

The background is a complex, abstract artwork. It features a dominant purple color palette with various shades of violet and magenta. Overlaid on this are numerous geometric shapes, primarily triangles and polygons, in bright colors like yellow, orange, red, green, and blue. The shapes are arranged in a somewhat chaotic but rhythmic pattern, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall texture is rich and layered, with some areas appearing more saturated than others.

THE 2023 PUBLIC KINSHIP CALENDAR

A LEARNING YEAR...

...A COLLABORATING YEAR

building
PUBLIC KINSHIP
Neighborhood Associates

Welcome to 2023, and to your Public Kinship Calendar! Public Kinship is an idea developed by NAC President Dr. Bobby W. Austin, originally described in the 1996 W.K. Kellogg Foundation report he authored, *Repairing the Breach: Key Ways to Support Family Life, Reclaim Our Streets, and Rebuild Civil Society in America's Communities*.

Public Kinship echoes the Biblical injunction to “love thy neighbor as thyself.” In recent years America has become ever more divided. There seems to be less to love, and fewer whom we are willing to call our neighbors. How do we create new dialogues to bring us closer across lines of partisanship, class, race, and religion? How do we find a new vision for ourselves, our families, and our democracy?

Public Kinship is the practice we need to repair the breaches that now divide us. It’s a way to map out your own priorities for development and action as a person, a neighbor, and a citizen.

This Calendar offers ways for you to do this. Each month displays opportunities to get involved in your community; to learn about religious observances; and to be inspired by individuals whose lives and achievements embody Public Kinship. Each month highlights two themes you can use to build your own Public Kinship practices. Our website's Public Kinship Resources Guide offers even more ideas.

Please share your journey and ideas with us, too!

How are you practicing Public Kinship this year? What famous birthdays, holidays, and community traditions will you add to *your* Calendar? Let us know!

Let your new year begin!

Bobby W. Austin, President
Neighborhood Associates

On the art: This Calendar features art created by residents in the NAC community network, and by their friends and neighbors, as part of Neighborhood Associates' *Families are Artists, Creators, and Teachers* Program (FACT).





Visit our website:

neighborhoodassociates.org

and our Public Kinship Features & Resources page:

neighborhoodassociates.org/public-kinship

Join the conversation on the Public Kinship Think Tank:

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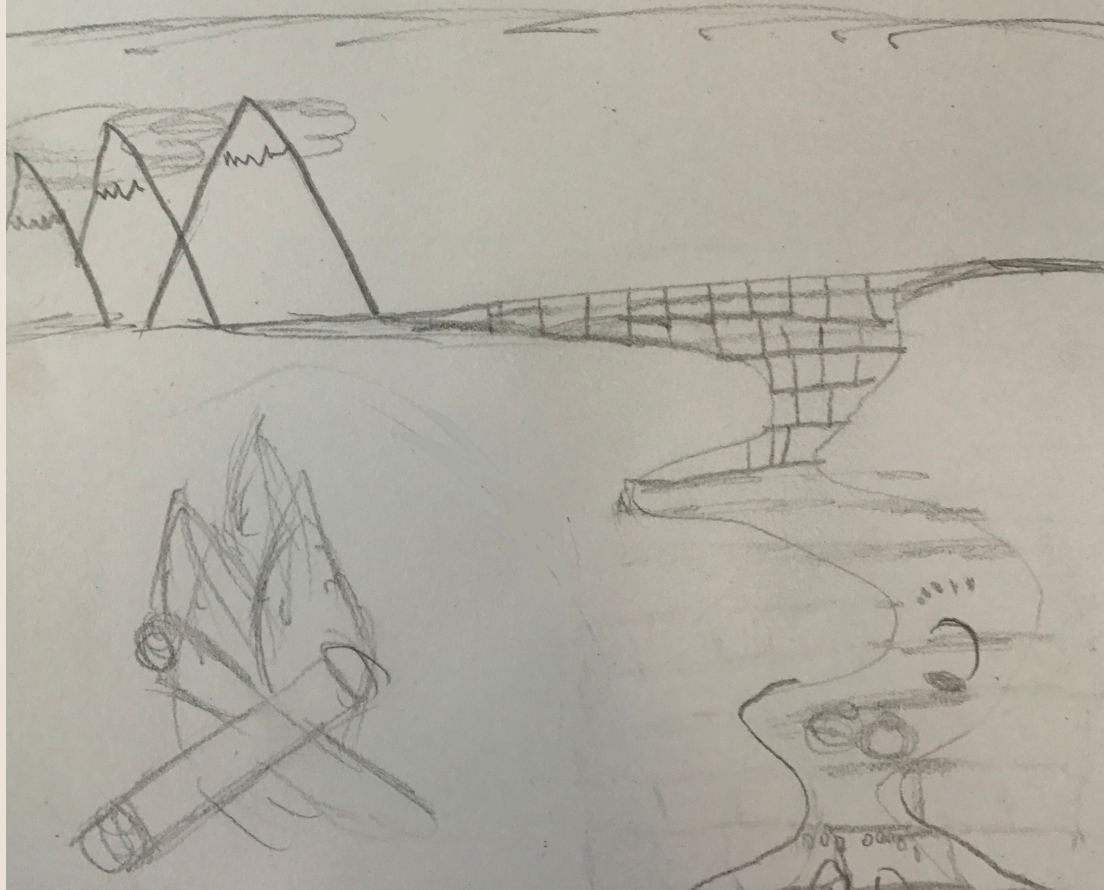
NEIGHBORHOOD
PARTNERS



