



Super Teacher



Get your nomination ready for January 2, 2017! This grassroots effort, which debuted in 2008, was designed to help put a spotlight on those amazing educators across the Commonwealth who go the extra mile each and every day, demonstrating passion, innovation, collaboration and creativity in the classroom. Nominations are accepted from anyone 18 or older. Then, a blue-ribbon panel of judges selects eight educators, one from each geographic region of the state, to win \$2,000 cash from the Virginia Lottery and a \$2,000 classroom supply credit from The Supply Room Companies. Over the years, we've recognized not only traditional classroom teachers but also music, art, physical education and special needs educators. From 1/2/17 – 2/13/17, you can submit a nomination about a Super Teacher you know at vasuperteacher.com.

Thank a Teacher



The Thank a Teacher campaign, in partnership with the Virginia Tourism Corporation and the Virginia PTA, is designed to increase awareness for the Lottery's commitment to Virginia's public schools. In 2016, more than 30,000 public school teachers were thanked! Beginning in April 2017, in order to complement National Teacher Appreciation Week, the Virginia Lottery will invite people to thank as many public teachers as possible in the Commonwealth. Electronic or hard-copy thank-you notes can be sent to teachers who then can use a code to enter for prizes. Stay tuned for more details in early April.

Making a Difference



In efforts to further support public education, we created the "Making a Difference" or M.A.D. program which gives Lottery employees an opportunity to volunteer up to 32 hours during a school year. This initiative focuses on Title One schools that truly benefit from the extra set of hands. Employees volunteer in a variety of ways, from serving as lunch buddies to assisting in the classroom.

Questions about any of these programs? Please contact Communication Manager Jennifer Mullen at 804-692-7770 or jmullen@valottery.com.