# 10 ways to PUBLIC participate in SCHOOLS

Join I Love Public Schools as we celebrate I Love Public Schools Day. This is a day devoted to celebrating our teachers, students and public school communities. On this day our state's point of view rings loud and true: Nebraska loves public schools. Below are a few tips and tricks for schools to prepare for I Love Public Schools Day in your district.

## Share the message on your school's social media channels

Find poster images, social media graphics, sample messages, and more ideas on ways to celebrate in the Toolkit section of iloveps.org. Use these options as a quick way to help spread the word.

# Encourage your staff to wear I Love Public Schools gear

Consider this day a bonus casual Friday. Your staff will appreciate the extra 'jeans' day. Make sure to take plenty of photos and share them online with #ilove-publicschools and submit them to team@iloveps.org.

# Include I Love Public Schools Day in your newsletter

Tell your school community about I Love Public Schools Day. From interested community members to your school board, to your parents and teachers, include a mention of the day and encourage everyone to show their school pride.

### Theme your school hallways and hulletin hoards

Decorate the halls of your school with some extra school pride and love. Consider this an easy way to show school pride by inviting students to share why they love your school. Bonus points for crafty, paper hearts.

#### Encourage students to get creative

From written stories about a favorite teacher to colorful kindergarten art that shares students' favorite part of learning, art is a great way to show students' powerful, honest, and oftentimes fun perspective. Ask students to share their impression of your school.

# Ask current school board members and staff to film a short video as to why they love their school and/or district

Testimonials as to why they support your district and love working with the children of your community is an amazing story.

# Invite local media to do a story about awesome things happening in your school

Call your local paper or television station and invite them to tour your school on I Love Public Schools Day. Get some extra face-to-face time with reporters and explain what's new with your school. Use the time to give your students a voice to share about the opportunities the school and community provides.

#### CHost a school spirit day

Ask all staff and students to wear their school colors on January 17th and share photos on your social media page. Bonus points if families take a family photo and share it on their personal pages with a caption of why they love their school(s).

#### Make an I Love Public Schools video

Listen, learn and understand how students view their school. We love to see students show off their creativity and demonstrate their storytelling skills. Encourage a class or club to create a video about what makes your school special. Listen, learn and understand how students view their school.

Ask students to do a short writing assignment about why they love their school.



In all of your posts be sure to tag <u>#ILovePublicSchools</u> in your post and use these hashtags:

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