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She set out on an adventure.
Alone independent and prepared. She recognized
the need for warmth and shelter, but
realizes the world holds a lot of beauty
and mystery. She finds animals and nature
so beautiful. She is full of warmth
and thinks the world has warmth
too, though she is aware there
is danger too, but believes the
path she is on will keep her safe.



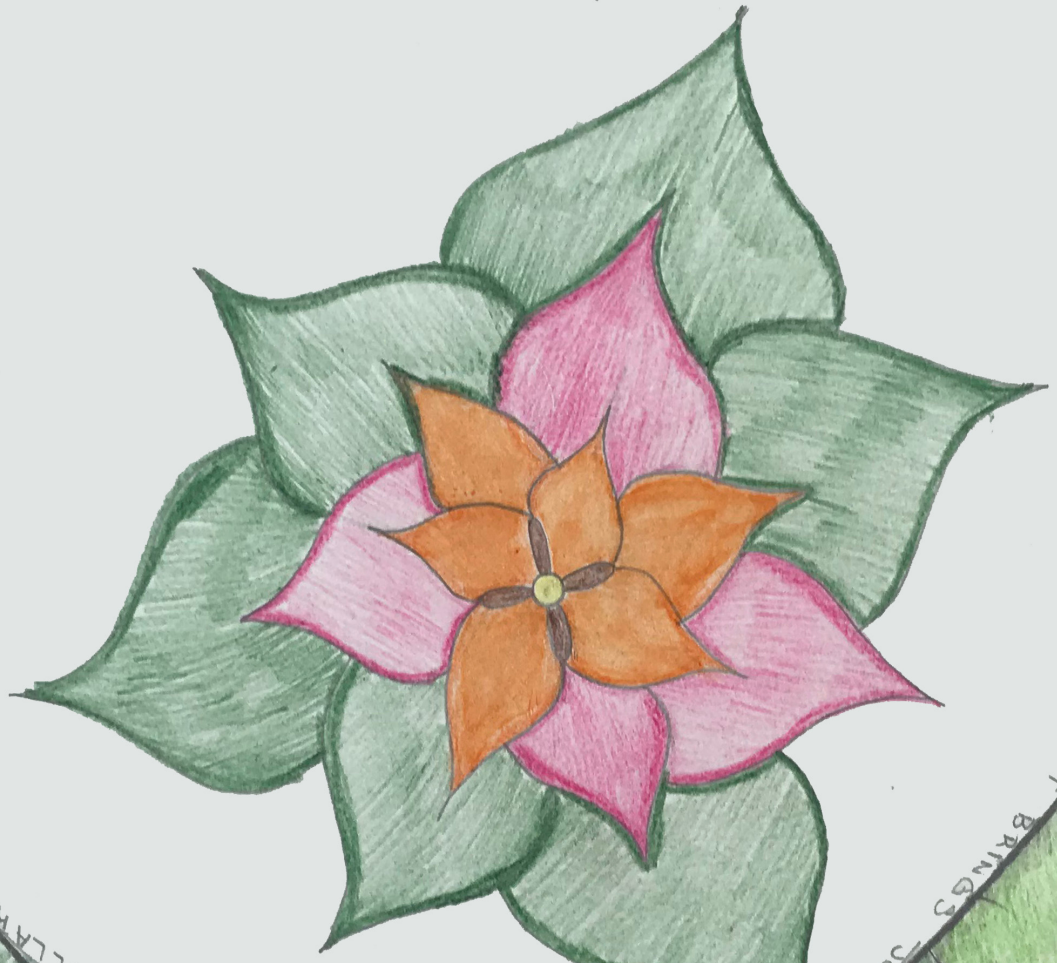
International
Mentoring Month

JANUARY 2023

National Sunday
Supper Month

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| 1 New Year's Day Kwanzaa ends | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 National Day of Dialogue | 6 Epiphany | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Orthodox New Year |
| 15 World Religion Day | 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Lunar New Year | 23 | 24 National Compliment Day | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 Birthday of Thomas Merton | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

THE DARKEST DAYS... THE SMALLEST MOMENTS CREATE THE BIGGEST MEMORIES... THE LOVE OF A MOTHER AND HER CHILDREN... IT'S THE SIMPLE THINGS THAT BRINGS JOY AND COMFORT TO THE SOUL... EVEN A TRIP TO THE DOLLAR STORE CAN SHINE LIGHT ON THE DARKEST DAYS...



Black History
Month

FEBRUARY 2023

National Library
Lovers Month

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|-----------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 Birth Month of Frederick Douglass | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Birthday of Leontyne Price | 11 Birthday of John McKnight |
| 12 Birthday of Abraham Lincoln | 13 | 14 Valentine's Day International Book-Giving Day | 15 | 16 | 17 Random Acts of Kindness Day | 18 |
| 19 | 20 Presidents' Day | 21 Birthday of John Lewis Mardi Gras | 22 Birthday of George Washington | 23 Birthday of W.E.B. Du Bois | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |



