



New Year, Same Mission: To Support You in Every Way Possible!

Dear Educators,

Welcome to a brand new school year!

Whether you're stepping into your first classroom or returning with years of experience, know this: **Classroom Central is here to support you every step of the way.** From fresh resources and supplies to professional development and classroom inspiration, we've got your back.

We believe that when teachers feel supported, students thrive. That's why this year, we're going even bigger—with more tools, more appreciation, and more ways to celebrate the incredible impact you make every single day.

Let's make this your best year yet. ☐

Warmly,
Chelsea Davis
Director of Educator Engagement

This year every newsletter will be packed with essentials just for you!
Here's What You'll Find Inside:

Join Our Facebook Teacher Fam + enter this month's Group Giveaway

Academic Resource: Create a Positive Learning Environment

Free Store Highlight: Don't miss the Bee-Bot Kit + a look at all our programs

New Program Launch: Get excited for EdExchange

Free Store Finds: Spotlight on 3 must-grab items

Beginning Teacher Corner: Time Management & Routines That Work

and so much more!

Join Our Facebook Teacher Fam



Looking for a space to feel inspired, supported, and celebrated all year long?

Join our private Teacher Facebook group—where community meets connection. Whether you're new or returning, we're so glad you're here.

Bonus: This month's giveaway is all about *teacher wellness*—and you won't want to miss it!

We're proud to celebrate the incredible teacher community we've built together—**now over 1,400 strong and growing with educators** who uplift, support, and inspire one another every day!

As a Teacher Facebook Group Member—you'll get access to:

- Exclusive resources
- Early updates on Classroom Central programs
- Community of fellow educators
- Monthly Giveaways

and more!

August Giveaway: **Teacher Fuel: Self-Care Starter Kit**

Reminder: You must be a member of the Teacher Facebook group to be eligible to win.

[Join the Teacher Group](#)

New This Year: A Facebook Group Just for Beginning Teachers!

Join our new space created just for you—where support, celebration, and connection are always just a click away.

As a Beginning Teacher Facebook Group Member, you'll get access to:

- Exclusive resources made with new teachers in mind
- Early updates on Classroom Central programs
- A supportive community of fellow beginning educators

...and more surprises throughout the year!

Your journey matters. Let's grow together!

[Join the BT Group](#)

New Program Launching August 20th!

ED EXCHANGE

A supportive space to grow, share resources, collaborate, and find encouragement to thrive in and out of the classroom.

Classroom Central is thrilled to introduce EdExchange—our brand-new teacher portal designed to bring you free, high-quality professional development, classroom strategies, and a space to connect with fellow educators.

Whether you're looking for quick tips or full workshops, **EdExchange is here to help you grow and thrive all year long.**

Program Highlight



 **STEM** LENDING LIBRARY

Bee-Bot Kit Tutorial Video

The Bee-Bot Kit provides a robot that teaches sequencing, estimation, programming to conduct problem solving.

Featured Teacher:
Faith Dumais, Rocky River High School

Bee-Bot Kit

This month's spotlight is on the **Bee-Bot Kit** —a fun, hands-on tool to introduce your students to coding, sequencing, and problem-solving. Check out the tutorial of the kit from *Ms. Dumais of Rocky River High School*.

Find this and other kits in our Lending Library. Available for checkout starting August 14th. Check out this kit for 30 days and bring interactive learning into your classroom.

[Check Out This Kit](#)

Have You Scheduled Your

Explore All We Have to Offer



At Classroom Central, **we're committed to walking alongside you every step of the way**—providing the tools, resources, and support you need to plan and deliver your best instruction throughout the school year. **Your success is our mission.**

While you're planning, don't forget—all of this and more is available to support YOU this school year:

- **Free Supply Programs** — Three easy ways to shop and stock up on classroom essentials
- **Lending Library** – Learn about all the hands-on kits we offer for every grade and subject
- **Launch Box** – First-Year CMS Teachers: Receive quarterly supply packs to support your classroom all year!
- **Teach Prep** – Schedule time for lamination, copies, and die-cutting

[Explore All Programs](#)

Shopping Appointment?

Appointments are filling fast—be sure to grab yours and get ready to shop for everything you need!

If you're shopping the Free Store, don't forget to:

- Arrive on time for your appointment
- Bring your school ID
- Bring your own reusable bags to carry your supplies

[Schedule Your Appointment](#)



If appointments are full, don't worry—you can still get what you need through our **Volunteer to Shop program**. Just lend your time or expertise and earn a shopping appointment in return!

