

# MSD teachers treated to special luncheon to end school year

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*Thursday, teachers at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School were treated to a special luncheon to end the school year at Margaritaville in Hollywood, Florida.(WPEC)*

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (CBS12) — A happy ending to a tragic year.

Teachers at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School were treated to a special luncheon Thursday to end the school year at Margaritaville in Hollywood, Florida.

More than 200 teachers enjoyed live entertainment, cocktails, gifts and a catered lunch.

“A lot of teachers never even took a day off work, despite the tragedy that happened at our school,” explained ninth-grade MSD teacher Felicia Burgin.

Stoneman Douglas alumni and sponsors donated \$75,000 to make the event happen.



The goal was to bring smiles to those who experienced a painful year. In addition to losing 14 of their students on Feb. 14, these educators also lost three peers.

Teachers stood strong alongside teens for months serving as both educators and counselors, all while grieving themselves.

“We had to kind of monitor the children,” shared Burgin. “We needed to be that much more understanding and encourage them. Sometimes kids wouldn’t come for a week or so. Then I’d see them and I’d say ‘I’m so glad you’re here!’”

Thursday’s party allowed them to end the year on a high note.