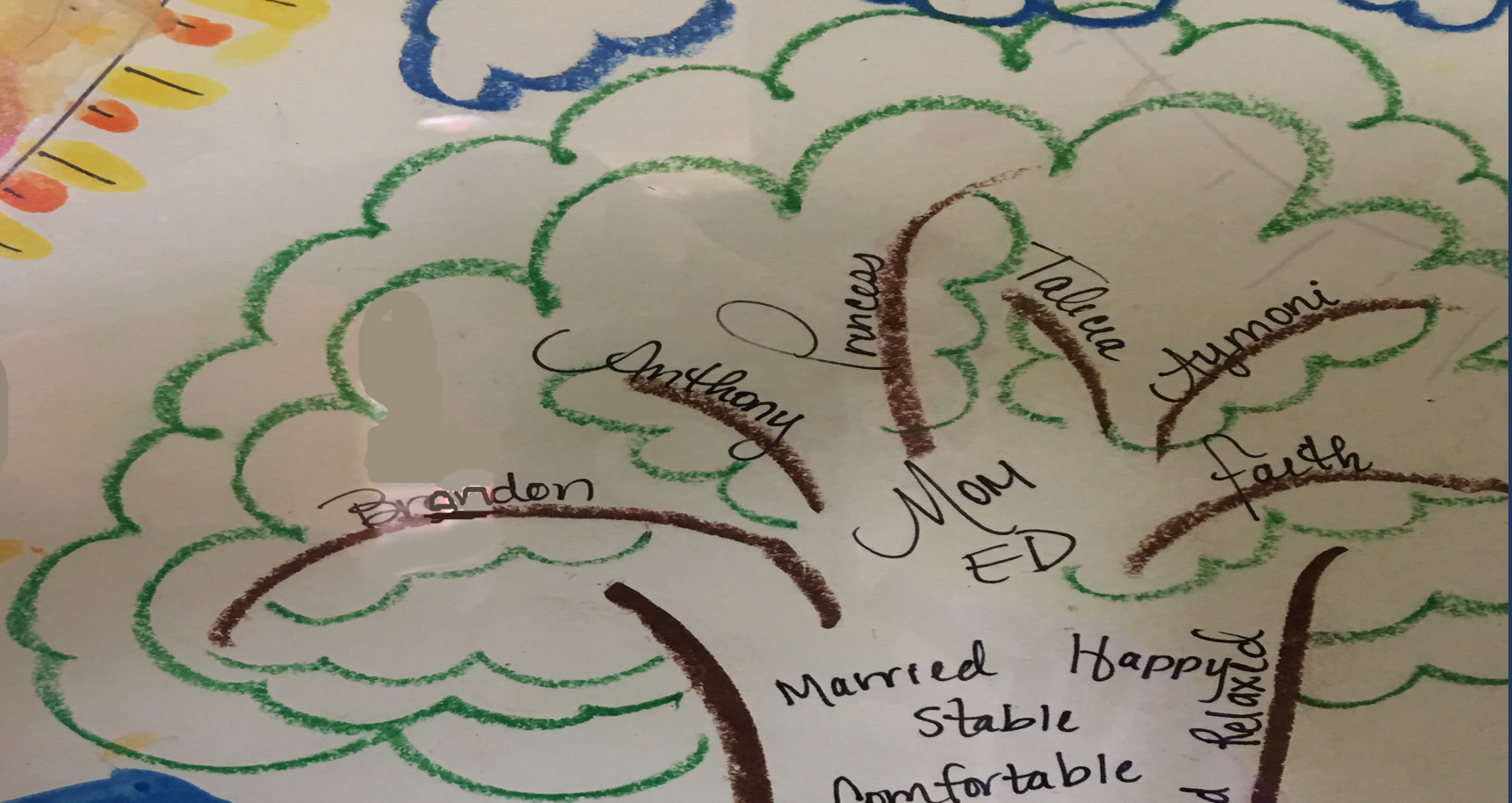
Women's
History Month

MARCH 2023

Youth Art
Month

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|----------|
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 1 | 2 Read Across America Day | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 Holi (Hindu) (US) | 8 International Women's Day | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Birthday of Andrew Young | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 World Poetry Day | 22 Ramadan begins (Muslim) | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |

My Future Life!! "2028"



Married Happy
Stable
Comfortable
Joyful
Educated
Experienced
Peaceful
secure relaxed
partners
♥ Happy !!
Alicia & James ♥

