

Hildegard Center for the Arts “Heroes Among Us”

“Honor Your School and Community Heroes”

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“Honor Your School and Community Heroes” located at www.educationworld.com

For Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 in Arts & Humanities

Purpose: Students create a special event or an award to honor a hero in the school and/or community.

Objectives:

- Students will demonstrate creative thinking and critical thinking skills to design a special event or award to honor a local hero
- Students will demonstrate abilities to work together in cooperative groups

Lesson Plan:

- Discuss the kinds of jobs that people often associate as being heroic, such as police officer or fire fighter.
- Discuss the characteristics and actions of a hero.
- Ask students to think of others in the community who may not hold a “heroic” job but could be considered heroes nonetheless because of their character and actions.
- Ask students to think about specific individuals in their school and community who they think fit the characteristics of a hero or who have acted in heroic ways. List student responses on a chalk board or large poster board.
- Ask students to choose one of the people on their list. Have students create an event or an award to honor that person. Some suggestions:
 1. Create a plaque for the person
 2. Invite the person to a special breakfast or lunch
 3. Develop a special program to honor the person. Hold the program in the classroom or other room in the school.
 4. Write “thank you” letters to the person.
 5. After students decide who they want to honor, let students work together to develop the event or award.

Evaluate students’ participation and abilities to work together to develop an event or an award.