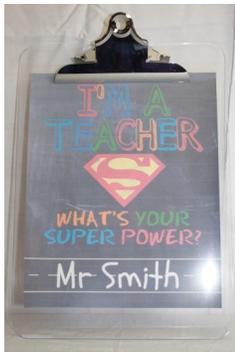
Food: So many cute and easy ideas. I like to use food because for the most part it is something everyone can use. It's not just for women or men—it's universal! It also helps the budget when you can find sales and multipacks.



School Supplies: Beginning of the year sales are a great time to get school supplies at a great price. These items are especially great for teacher gifts because they always need school supplies!



Get Crafty!!! Homemade gifts can help save money and be more memorable. The examples below include hand sewn ricebags with chocolate or a cookbook (bought with scholastic dollars), a modge podged clipboard, nail polish painted coffee mug and oil marker art on a coffee mug.



New and Favorites: Here are some of the new ideas I found this year that I LOVE!!! The movie bucket I found at a big box store (BBS) and filled in with candy and drinks and it includes a red box movie code (which you can buy online). The pitcher is my favorite. You could use any pitcher that fits in your budget (mine was \$5 at BBS). Chips and Salsa—you could get individual sizes to make it more affordable. You're the Bomb—love this because I found the bath bomb at the dollar store. You could also make your own. The happy mug was found on the clearance isle at the grocery store. I filled it with lemon items.



Packaging and Wrapping:

Ribbon: I like to use curly ribbon because it lasts forever and is cheap and the packages will look dressed up. I also like using tulle. Tulle is also inexpensive and comes in many colors and dresses up items nicely.

Wrap: I use rolls of cellophane from the dollar store. I also buy cellophane treat bags in all shapes and sizes. I have found them at the dollar store, BBS and craft stores. There is also a store in Sandy that carries all kinds of packaging and totes for reasonable prices called pac n' wrap.