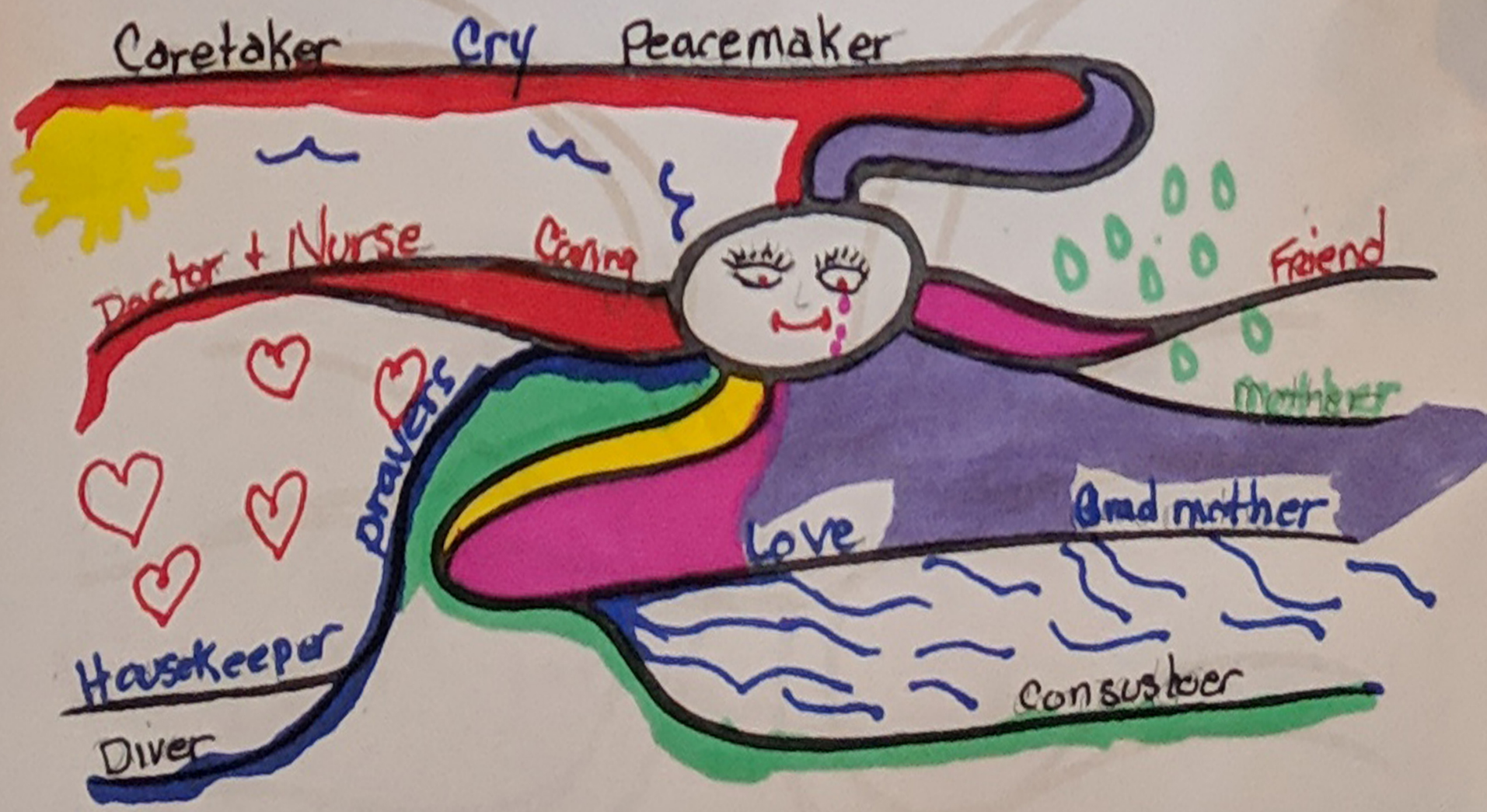
Black Women's
History
Month

APRIL 2023

National
Volunteer
Month

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| 2 International Children's Book Day | 3 | 4 Birthday of Maya Angelou | 5 Passover begins | 6 | 7 Good Friday World Health Day | 8 |
| 9 Easter Sunday | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Passover ends | 14 Vaisakhi (Sikh) | 15 |
| 16 National Volunteer Week begins | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Ramadan ends Eid al-Fitr (Muslim) begins | 22 Earth Day Eid al-Fitr ends |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Take Our Daughters & Sons to Work Day | 28 Arbor Day | 29 Birthday of Duke Ellington |
| 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

Watching over you



Older
Americans
Month

MAY 2023

National
Recommitment
Month

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------------------|---|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Vesak (Buddhist) (US) | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Mother's Day | 15 International Day of Families | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Birthday of Malcolm X | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Africa Day | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 Memorial Day | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 |



