

MARCH is Youth Art Month!

1. Request a YAM Mayoral Proclamation
2. Artist quotes on daily announcements
3. Daily/weekly art trivia questions
4. Create a calendar of student art work
5. March for art-have a parade of artwork
6. Fliers with student art work sent to principals
7. Dress as your favorite artist
8. Have a parent's night for art
9. Compile art kits for local shelters
10. Spirit Days – Crazy pattern day, primary color day, etc.
11. Prints of students work given out in the community
12. Have students create cards and have a card exchange
13. Famous artwork chalk drawings
14. Make it - take it for a school art night/heritage night
15. Do a school-wide collage based on an artist such as Faith Ringgold
16. Faculty Art Show – invite creative faculty to submit artwork for a display
17. Art Show – School, division, state - with reception, get publicity for your event
18. Drawing a day for March – Create a March calendar providing a daily prompt to be done in the small space of the calendar grid
19. Art Exchange with another art class/school (postcards, trading cards)
20. The Art of Seeing – Decorated sunglasses
21. Living art program – students or teachers pose as/in famous pieces of artwork.
22. "Edible Art" projects, where the food item resembles a period of art, an artist, or a specific work of art
23. Student-designed coloring books
24. Student-designed placemats and table tents that can be used by local restaurants or in school cafeteria
25. T-shirts, sweatshirts, tote bags, note pads, refrigerator magnets, computer mouse pads, calendars etc., decorated with student artwork
26. Honorary chairperson: Appoint a local celebrity who is supportive of the arts and art education
27. Local competitions with shows at libraries, banks, universities, community centers, museums, retirement homes, bookstore, and shopping malls – jury or have a ballot box
28. Have an art day on your campus
29. Make paper ties for the staff at your school. Have students write their name and artist statement on the back.
30. Make clay whistles and whistle for art
31. Invite guest artists to demonstrate to your students. Invite other classes and administrators to join you.
32. Have an evening in Paris-decorate the halls, have the band/orchestra play, home Ec. serve cheese, have a raffle for student artwork and a “follies” show
33. Create art gifts for school board members and superintendent
34. Serve art cake to your staff
35. Create a traveling art journal
36. Paint faces at lunch
37. Create a pillowcase
38. Have TV and newspaper (school and local) coverage of YAM events
39. Have each student create a personal symbol



40. Fold origami mobiles
41. Make every teacher in your school a room sign
42. Create an Animoto music video of student work, share with parents, school board members and on your webpage. <http://animoto.com>
43. Show your diversity-have art work reflect various cultures
44. Create art podcasts and share with teachers and school board members
45. Make banners and hang them in business offices
46. Get a YAM billboard in your town
47. Have a student artist of the day for every day in March
48. Release balloons with artwork attached-use the theme of World peace
49. Have an art day with all levels of art students. Let them interact with each other
50. Have students donate their work to the PTA at a March meeting. Have these works include an artist's statement and a "thought to ponder". This would be a question students thought the viewer would wonder about while they viewed their work and that the student would be prepared to discuss in length.
51. Auction artwork to fund art programs
52. Include very young artists and special needs students in all shows. (PreK-12)
53. Put YAM on your school marquee
54. Create posters from student artwork
55. Put up a bulletin board declaring March as Youth Art month
56. Have endorsements signed by the principal, superintendent, and other officials and important community members
57. Have students participate in the YAM flag design contest (template found on the VAEA website)
58. Contact local agencies (hospitals, restaurants, banks, offices, retail shops, fast food establishments) to display student artwork
59. Hand out one page flyers with information about YAM and the benefits of art education
60. Have students create artwork and write about it, then mail to family, friends, administrators, etc.
61. Contact your street department to hang student created YAM banners during the month of March
62. Ask merchants to invite students to design newspaper ads
63. Student designed buttons
64. Store windows painted by students
65. Grocery bags designed by using student artwork (sharpies)
66. Make specialty tags for the faculty to wear during the month of March
67. Make cards for lunch trays for hospital patients, nursing homes, cafeterias, etc.
68. Send letters home via students inviting parents (and or other relatives) to hang their child's artwork in their place of business to honor YAM
69. Collect quotes in support of art education from leading citizens
70. Have the school and public library feature books on children's art, art careers etc. during the month
71. Have an art festival – designate a whole school devoted to nothing but art activities
72. Create a book of teacher caricatures drawn by students
73. Host traveling art shows
74. Create an art game (trivia, name that artist, art jeopardy, etc) for your class or school to play during the month
75. Create a calendar of art activities for each day of March, distribute to students and teachers
76. Scan YAM flag design winners for computer screen savers
77. Add YAM information to your school's web page
78. Arrange family fun art workshops after school or evenings
79. March faculty meeting – make it / take it
80. Publicize the 10 reasons the arts are important and other advocacy items

81. Make YAM stickers
82. Have each student decorate a YAM spirit link and put up around the school.
83. Create YAM hats to wear for a day
84. Have a group of students pose as a famous painting in 3-D in the lobby each week
85. Recreate a famous painting for students to put their face into
86. Focus on art careers one week during morning announcements
87. Have a door decorating contest for classrooms during YAM
88. Create a school-wide mural on paper for YAM
89. Make art ties (either cut out poster board, or paint thrift store ones)
90. Have a weekly art supply give away for students
91. Write a positive art quote on a wooden clothes pin, student's can clip it to a friend's backpack
92. Make an art door hanger for teachers
93. Root of the Week, find root words that relate to art (i.e. chromo, meaning color). Make posters around the school
94. Post famous works of art with the opportunity for students to critique. Under post "I see... I wonder... I think...." Leave a pen
95. Encourage classroom teachers to use one art poster as an inspiration for a writing prompt
96. Set up a "great art mystery" students must find the "missing Mona Lisa" and research the piece
97. Radio/TV Public Service announcements
98. I support the arts return address labels
99. Doodle for Google
100. Create a division question about art – “How can art help your city/town/school?” Create a poster that compiles the responses (k-12)
101. Create (or reproduce) mini works of art; combine with advocacy materials and give to school board, city council members and legislators reminding them of the importance of art in our schools.

