Topic: Benefits of Art Education in School Activities

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this paper is to show how participation in school activities local and national festival brings benefits in teaching learning process. Participation in different fields give a students and opportunity to show their hidden talent and achieving their goal and future.

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Introduction

Involvement in artistic and cultural activities, enriches our experiences, expands our sensibilities, and enhances our understanding. There is a positive association between arts participation and a number of desirable academic and social outcomes, such as school grades, test scores, enrollment in post-secondary education, attainment of a bachelor’s degree, and higher levels of literacy and civic engagement. Art instruction is reported to improve overall school climate, and has been associated with increased school participation and attendance as well as increased self-esteem and motivation. In particular, those youth who receive music instruction display higher cognitive skills across disciplines. Research has also shown that secondary school students who participate in the arts are more likely to continue to participate as young adults and to have higher levels of educational attainment.

Participation in school arts includes all students who reported participating to any degree in music or other performing arts in their school during the current school year. People participate in arts and culture in four primary ways: they attend programs and events, encourage their children to participate, make or perform art as amateurs, or support the arts through donations of time and money. The more ways people participate—and the more often—the more likely they are to engage in other activities that support community life.

Local competition

Competitions play a role in motivating students to perform and excel and offer a lot more reward than just the winning prize. Competitions offer a chance for participants to gain substantial experience, showcase skills, analyse and evaluate outcomes and uncover personal aptitude. Competitions also encourage students to adopt innovative techniques and develop their ideas and skills.

Local competition are those competition which are held in a locality or within a particular state. These type of competition includes inter and intra school competition which can be held in accordance with festivals and events.

These type of competition includes a wide range of arts forms such as dance, music, drama, literary events etc. based on a specific theme. Such theme may also include awareness to society. For example people are more interested in drama and music rather than printed media so, when general awareness such as pollution, sex education or local problems are portrayed in drama music and theatre, these problems are better understood.

The local competition also helps in identifying the talented people or students and motivate them to reach higher goals i.e allowing them in participate in national and then in international level.

One such example is Tongbram Mahesh Singh, a Class VII student from Moirang, located on the fringes of Loktak lake in Manipur’s Bishnupur district, received the award that carries $ 5,000 prize money and a memento during the 97th annual Lions Clubs International Convention held in Toronto from July 4 to 8. He took the first step towards...
the big league after bagging the “grand prize” in the 2013-14 Lions International Peace Poster Contest. His father said he had participated several state and district level painting competitions and won many prizes before he bagged the international prize.

**National competition**

The national competition includes the state wise competition. The event is same with the local competition with different themes. The only difference is that here the competition is large and competitive. The main aim of the national competition is to find out the talented children.

Competitions can be a goldmine for Art students, offering money, scholarships, product vouchers, overseas trips, promotional opportunities and other prizes. With digital submissions common, those in disadvantaged countries can often compete on an equal footing, winning prizes that convert handsomely to a local currency. As well as the monetary benefits, prizes and awards can provide excellent fodder for university applications or CVs/resumes. The fame and social media attention garnered from a winning entry can also be just what is needed to launch a creative career.

Many high school students fail to enter art competitions, as they are daunted about the standard of work required. They worry that their artwork would never compare to this and that they have no chance of winning; deciding the competition is not worth their time and effort. If you worry that you are not good enough, it is worth remembering that:

1. No one needs to know that you have entered. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain.
2. Everyone else has the same fear as you, so the number of people who enter is surprisingly low – especially for competitions that are less well known (like many of the ones on this list). Of those who do enter, many are ‘whole class’ submissions, where a teacher has required whole class participation. Your serious competitors are far fewer than you think.
3. Judges sometimes favour unexpected work – it is not always those who produce exceptionally realistic artwork who win. Your creative approach might be just what the judge is looking for.
4. You may have already produced appropriate work as part of a school project or may be able to tailor an upcoming school project around a competition brief. Digital submissions can also mean it is possible to enter multiple competitions using the same work (check particular rules of each competition to make sure this is allowed), so this can mean that much less time is required to submit an entry.

**National arts competition**

Nav Shri Art & Culture Organisation organises many arts in national level in order to make the presence of art in our life. Some of the major art competition held by them are-

1. Passion explosion-painting
2. National level craft competition
3. National level arts exhibition etc.

**International Art Competitions**

1. Adobe Youth Voices Award
2. Apocalypse Art Prize
3. Create! Art for Autism
4. Doodle 4 Google

**CONCLUSION**

Competition plays a major part in life to find out their talents and achieving their goals. Competition helps in identifying talented people. Participation starts from ground level and then moved on to the higher level. Therefore teacher should motivate the students to participate in local competition. Not only this , competition also helped in bringing awareness to the society.
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