

## IMAGINE THAT PARADE – CLASSROOM PROJECT

### BIG BOLD WIND TOYS

Grand and colorful, a variety of wind toys can be found around the world. Not only used for fun and games, wind toys are also seen catching celebratory winds in various forms in parades, pageants, and ceremonies.

- ✦ Students will work to create Big Bold Wind Toys and bring them to the Festival.
- ✦ During the Imagination Festival your class will share their unique creations with the whole Festival as they participate in the Imagine That Parade.

#### **OBJECTIVE:**

- To encourage children’s original thinking, problem solving, and appreciation of volume, form, color, and kinetic movement.
- To have children create unique and intriguing large scale wind toys using contemporary art, construction, and wind dynamics as their top design problems based on their research of contemporary artists working with kinetic movement and/or large forms and bold colors along with various types of wind toys from around the world.

#### **STUDENTS OR CHILD WILL:**

- Gain appreciation of wind toys around the world, whirligigs, windsocks, kites, banners, etc., along with kinetic art and interpret this information into desired creations displaying their own notions of materials and dynamic movement.
- Try to imagine a unique and bold design that will convey expressions of vibrancy and dynamism.
- Enhance the visual impact of their wind toys using cutouts, slits, collaged, drawn, and painted patterns, and other materials attached or woven into the surfaces.
- **MATERIALS** – (Use recycled materials whenever possible) sticks or cardboard for the base, then include recycled fabric or paper of all kinds (tissue paper works especially well), yarn, ribbon, crepe paper, glue, various kinds of tape, and scissors... whatever they wish to use in a creative way... to create their expressive wind toys.
- **SCALE** – The wind catcher should be large – approximately 18” x 24” ... or larger!
- **CARRY** – Use sticks stapled or tied to their wind toys to allow it to be held high for maximum movement.

#### **TEACHER OR PARENT WILL:**

- 1) Discuss ideas with children about using shape and design to convey expression and celebration.
- 2) Show examples of wind catchers from around the world, and discuss how contemporary artists utilize bold color and design to attract the attention of viewers. Can the students think of ways in which colorful abstract design will express celebration?
- 3) Schedule time for the students to plan, gather materials, and create their projects.

#### **RESOURCES:**

Paul Chilkov – Wind Sculpture:

<https://www.paulchilkov.com/wind-sculpture>

Lawrence Hargrave – Box or Cellular Kite:

<https://collection.maas.museum/set/6247>

American Kite Association Education Resources:

<http://kite.org/education/kite-resources/>

Koinobori Windsocks

> <https://www.unitednow.com/product/20438/oly-fun-japanese-fish-windsock-project-200.aspx>

> <https://www.dickblick.com/ProjectIdeas/Koinobori-Windsock/>

Recycled Bottle Koinobori Windsock:

<https://childhood101.com/art-projects-for-kids-recycled-bottle-koinobori/>

The kite is the most common wind toy around the world. It is a Chinese invention that dates back around 2800 years. With the time wheeling on, kites have evolved into a medium of entertainment from a thing of use for weather forecasting, offering of prayers, and aerial communication to enemies. It has captured the imagination of merrymakers of all age groups. - <https://indianeagle.wordpress.com/2013/12/24/guiarats-kites-flying-festival-echoes-koi-po-che/>



Windscape Kite Festival in Saskatchewan, Canada



The kite festival in Sumpango, Guatemala on Dia de los Muertos

**Koinobori** (鯉のぼり), meaning "carp streamer" in Japanese, are carp-shaped wind socks traditionally flown in Japan to celebrate Tango no sekku (端午の節句), a traditional calendrical event which is now designated a national holiday; Children's Day (Kodomo no Hi, 子供の日). These windsocks are made by drawing carp patterns on paper, cloth or other nonwoven fabric. They are then allowed to flutter in the wind. They are also known as satsuki-nobori (皐のぼり). - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koinobori>



Colorful Koinobori Windsocks



La Vallée Kite Festival, Haiti