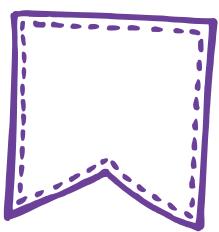
## **Kindness is Welcome Here Mural**

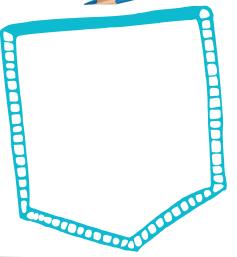
## **Kindness Every Day**



**RESPOND** to the question, "What causes our school and classroom to radiate kindness and joy?" Write your ideas and then have a class discussion about the many answers to that question.







Think about how you could collaboratively design a large mural that expresses the ideas you and classmates shared. How can words, symbols, and images communicate those thoughts in a way that welcomes visitors who enter your school or classroom? Sketch some images that represent key words your class discussed. Research how the words "Welcome" and "Kindness" are written in several languages. You might want to add those written words to your mural, focusing on languages that are spoken in the communities near the school.

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## **Kindness is Welcome Here Mural**

## **Kindness Every Day**



CREATE a mural design plan that incorporates the ideas of your classmates and students in other classes. Determine a process for gathering ideas and making collaborative decisions. Will consensus on the design plan be reached by voting or by another means? Set criteria for what will be included. For example, will it set a positive and uplifting tone for visitors? Will it have meaning for those who are not proficient in English? Do the visuals communicate the intended message?

Will the mural be displayed in a common space in the building such as the school entry or media center, or in an individual classroom? What materials will be used to construct and display the mural? What permission will be needed to reserve the wall space and obtain the materials?





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**PRESENT** your mural design plan to classmates or the school community and see how similar and different it is from others' design plans. Employ the consensus-reaching tools again to decide on the final design.



**CONNECT** this mural project to other actions and behavior norms within our school community. In what ways do the students and staff show their welcoming spirit and demonstrate kindness? How does it feel to be a stranger in this school? How do we show respect to those who are new to our school and to people we already know?



Penrose School



