

# Teacher Retirement Parties

No Budget? No Ideas? No Time?  
No Problem!

## More Than 400 Affordable, Creative, Easy to Use Ideas for Teacher Retirement Parties and Teacher Roasts

Everything You Need to Know to Throw a Great Retirement Party  
Even If You Have **NO TIME, NO BUDGET, NO IDEAS!**  
**NO KIDDING!**

75 Speech Openings & Humorous Thoughts  
56 "Top Ten List" Ideas  
50 Retirement Kit "Gifts" With One-Liners  
30 Roast Tips & Ready-to Use Plans  
40 Ideas & Tips For Any Retirement  
20 Great Things Students Can Do  
16 Simple Poems Kids Can Present  
ABC's of Teacher Retirement  
Fake E-Mails  
Skit Ideas  
One-Liners  
Songs  
Poems

And More!

Simple, Easy to Use Ideas  
for:

TRIBUTES & ROASTS

- ✓ Teachers
- ✓ Principals
- ✓ Vice Principals
- ✓ Educational Assistants
- ✓ Office Staff

By Mary Flynn

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Mary Flynn was a classroom teacher for more than 23 years.

Mary retired from formal teaching duties in September 2000. She is quick to point out that she took an **early** retirement from teaching, managing to get out with most of her sanity still in tact – a fact which her family and friends readily dispute.

She recently began receiving her DRP (Drastically Reduced Pension).

Over the course of her career, at Teacher Retirements or at end-of-the-year gatherings honoring colleagues who were transferring or leaving, Mary has always been "the entertainer". She's been called a *straight-shooter*.

She is the person to create that "special tribute", writing the lyrics to a song or poem and gathering a group of *co-conspirators* to present the material in song or verse. A master of manipulating photos using computer software, she has taken many a colleague's *less than desirable* school photo and transformed it into a *treasured keepsake* on display for all to see. Yep, she's even roasted Principals and still kept her job!

Mary claims that she has been making people laugh all her life and that occasionally she is even funny. She has written more than 375 poems and songs for various occasions. Principals, Vice-Principals, custodians, teachers, superintendents, members of the clergy, nurses, business professionals and just "regular" people in all walks of life, have experienced the charm of her gentle humor presented through song and verse. Helping people to laugh at themselves has always been her goal and "nudging them" them towards that end is what she attempts to accomplish with her poems, songs and Retirement material.

These festive **Teacher Roasts** and **Retirement Tributes** became a tradition at her school and throughout the School Board in which she taught. Since retiring, she continues to prepare material for educator retirements.

It was a colleague who pointed out the fact that all schools could benefit from her expertise and wealth of ideas for Roasts and Tributes. As a result, all of the ideas collected over years were written down. And here's the book to prove it!

Mary owns [Songs 4 Teachers.com](http://Songs4Teachers.com) which has been in existence for 10 years.

Over the past 7 years she has also created [Poems 4 Teachers.com](http://Poems4Teachers.com) and [Character-Kids.com](http://Character-Kids.com).

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## How To Use This Book



Depending on your timeline, and therefore your level of desperation, you can select and mix and match ideas from the more than **400** in this book.

Many ideas can be used “as is” or modified slightly and personalized to suit your retiree. If you have more time, you may choose to use ideas that are somewhat more involved. We’ve got it all covered.

There are suggestions for “Roast Type” festivities and ideas for a retirement celebration that is somewhat more serious in tone – more of a Tribute. It depends on what you need with respect to the retiree.

(See: To Roast or Not to Roast – That Is The Question)

*(This is an excerpt. More Information in our **Retirement Parties E-Book**)*

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**34. YouTube Video** – Most people today recognize *YouTube* as the premier destination to watch and share original videos worldwide through a Web experience. *YouTube* [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) allows people to easily upload and share video clips and across the Internet through websites, mobile devices, blogs, and email.



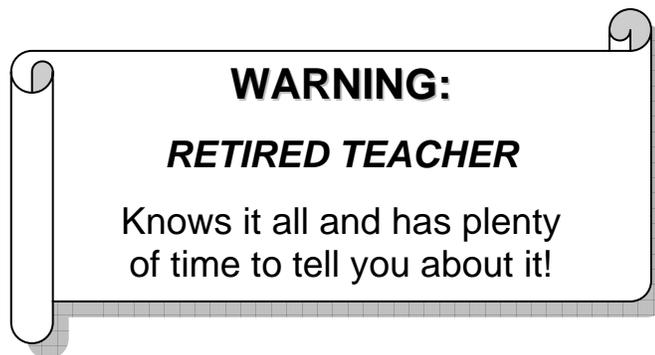
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The point is that regardless of the theme of the retirement celebration – serious and reflective in tone or light-hearted and “roast-like” – when a staff takes the time to carefully personalize their retirement endeavors for a colleague, the message to the retiree is clear:

**Your teaching career had meaning and you will be missed.**

It doesn't get any better than that.