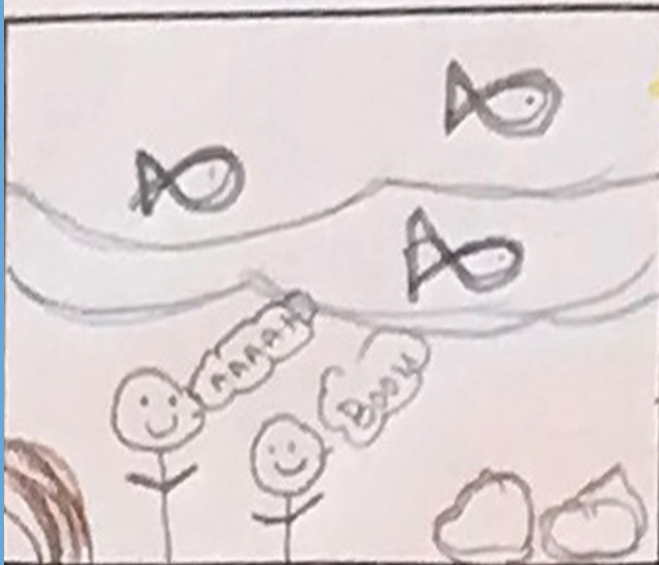
In my heart are my family
my children, husband



We thought we could
go for a picnic on a sunny
day.



We went to the
Picnic



The father went with the
child to see the fish.



I decide to stay with other
children but one of them is
sad to eat fruits.



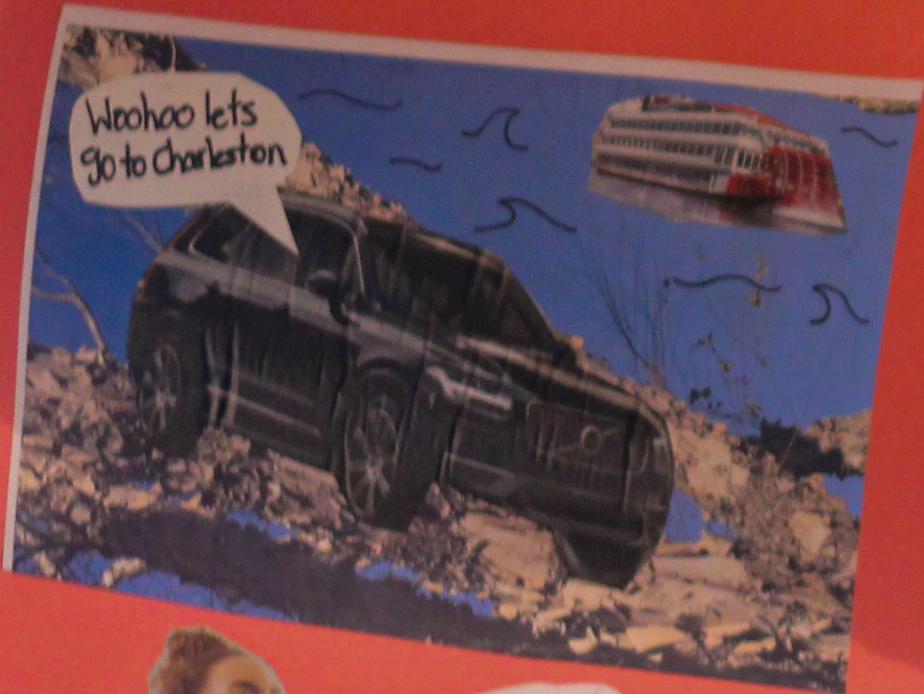
We had an excellent day we
caught fish and we went
back to the house.