[Explore Volunteer to Shop](#)

Free Store Finds

Each month, we're spotlighting Free Store finds you'll want to grab before they're gone! **Here are this month's must-haves:**



Assorted Suave Bundle

Freshen up your hygiene station or classroom prize box with this bundle of Suave body wash, shampoo, and deodorant. **These essentials are perfect for supporting students in need with dignity and care.**

Classroom Use
Great for creating care kits, stocking your nurse’s corner, or offering quiet support to students who may not have access to personal care items at home.



Five Below Gratitude Journals

Encourage social-emotional learning with colorful, student-friendly gratitude journals. **Help students build a daily reflection habit that boosts mood and promotes a positive classroom culture.**

Classroom Use: Use during morning meetings, SEL lessons, or as a calming activity after recess. Try a “Thankful Thursdays” routine to get students reflecting weekly!



Reading Buddies

These soft, cuddly stuffed animals are the perfect reading companions! **A fun and comforting addition to any literacy center or classroom library that helps students feel safe, supported, and excited to read.**

Classroom Use: Pair each buddy with a basket of books. Let students “check out” a reading buddy during independent reading time to build excitement and engagement in literacy.

Keep an eye out—new treasures arrive monthly!

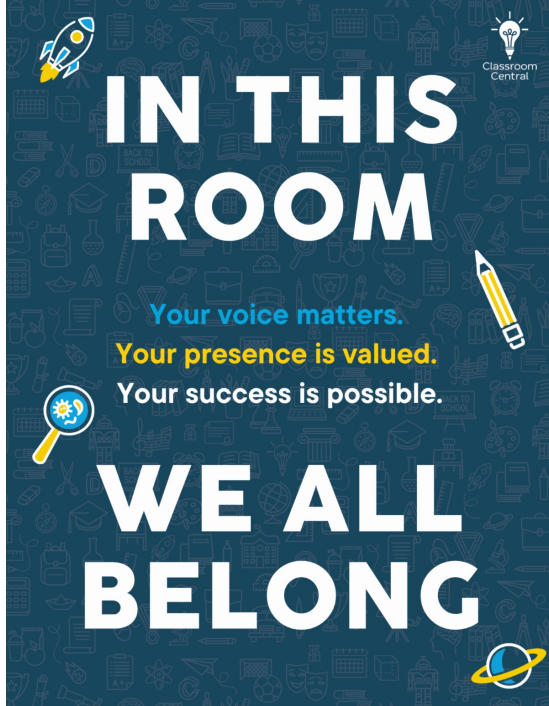
Academic Resource of the Month

Build A Positive Learning Environment Toolkit

The first weeks of school are your chance to set the tone—and we’ve got tools to help you create a space where every student feels safe, seen, and supported.

This month’s resource bundle includes:

- A visual **anchor chart** to help define class expectations



- A quick **strategy guide** for building trust and connection
 - A ready-to-use **class norms template**
 - A printable **poster** to remind students that they belong
- Let's build classrooms where learning—and belonging—can thrive.

[Download the Toolkit](#)

Quick Poll: What's your favorite way to feel appreciated at school?

Handwritten notes

Food/snacks

Surprise gifts

Verbal praise

Vote now & see the results in next month's newsletter!

Last Month's Quick Poll Results

Question: *What's your go-to classroom setup hack?*

- Student jobs for setup & cleanup – 25%
- Anchor charts hung with clothespins – 36%
- Label everything – 39%

The teachers have spoken! "Label everything" came out on top as the ultimate classroom setup hack. Clear labeling creates structure, saves time, and helps students take ownership of the space—definitely a must-do as you prep for a smooth

start!

Chelsea's Classroom Chronicles: I couldn't agree more—I made sure to label everything in my art room too. Labeling meant fewer questions about where things lived and more time focused on learning. Pro tip: Give everything a home!

Beginning Teacher Corner

This month's spotlight will help you take control of your time and your classroom from day one.

Time Management and Routines That Work Self-Paced PD

Struggling to fit everything into your day? Learn how to build simple routines that maximize instructional time and reduce stress.

Here's what you'll find inside:

- **Lost Time Reflection** – visualize how time slips away and how routines can reclaim it
- **Sample routines from experienced teachers** – see real-life examples that work
- **Routine Builder Tool** – map out your own systems with ease
- **Action planning worksheet** – set a goal, define success, and build your plan
- **Time-saving strategies** – tips for transitions, morning routines, and more

Download your PD toolkit now and start building the habits that set you up for success!

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Pathways to Progress

Time Management & Routine That Work

Beginning Teacher Strategies

Maximizing Every Minute for Student Success

Chelsea Davis
Director of Educator Engagement

[Access Playbook](#)

[Access PD Materials](#)

Student Learning IN ACTION





This Month's Spotlight: Michelle L. Nicoulin, Art Teacher at Rocky River Elementary School

We love seeing how Classroom Central materials come to life in your classrooms!

