SEASONAL ACTIVITIES · GRADES 6–12

The Snail Mail Project

Write it. Send it. Let them know the impact they made.

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY
OCTOBER 5
INDIVIDUAL

Most messages today are sent in seconds. A handwritten note is different. It takes time, thought and intention. That's what makes snail mail special.

Think back to a teacher, coach or mentor who made a difference in your life. They may have no idea you still remember.

Your challenge: write it down and send it.

STEP 1 WHO COMES TO MIND?

Think back. Who made a difference for you?

NAME: _____

THEY WERE MY: ☐ Teacher ☐ Coach ☐ Mentor ☐ Other: _____

STEP 2 WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER?

Don't worry about writing the letter yet. Start by thinking about why this person stayed with you. Use these questions if they help.

WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER ABOUT THEM?

WHAT DID THEY TEACH YOU BEYOND THE SUBJECT, SPORT OR ACTIVITY?

WHAT DID THEY DO THAT MATTERED TO YOU?

IS THERE SOMETHING YOU APPRECIATE NOW THAT YOU DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THEN?

WHAT WOULD YOU WANT THEM TO KNOW TODAY?

STEP 3 WRITE IT

Now turn those thoughts into a note. You don't need perfect words or a long letter. Just make it real and make it yours. Use the printable card on the next page, make your own or choose another card you like.

STUCK ON THE FIRST LINE? TRY:

- **I wanted you to know the impact you've had on my life...**
- **I don't know if I ever told you...**
- **You probably don't know this, but...**
- **Something you did that I've never forgotten is...**

STEP 4 SEND IT

WRITE IT → ADDRESS IT → STAMP IT → SEND IT

If you don't know their current mailing address, ask your school, club or organization whether they can help you get your note to them **without sharing someone's private contact information.**

AFTER YOU SEND IT

HOW DID IT FEEL TO SAY SOMETHING YOU MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE LEFT UNSAID?

A few minutes of your time could become something they keep for years.

Print on cardstock or regular paper. Cut on the dashed line. Fold in half on the dotted line.

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It’s not about what you have or even what you’ve accomplished. It’s about what you’ve done with those accomplishments. It’s about who you’ve lifted up, who you’ve made better.

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