Men's Health
Month

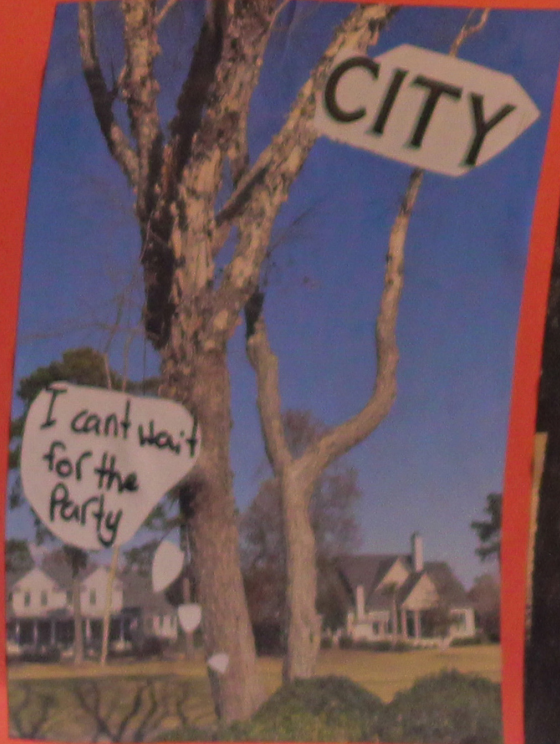
JUNE 2023

LGBTQ+ Pride
Month

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------------------|--------|----------|
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 World Environment Day | 6 Birthday of Alexander Pushkin | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 National Children's Day | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 Father's Day | 19 Juneteenth | 20 | 21 Make Music Day Summer Solstice | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Birthday of Sonia Sotomayor | 26 | 27 | 28 Eid al-Adha (Muslim) begins | 29 Eid al-Adha ends | 30 | 1 |



Weehee lets go to Charleston



CITY

I cant wait for the party



Oh my gosh lets go in!



