

A Junior High Career Development Event/Activity

“The Dance of Life”

“We all dance, different music, different steps but we all dance!”

Goal of the Event: To promote positive self esteem in individuals by focusing on each participant’s uniqueness, individuality.

Objective: To build a sense of community, belonging.

A Junior High Career Development Event that involves the entire Junior High School population and staff in creating a Mural of a Tree with:

- **Students’ painted handprints representing the leaves of the tree**
- **Staff handprints representing the flowers at the bottom of the tree**
- **Each and every hand print is different because WE are all different, that is the point of the tree to show our differences and how unique and special we all are.**
- **To reinforce that we belong to a community of life-long learners supporting each other’s journey.**
- **Administration’s handprints on the trunk of the tree with the principal’s handprint being in the center of the tree trunk, being the last handprint on the mural, sealing the dance of life!**

The mural can remain up for the entire year and/or to be painted over with another whole school mural to replace it as the seasons change, as do we; moment by moment.

Materials required for the activity:

Paints – multi colors

A wall

Permission to design a mural and paint it on the wall

Artists/Designers

Students

School Staff