This month, we're highlighting **Ms. Nicoulin's 3rd grade art students** from **Rocky River Elementary**, who put their creativity on full display by designing their own **Squishmallows in art class!**

□ "Here are 3rd graders at Rocky River Elementary and their Squishmallows from art class!" – Michelle L. Nicoulin

Your students' creativity + Classroom Central supplies = classroom magic.

Want to Spotlight Your Students in Action?

We'd love to showcase how your students are using Classroom Central supplies in creative, fun, and meaningful ways.

Share a photo or quote for a chance to be featured in next month's newsletter!

Spotlight Your Students

Wellness and Balance Corner

You give so much—don't forget to give to yourself.

This corner offers quick wellness tips, time-saving hacks, and gentle reminders that rest, joy, and boundaries matter too.



This Month's Tip

Start with One Boundary

Whether it's:

- Leaving school by 4 PM one day a week
- Saying no to an extra duty
- Taking 10 quiet minutes to reset mid-day

The new school year brings excitement—and a lot of demands. This month, we encourage you to choose just one small boundary to protect your time and energy.

That one habit helps protect your peace, model balance for your students, and create a healthier start to your year.

You can't pour from an empty cup—so fill yours first.

You Made It! Thanks for Reading!

We see you, superstar! Thanks for scrolling, clicking, and soaking in all the goodness. As a little thank you for sticking with us, we've got a special surprise just for you...

Enter to win a FREE STORE SHOPPING CERTIFICATE— valid for one extra shop this school year! Stock up on even more supplies to support your students. **Raffle closes August 31st.**

**Classroom Central
Bonus Shop Raffle**

One-Time Free Store Visit – On Us!

**Enter
Now!**

Educator Discounts & Perks

National Teacher Discounts

Take advantage of these popular nationwide offers designed just for educators.

Take advantage of these popular nationwide offers designed just for educators:

Office Depot Teacher Discount
Save up to 20% on school supplies and tech

Target Circle Teacher Perks

Get 20% off a one-time purchase of classroom essentials and supplies.

[Sign up here](#)

Staples Classroom Rewards

Earn 5% back on every purchase and get access to exclusive deals.

[Join now](#)

when you register as a teacher.

[Learn more](#)

Apple Education Pricing

Discounts on Macs, iPads, and accessories for educators.

[Shop Apple Education](#)

Lands' End Teacher Discount

Get up to 20% off apparel and accessories for work and casual wear.

[Shop Lands' End](#)

Local Savings by District

Discover great local deals just for educators in your community!



Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

Charlotte Art League – Free teacher membership with workshop discounts.

[Learn more](#)

Not Just Coffee – 10% off drinks/snacks with teacher ID.

[Visit website](#)

Park Road Books – 10% off for educators with valid ID.

[Visit website](#)

Blumenthal Performing Arts – Discounted tickets for teachers.

[More info](#)

Lancaster County Schools

The Sweet Shoppe of Lancaster – 10% off for educators with school ID.

[Facebook](#)

City Roots Food Truck – Teacher discounts on weekdays.

[Facebook](#)

Lancaster County Public Library – Special privileges for teachers.

[Library info](#)



Union County Public Schools

The Wine Room – Waxhaw – 15% off all non-alcohol items for teachers.

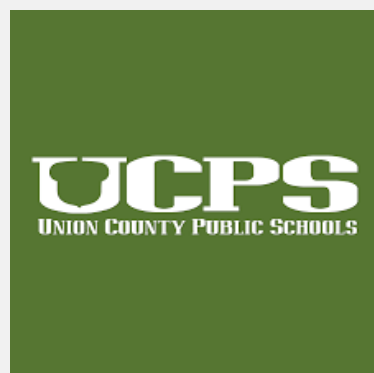
[Explore Shop](#)

Slice of Heaven Pizza – Teacher discount on dine-in and takeout.

[Website](#)

Waxhaw Fitness Center – Discounted memberships for educators.

[More info](#)



Gaston County Schools

Eastridge Mall – Rotating teacher discounts in many stores.

[Eastridge Mall](#)

Bean Me Up Coffee – 10% off for teachers with ID.

[Facebook](#)

Art Shop Studio – Discounts on art supplies/classes for educators.

[Website](#)



Iredell-Statesville Schools

GG's Art Frames & Gifts – 10% off art supplies and décor for teachers.

[Facebook](#)

The Twisted Oak – Teacher discount on food and drinks.

[Website](#)

Statesville Public Library – Special teacher borrowing privileges.

[Library site](#)

Kannapolis City Schools

Gem Theatre Kannapolis – Discounted tickets for teachers select nights.

[Showtimes](#)

Catawba Coffee Roasters – 10% off for educators with ID.

[Website](#)

Loft at the Cotton Mill – Special teacher pricing for meals.

[Website](#)



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