

Gift Ideas

Showing Your Appreciation: Gift Giving In The Workplace

(NAPSA)—Bosses often get the short end of the stick when it comes to receiving positive recognition from their employees. Even the best bosses rarely receive the type of recognition their employees have come to expect for a job well done. Employees commonly overlook the point that the professional feedback chain should not just run from top to bottom.

National Boss's Day provides employees the opportunity to show appreciation for their bosses. The holiday was started in 1958 by Patricia Bays Haroski, who worked as a secretary for her father. His birthday was October 16, so Haroski chose that date as an official day for people to honor their bosses.

How do you show your appreciation in an appropriate way? Some people may wonder if it is ever proper to give gifts to a boss. There is no rule of etiquette that applies to all workplaces, but it is important to assess how the gift-giving may be interpreted by your boss and coworkers. One way to ensure that a Boss's Day gift is well received and looked upon favorably by peers is to join together with a group of employees and give the boss something from the whole office.

Once you determine how to give the gift, you must decide what to give. Here are a few ideas:

- If you know your boss loves flowers, buy them a subscription to a flower-of-the-month club and they'll receive a special bouquet once a month. Similar services are available for books, cookies and even steaks.



- Infuse your workplace with humor by giving the boss a funny book about office life. Dave Barry's "Claw Your Way to the Top: How to Become the Head of a Major Corporation in Roughly a Week" comically captures frustrations of the modern workplace.

- Put together a de-stress kit your boss can use at the office. Include squishy stress balls, bendable figurines and a little book of jokes.

- A gift certificate to your boss's favorite clothing store or restaurant is sure to please. If you don't know which store to buy one from, the *SuperCertificate* from GiftCertificates.com provides perhaps the most choice of any gift certificate available. It can be redeemed at www.GiftCertificates.com for original gift certificates to hundreds of popular stores, restaurants and more. They can even be ordered online at the last minute and e-mailed to the recipient the same day.