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**PAGE 38 - 75 Suggestions for Speech Openings & Humorous Thoughts**

**42.** You might know it's time to retire when you have the urge to answer the school phone and say:

*“Make Your Child An Honor Student For \$100. How may I help you?”*

## Planning

It's a given that as educators you have almost NO BUDGET with which to plan and organize this retirement party. With that in mind, the ideas in this book are affordable, easy to follow and quick to implement. They are practical, using things you have around your school or home – honest! Many ideas can be used “as is” or “tweaked” slightly.



### 13 Suggestions to Help You Get Started

- ✓ Plan ahead (I know it's not easy, but, it will make the job less overwhelming in the end)
- ✓ Get a committee together – nothing formal, just a few people willing to help (beg if you have to!)
- ✓ Decide on the following:

#### Teacher Retirement Planning 101:

- ✓ Roast or Tribute (*more serious in tone*)
- ✓ Date – Check with people – including the retiree
- ✓ Where – At the school, home, other venue
- ✓ When – After school, evening, afternoon
- ✓ Who to invite? Family, former colleagues, administrators, media, former students, present students, parents etc.



# Three Page Samples from *Teacher Retirement Parties E-Book*

**27. Videographer** – Ask the resident 'teacher' at the school to video the event (every school has one, two or more of these savvy technological geniuses) if he/she is so inclined it could be a 'person in the street interview' with colleagues, family and friends in attendance. The result could be an imaginary documentary or news program. (See #20)

**28. DVD Creation** – It's as simple as getting the same resident tech genius to create a Move DVD of the event as a gift for the retiree. It's easier than ever to create basic or elaborate movie DVDs these days. Move DVD's can include numerous titles, menus and special effects (leave that creative part to you, teacher!) The Retirement Movie DVD would be a treasured gift.

**29. DVD Label and Case for Commemorative DVD** You may be able to incorporate the caricature of the retiree if you have created the image. (See #14) if not, use graphics or clipart to create a simple label and add text to personalize the DVD case. DVD cases are inexpensive and labeling capabilities are probably part of software programs you have installed on school computers.

**30. Video Message to Retiree from Guests** – Set up a video camera on a tripod and make it available in a quiet corner for people to record a personal message for the retiree. Another opportunity to create a DVD.



**11 Top Ten List Suggestions**

- ✓ Top 10 Reasons We'll Miss \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ Top 10 Lessons \_\_\_\_\_ Has Learned From Teaching
- ✓ Top 10 Things \_\_\_\_\_ Won't Miss About Teaching
- ✓ Top Ten \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ Top Ten \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ Top Ten Ways \_\_\_\_\_ Was an Outstanding Teacher
- ✓ Top Ten Quotes of A \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ Top Ten Reasons \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ Top Ten Reasons You Know It's Time to Retire From Teaching
- ✓ Top Ten Things \_\_\_\_\_ Will Miss About Teaching
- ✓ Top Ten Things To Say To Parents Before You Retire

**Let's Talk**

I created many of these **Top Ten** lists over the years for retirement **Roasts** in our school with the same result. These lists were often created in the workshop by simply getting a few people together and brainstorming. Let's face it, it's really not hard to think of all the things that a colleague would **NOT** want about teaching.

**11. Retirement Scare** – Set up a retirement scare with a real hammock, hat, sun glasses, iPod, tropical drink, newspaper, and pillow, especially if the retiree has a tropical vacation home.

**12. REALLY WANTED TO RETIRE** – Buy a large sign that says "REALLY WANTED TO RETIRE" and place it in a prominent place. An announcement can certainly focus on a teacher's retirement if you have some "interesting and challenging moments" throughout the school year or over several years.

**TIP:** We created a retirement scare for our Principal's retirement in which he had to wear a sign that said "REALLY WANTED TO RETIRE" (what they had been doing) it was hilarious.

**8. JibJab Video** – JIBJAB Video is a digital caricature software that allows you to create hilarious video clips starring the retiree for uploading to YouTube. (See 40 Ideas For Any A \_\_\_\_\_ Tribute or Retirement)

We've no used it to create a caricature of a Move DVD's we've created. (See 40 Ideas For Retirement Tribute or Roast #20)

Process is simple. Join for free, upload a photo of the retiree, insert the "head" into any number of videos like Top Dancing, Charleston, Irish Reel, Doin' the New York, etc. (See 40 Ideas For Retirement Tribute or Roast #20)

Video can be purchased for \$9.99 per download (Only \$1.99 per download to download) or become a member and it's less \$1.99 per download.

Video can be purchased for \$9.99 per download within an hour. Video clip can be downloaded into a Move DVD or used on an iPod or iPhone – it's yours to use creatively.

There is even an option to create gifts using the JibJab head photo.




**2 Poems For A Retirement Party**

Some years ago we were told,  
As good educators do,  
And we created this "Retirement Kit"  
But now we're told,  
We should die and go to heaven,  
So many ways to go to heaven,  
So, when you check out, please give us  
Just be grateful YOU'RE RETIRING!

**Retirement Kit Poem**

We don't want you to go,  
If you're not ready to go,  
We don't want you to go,  
We hope that you'll agree.

A good teacher never leaves,  
The best gifts are the ones  
Retirement Means No Work!

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