Thank you so much!

OMG your dress is so pretty



Lets DANCE

Bop Boom



Bop Boom

National
Picnic
Month

JULY 2023

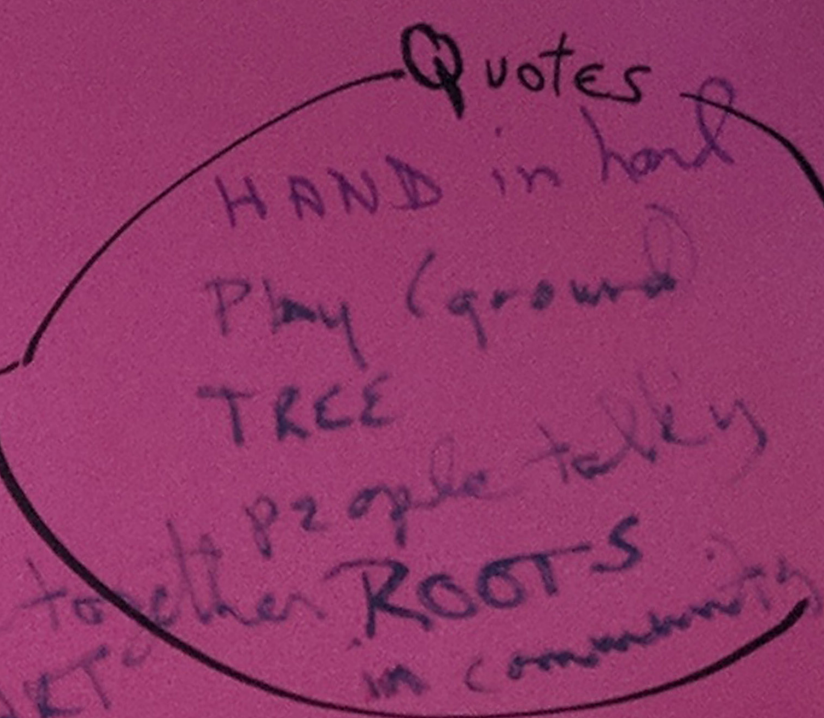
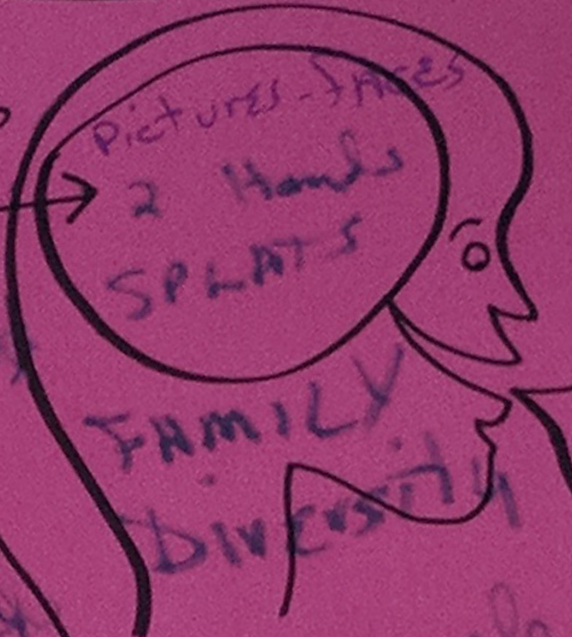
World
Watercolor
Month

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------|----------|
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 Independence Day | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 Al-Hijra (Muslim) begins | 19 Al-Hijra ends | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 Parents' Day | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 International Friendship Day | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

COVER

TREE
 hand-in-hand
 SPLATTER T-SHIRTS
 hand-in-hand
 we can stay
 Show + grow!

