



BRAVE SCHOOLS

A CREATIVE ACTION INITIATIVE

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BUILDING A SAFE, SUPPORTIVE, AND CREATIVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Brave Schools is an arts-based initiative that helps schools build an inclusive campus culture where students, faculty and parents feel connected, safe, and inspired to support social and emotional learning.

Each participating school receives year-round Professional Development for faculty and staff, multi-day classroom programming, parent workshops, family events, and supplemental resources including extension curriculum and informational materials.

COMPONENTS

PARTICIPATING GRADES

- 5-day interactive performance residency for each classroom *(see Page 2 for more details)*
- Classroom anchor chart reinforcing program objectives
- Pre/post-residency resources and creative learning activities
- Take-home materials for students to support their experience
- Parent letter with program information and ideas to engage students in continued learning after the residency

ENTIRE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

- Brave School poster for campus display
- E-newsletter for teachers/administrators with stories and ideas to support SEL through the arts
- School is featured on the Creative Action website as a Brave School
- Creative Action works with school staff to support campus-wide SEL goals
- Educator appreciation event for teachers and staff



PLUS INVITATIONS TO: *(see page 3 for dates and details)*

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FREE FAMILY EVENTS

Community Art Sundays, Friend Fest, Kids' Ball, Youth Arts Fest

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FREE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS FOR TEACHERS & ADMINISTRATORS

- Addressing Bullying
- Rituals and Routines to Creatively Build Community
- Responding to Bias in the Classroom
- Arts Integrated Project-Based Learning
- Creative Teaching Strategies to Connect Curriculum to Students' Lives

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FREE PARENT WORKSHOPS WITH CHILDCARE AND DINNER PROVIDED

- Creatively Connecting with your Child: Increasing Cooperation and Emotional Regulation
- Raising Kids to be Courageous Allies and Prevent Bullying

INTERACTIVE PERFORMANCE RESIDENCIES

highly engaging interactive, theatrical performances that address age-appropriate academic, social, and emotional issues for Pre-K – 7th Grades; five one-hour visits per classroom

PRE-K: WEMBLEY'S NEW FRIENDS

Students help Wembley the Worm adjust to his new school surroundings by learning how to **name feelings, self-regulate, make friends, and handle big emotions.**

KINDER: WELCOME ARMADILLO, SOMOS COMUNIDAD

Bilingual performance, music, and puppetry are used to spark imaginations as students journey into an animal sanctuary learning **how to handle accidents, calm down, and welcome new friends.**

1ST GRADE: THE HEROES / LOS HÉROES

In this bilingual performance, puppetry, song, movement, and games are used to teach a four-step **conflict resolution** process. Students join Sam the Salamander as he sets off on a journey from Barton Springs to Costa Rica to Mt. Kilimanjaro to discover and practice the four steps to peace.

2ND GRADE: A PIRATE FRIENDSHIP

In this program, students help pirate clans learn how to get along with those who are different. Students strengthen **literacy skills** using the book *The Secret Footprints* as they explore how to **listen, respect various perspectives, and help their friends and others.**

3RD GRADE: TURN THE WORLD AROUND

Critical thinking and creative problem solving are central to this program as students dive into the book, *The Arabolies of Liberty Street*. Students must work together to save the future by **celebrating differences and demonstrating bravery and teamwork.**

4TH GRADE: THE COURAGE TO STAND

Students learn how to become **courageous bystanders** in a bullying situation by exploring acts of courage throughout history, including moments from the Holocaust and the Civil Rights Movement. After brainstorming, students act out ways to handle bullying and evaluate possible consequences.

5TH GRADE: COURAGE IN ACTION

Students become secret agents and travel through time to learn how to become **courageous leaders.** After learning about historical leaders, students bring what they have learned into the real world to identify how to create positive change in their school or community.

6TH/7TH GRADE: CROSSING THE LINE

Students explore the complicated world of middle school and **social media** as they examine issues of **boundaries, consent, and sexual harassment.** Students rehearse various ways to intervene as an ally and support a healthy school environment.

BRAVE SCHOOL EVENTS

RSVP and get more details at creativeaction.org/braveschools

FREE FAMILY EVENTS:

- 9/23/18** Community Art Sunday
- 10/27/18** Kids' Ball at Central Market
- 1/27/19** Community Art Sunday
- 2/9/19** Friend Fest at Central Market
- 4/14/19** Community Art Sunday
- 5/11/19** Youth Arts Fest/Pancake Palooza

FREE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS & ADMINISTRATORS:

- 11/8/18** **Half Day Sessions**
 - 8-11am: Addressing Bullying through Creative Teaching Strategies
 - 12-3pm: Responding to Bias in the Classroom: Transforming Challenges into Opportunities (*lunch included for full-day attendees*)
- 2/6/19** **Half Day Sessions**
 - 8-11am: Rituals and Routines to Creatively Build Community and Take Risks
 - 12-3pm: Using Creative Teaching Strategies to Connect Curriculum to Students' Lives (*lunch included for full-day attendees*)
- 3/2/19** **Full Day**
 - 9:30-3:30pm: Arts Integrated Project-Based Learning (*lunch included*)

FREE PARENT WORKSHOPS (*Free! Childcare and pizza included*):

- 11/27/18** **1st Parent Workshop (South):**
 - 5:30-7pm: Creatively Connecting with your Child
- 11/28/18** **1st Parent Workshop (North):**
 - 5:30-7pm: Creatively Connecting with your Child
- 3/9/19** **2nd Parent Workshop:**
 - 2-4pm: Raising Kids to be Courageous Allies and Prevent Bullying