

School-wide & General Activity Ideas for MARCH IS YOUTH ARTS MONTH



March is Youth Arts Month! There are many ways we can celebrate the Arts in our schools. Here are some ideas that you can do as a school, individual classrooms, or at lunchtime. This year's theme chosen by Artspiration is **Your Art, Your Story** and it encourages students to share their art and their story.

Please share this document with your school leaders and activity directors.

As you create events, please share your events, photos and videos with us at Artspiration: the Santa Clara County Arts Initiative (Santa Clara County Office of Education) via Facebook [@ArtspirationSCCOE](https://www.facebook.com/ArtspirationSCCOE) or Twitter [@Artspiration](https://twitter.com/Artspiration) or email Jeannine.Flores@sccoe.org.
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General Ideas

- Host a Career Day highlighting careers that involve the Arts.
- Read the new *California Arts Standards for Public Schools: Preschool to Grade Twelve*.
- Take a field trip to art museum, dance show, or theatre production.
- Have students create a personal symbol representing their artist strength and wear it as a name tag for the week/month.
- Host a family art, music, dance, theatre and/or multimedia night.
- Create a centralized space to share "Your Art, Your Story". Students can use Post-It Notes or pre-cut shapes to add to a large poster in the school library, lobby, or another communal area.
- Present a Talent Show.
- Do an art-related Mannequin Challenge
- Thank Your Art/Music/Drama/Dance/Media Arts Teacher Day with thoughtful notes and recognition.
- Recognize your arts providers for their work with students.



Visual Arts



- Chalk drawing on blacktop
- Host an art exchange/pen pal event
- Create and donate art to service people or senior facilities
- Draw or color a scene from a story & hang in public places
- Paint campus garbage cans, create a mural, or beautify your campus
- Student run craft workshops at lunch at school or a senior living facility
- How about an edible art project or a quilt project
- student can design coloring books, place mats or table tents to a them
- Art dress up days - wearable art, primary colors, secondary colors, patterns, prints, or dress as your favorite artist
- face paint at lunch
- hang student art work at place of business
- Creating art game: one person is blindfolded and draws a specific picture. Their partner tries to guess what the person is drawing. The team that has drawn and guessed correctly the most objects is the winner

Music

- Karaoke and/or music at lunch
- Play Name that tune – Guess the song title within the first 2-5 seconds
- Play musical chairs
- Dress-up days: Wear your favorite bands t-shirt, dress like a musician, etc.
- Have student musicians play at lunch
- Host a “Battle of the Bands” or a “Rap Battle”
- Create a musical instruments in you Maker Space or Tinker Lab
- Have student groups or individuals play at staff meeting, board meeting, PTA, etc.
- Play music during morning announcements
- Sing the Star Spangled Banner after the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Host a body percussion drum circle
- Compose a song on Garage Band





Dance

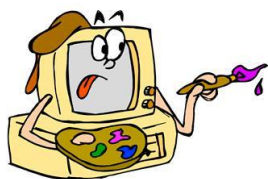
- Rehearse and perform a flash mob at lunch
 - Host a line dance at lunch or do the Chicken Dance
 - Have a school dance party
 - Use movement in class to teach a concept
 - Do Zumba, Bollywood Dancing, or Jazzercise during P.E. class
- Have a “Dance-Off” at lunch
 - Have student dancers perform at lunch
 - Teach a basic dance step to students

Theatre

- Have students perform scenes from plays at lunch
- Play Charades
- Have students create a monologue or dialogue on the importance of the Arts and share with school board
- Play lunch game of using stage directions – stage left, center stage, etc.
- Create sets for school play
- Perform a school/grade level play
- Host a Reader’s Theater
- Create a Theater Improv Hour like “Who’s Line Is It Anyway?”



Media Arts



- Create school screen saver, logo, or t-shirt design
 - Post pictures/video of activities to school web site and/or social media accounts
 - Participate in the Student Voices Campaign by making a video on student vision of their school: www.studentvoicescampaign.org
- Collaborate with the art, music, theater, and/or dance classes and produce a video/slideshow promoting electives offered at your school
 - Thank your Media Arts Teachers Day
 - Host a student film festival in the multi-purpose room

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