Brain storms



Bigly people together
 ART ⇒ HEART

BIG HEADLINES

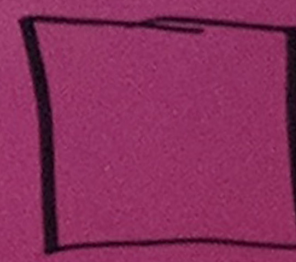
Hand. in hand
 Tree & life
 Urban

with the
 colorful
 culture
 heritage

Images

paint brushes
 milk carton
 crayons

books
 TREE



PREP: AUG. 28th 10-1
 Community ties are
 like a TREE... it
 can bend and not
 break"

"The roots in our
 community comes from
 our heritage. If we
 stand together we
 can change our
 destiny."

SIDE BARS

Crayon
Collection
Month

AUGUST 2023

Get Ready for
Kindergarten
Month

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|------------------------------|--|-----------|----------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Birthday of Barack Obama | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 International Youth Day |
| 13 | 14 | 15 Feast of the Assumption (Catholic) | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 Senior Citizens Day | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 |

Mi bano
Mea Pleasant
202



National
Literacy
Month

SEPTEMBER 2023

National
Preparedness
Month

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|-----------------------|---|-----------|----------|------------------------------------|----------|
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 Labor Day | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 International Literacy Day | 9 |
| 10 National Grandparents Day | 11 Patriot Day | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Rosh Hashanah begins | 16 |
| 17 Constitution & Citizenship Day Rosh Hashanah ends | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Yom Kippur begins | 25 Yom Kippur ends | 26 Birthday of George Gershwin | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |



Emotional
Wellness
Month

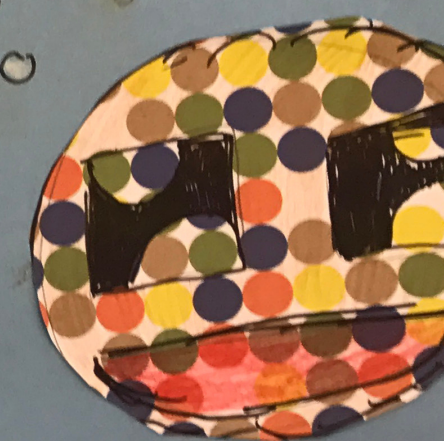
OCTOBER 2023

National Arts &
Humanities
Month

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|--|------------------------|---|-----------|--|----------|
| 1 | 2 Birthday of Mahatma Gandhi Child Health Day | 3 | 4 <i>Fratelli Tutti</i> & Feast of St. Francis (Cath.) | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 Indigenous Peoples' Day Columbus Day | 10 | 11 Birthday of Eleanor Roosevelt | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Birthday of Kamala Harris Birth of the Báb | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 Halloween | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |



We are all happy



American
Indian Heritage
Month

NOVEMBER 2023

National
Caregivers
Month

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|----------------------|--------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 29 | 30 | 31 Halloween | 1 All Saints' Day | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Veterans Day |
| 12 Diwali (Hindu) | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Birthday of Wilma Mankiller |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Thanksgiving | 24 Native American Heritage Day | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 |



Write a
Friend
Month

DECEMBER 2023

Human
Rights
Month

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|-------------------|--|-----------|-------------------------|---|----------|
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Hanukkah begins | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Human Rights Day Feast of Our Lady of Loreto (Cath.) | 11 | 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Cath.) | 13 | 14 | 15 Bill of Rights Day Hanukkah ends | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Winter Solstice | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 Christmas | 26 Kwanzaa begins | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 New Year's Eve | 1 Kwanzaa ends | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |



WHERE WILL YOU GO
IN 2024?

