

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Coordinate a Flag/Banner contest with students.
- Organize a school art show.
- Organize a district art show.
- Create a calendar of daily events for each day of the month and distribute to students and teachers.
- Create an art game (trivia, name that artist, Art Jeopardy, etc.) for your class or school to play during the month of March.
- Create a book of teacher caricatures.
- Have the school library feature books on children's art, art careers.
- Have your Technology department create computer screen savers of the Youth Art Month winning flag design.
- Schedule a career day to talk about careers that involve art and design.
- Encourage students to wear primary, secondary colors, patterns, etc. to be part of "wearable" art on different days of the week or month.
- Plan an art festival – devote a school day to art activities. Include discussions, talks, and films.
- March for art – have an artwork parade.
- Dress as your favorite artist.
- Create a silkscreen self portrait of each student.
- Invite guest artists to demonstrate to your students.
- Create a traveling art journal.
- Paint faces at lunch.
- Create cards. Have a card exchange.
- Have each student create a personal symbol.
- Appoint a student artist of the day.
- Reproduce famous art on sidewalks with chalk.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- Invite parents or other relatives to hang their children's artwork in their place of business.
- Arrange Family Fun Art workshops after school or evenings.
- Have a Family Art Night.
- Make bowls. Invite Families for Soup night.

50 IDEAS FOR CELEBRATION

IN YOUR SCHOOL, CITY, OR STATE

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Obtain endorsements signed by the principal, superintendent, state legislators, and other community officials.
- Create a bulletin board declaring March Youth Art Month.
- Create and communicate a daily or weekly announcement.
- Add Youth Art Month information to the school web page.
- Collect and display quotes from leading citizens in support of art education.
- Hand out flyers with information about Youth Art Month and the benefits of art education.
- Have principal or student read an appropriate art quote or talk about a famous artist every day or week of March.
- Create a calendar of student art work.
- Make paper ties for the staff at your school.
- Make clay whistles – whistle for art.
- Create art gifts for school board members and superintendent.
- Sell ceramic art pins.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION AND PROMOTION

- Obtain a proclamation from the Governor and the Mayor.
- Provide press releases to local, regional, and state media. Appear on local television news shows.
- Use social media to promote events.
- Contact local agencies (hospitals, restaurants, art supply stores, banks, offices, libraries, retail shops) to display student work.
- Arrange student art demonstrations in local banks stores, shopping centers.
- Work with local merchants to invite students to design newspaper ads, mpaint store windows, design grocery bags, and more.

- Plan with local senior citizens or other member centers to host the Youth Art Month Flag/ Banner design and/or Art winners.
- Contact local street department to hang student created banners during the month of March.
- Frame student artwork and present to local leaders in the community.
- Create cards for lunch trays for hospital patients or nursing homes.
- Give out prints of students' work in the community.
- Release balloons with artwork attached.
- Auction artwork to fun art programs.

