Youth Art Month

Ideas for Celebration and Observance in Your School, City, or State

(Provide documentation to local and state coordinators to be included in state report)

School Communication and Promotion	School Activities	School Activities	Community Outreach
1. Create a bulletin board declaring March as Youth Art Month.	1. Coordinate a flag contest with students.	9. Have the school library feature books on children's art, art careers.	1. Obtain a proclamation from the Mayor and the Governor.
2. Create and communicate a daily or weekly announcement.	2. Create a calendar of daily art activities for each day of the month of March and distribute to students and teachers.	10. Have your Technology department create computer screen savers of the Youth Art Month flag design winner.	2. Contact local agencies (hospitals, restaurants, banks, offices, retail shops) to display student work.
3. Obtain endorsements signed by the principal, superintendent, state legislators, and other officials and important community members.	3. Organize a school art show.	11. Encourage students to wear primary, secondary colors, patterns, etc. to be part of "wearable" art on different days of the week or month.	3. Arrange student art demonstrations in local banks, stores, shopping centers).
4. Add Youth Art Month information to the school web page.	4. Organize a district art show.	12. Plan an art festival – devote a school day to art activities. Include discussions, talks, and films.	4. Work with local merchants to invite students to design newspaper ads, paint store windows, design grocery bags, and more.
5. Collect and display quotes from leading citizens in support of art education.	5. Create an art game (trivia, name that artist, Art Jeopardy, etc.) for your class or school to play during the month of March.		5. Plan with local senior citizens or other member centers to host the Youth Art Month flag design winners.
6. Hand out flyers with information about Youth Art Month and the benefits of art education.	6. Have students create and wear buttons, and make tags for the faculty to wear.	**Family Activities**	6. Contact local street department to hang student created Youth Art Month banners during the month of March.
7. Distribute student made postcards.	7. Create cards for lunch trays for hospital patients or nursing homes.	1. Invite parents or other relatives to hang their child's art work in their place of business.	7. Frame student artwork and present to local leaders in the community.
8. Have principal read an appropriate art quote or talk about a famous artist every day or week of March.	8. Have students create a book of teacher caricatures.	2. Arrange Family Fun Art workshops after school or evenings.	8. Provide press releases to local, regional, and state media. Appear on local television news shows.