

International Teacher's Day

**'All that we love deeply
Becomes a part of us'.**

Who are the teachers you have loved? They are a part of you. They live on in you.

Today we celebrate them.

Who are the teachers, past and present, our world loves? They live on in our world, inspire us, challenge our minds, hearts, bodies, spirits, connect us to the very best of ourselves, open us up to new level of our seeing and growing. In their presence we feel alive, respected, challenged, enhanced, good to be ourselves, concerned for each other, cry, laugh, rejoice in being ever a learner.

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The Teaching Spirit

The Teaching Spirit is a powerful force in our world, one with the Spirit of life, growth, change, awakening, enlightenment, love. How moving it is to see a parent teaching a child, be the parent a wolf on the snow, an orang-utan in the jungle, an eagle in the sky, a whale, a wood duck, a mother, father reading to their child. The teacher in us, and the learner are so integral to our humanity. The whole of life, the land, the seasons are alive with the Spirit of the Teacher and Learner.

This day provides us with the opportunity to give thanks for the teachers who have gifted us in so many ways.

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Ritual:

Spend a little time as a family talking about the teachers who have and are influencing you. Parents, tell stories of your school days and the teachers you remember and value. Invite the children to share the things they value about their own teachers. As a family share the ways that you teach and learn from each other. Celebrate this in some way.



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