WELCOME TO GIVINGTUESDAY

Your School & Classroom Guide to GivingTuesday

One day. Endless ways to give.

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement that began in 2012. Every year people around the world come together to give back to their communities.

This guide offers simple, meaningful ways for students, classrooms and entire schools to participate by giving their time, talents and care.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec 1

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Tuesday, December 1, 2026

3 Things to Know About GivingTuesday

1

Everyone can participate.

Students, teachers, staff and families of any age can take part.

2

Giving isn't just about money.

A kind word, a helping hand or a cleaner schoolyard all count.

3

One day can inspire a lasting habit.

What starts on GivingTuesday can become part of every day.

How Your Classroom or School Can Give

Time

Help out in your classroom, school or neighbourhood.

Talents

Share what you're good at: art, music, reading or sports.

Support

Encourage a classmate, cheer someone on or lend a hand.

Care

Look after people, animals and the planet.

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10 Ways to Give on Your Own

None of these cost money. Check the box when you've done it!

- [ ] **1 Practice Gratitude** — PEOPLE
  Think of someone who makes your day better. Tell them why you're grateful for them.

- [ ] **2 Include someone** — PEOPLE
  Invite a classmate who is on their own to join your game or table.

- [ ] **3 Leave a kind note** — PEOPLE
  Write an encouraging note for a friend or family member to find.

- [ ] **4 Help at home** — PEOPLE
  Do a chore at home without being asked.

- [ ] **5 Pick up litter** — PLANET
  Safely pick up five pieces of litter at school or in your neighbourhood.

- [ ] **6 Power down** — PLANET
  Turn off lights and devices when they're not being used to help save energy.

- [ ] **7 Go reusable** — PLANET
  Use a reusable bottle or container instead of something you'd throw away.

- [ ] **8 Help the birds** — ANIMALS
  With an adult, put out fresh water or seeds for birds.

- [ ] **9 Learn and share** — ANIMALS
  Learn about an animal that needs protecting and teach someone one fact.

- [ ] **10 Care for a pet** — ANIMALS
  Help feed, walk or play with a pet, with permission.

My 3 GivingTuesday Choices

1. _____ **2.** _____ **3.** _____

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10 Ways to Give Together

Choose an activity to do together as a classroom, or invite your whole school to participate.

QUICK

1 Gratitude wall

Each student adds a sticky note thanking someone in the school. Display it where everyone can see.

QUICK

2 Compliment circle

Sit in a circle. Each student gives the person beside them a genuine compliment.

COLLABORATIVE

3 Classroom helping hands

Work together to help another classroom with a task, project or classroom cleanup.

COLLABORATIVE

4 Reading buddies

Pair up with a younger class and read together for 20 minutes.

COMMUNITY

5 Cards for seniors

Write cheerful cards for a local seniors' residence. Contact them first to ask how to send them.

COMMUNITY

6 Community helper thank-yous

Write letters to local firefighters, librarians, paramedics or crossing guards.

PLANET

7 Schoolyard cleanup

With gloves and bags, clean up a section of your schoolyard together. Sort what you find.

PLANET

8 Waste-free lunch day

Work together to reduce lunchtime waste. Reuse containers, recycle where possible and compare results.

INCLUSION

9 "Join us" lunch table

Set up a welcoming table or bench where anyone can sit and be included.

INCLUSION

10 Hello in every language

Students share how to say "hello" or "thank you" in a language from their family. Learn them as a class.

TEACHER TIP Most activities require little or no preparation. Check with your school administration before organizing community or outdoor activities.

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Our GivingTuesday Action Plan

Plan it, do it, then look back at what you accomplished.

1 Our Classroom or School Giving Goal

What do we want to do?

2 Who or What Are We Helping?

- [ ] People
- [ ] Animals
- [ ] The planet
- [ ] Our community

4 What Do We Need?

- [ ] Materials
- [ ] Volunteers
- [ ] Permission
- [ ] Other support

3 Our Action Plan

What steps will we take? Check each one off when it's done.

1. _____ ☐
2. _____ ☐
3. _____ ☐
4. _____ ☐

5 Our GivingTuesday Results

What did we accomplish?

6 How Did Giving Make Us Feel?

Circle one, then explain.

Proud Happy Good Connected Unsure

Keep giving after GivingTuesday!

GivingTuesday is just the beginning! Discover more free activities and resources for your classroom or school at 365give.ca.