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Tokeneke Teachers Become Superheroes for a Day of Appreciation

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Tokeneke Elementary School students reached new heights last week to show their appreciation for all that their teachers do with a celebration themed: "I'm a Teacher, what's your Super Power?"

To kick off Teacher Appreciation Day festivities, teachers and staff were presented with homemade Tokeneke Super Hero capes, gift bags featuring gift certificates donated by Darien Dunkin' Donuts and Splash Car Wash, and floral bouquets created by their students and room mothers.

The school's Great Hall was transformed into Gotham City with a cartoon metropolis skyline, making a backdrop for a Super Hero photo booth. Classes took turns posing throughout the morning.

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The special day was filled with treats and surprises for the teachers and staff. A breakfast and coffee bar welcomed them in the morning, a chili and salad buffet provided by the parents was featured at lunchtime in the colorfully decorated staff lounge, and a special snack cart filled went classroom to classroom as the afternoon surprise.

All of the effort that went into the celebration showed how much the teachers at Tokeneke mean to the students and their families, which thrilled event organizers Christina Childs and Laurie Duarte.

"We had an excellent parent team of over 50 volunteers that helped to execute the day, and the children created more than 600 shields in the teachers' honor," said Childs.

"I think that says a lot about our teachers and staff at Tokeneke. They are like extended family to all of us and the children and parents couldn't wait to celebrate them."

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