

If you're looking for a way to acknowledge the day and your supporters in your district, feel free to steal ideas from what I did (below).

Those of you entered in the tournament should expect your "here's what you still owe on Friday" email tonight. I look forward to seeing you Friday for Districts!

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**Subject:** National Speech and Debate Education Day is today!

Danville folk:

The National Speech and Debate Association has deemed, in partnership with the United States Senate (see [Senate Resolution 298](#)), today as National Speech and Debate Education Day! I find it no coincidence that it is also the Ides of March, the date when Caesar should have listened to the Soothsayer's speech and the date when Mark Antony gave the famous "Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears" speech in Shakespeare's play.

**National Speech & Debate Education Day** is dedicated to recognize and celebrate the positive impact of speech and debate on students, schools, and communities, to acknowledge the teachers, coaches, and students who devote a great deal of time and effort to the activity, and to honor the important place that speech-making occupies in history, achievement, and everyday life.

As a teacher in a school that requires speech education for graduation and that actively supports its speech and debate team, I am proud to be an active part of the speech and debate community because I know how much this activity changes the lives of all kids, in and out of class. Thank you for celebrating speech and debate education with us year-round.

Steve Meadows, DHS speech teacher and head forensics coach