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FACTS ABOUT NATIONAL ARTS IN THE SCHOOL DAY

What is NATIONAL ARTS IN THE SCHOOL DAY?

- On April 16, 2008 the Port Chester Council for the Arts (PCCFA) of Port Chester, New York, will launch the first ever NATIONAL ARTS IN THE SCHOOL DAY.
- It is one day set aside in the school year when children in grades K-12 nationwide will have the opportunity to learn about and be inspired by the possibilities of the creative arts—in school.
- The Port Chester Council for the Arts is encouraging all public and private schools across America to join them this year and every year in creating an arts-based school event or conducting classes with an arts focus.

Why should schools participate in NATIONAL ARTS IN THE SCHOOL DAY?

- Exposure to the arts plants the seeds that inspire children, create careers and grow businesses.
- American arts, including music, movies, television, books, design and more, generate billions of dollars for the economy, have global reach and inspire innovation. At the core of these businesses are the artists, all of whom start out as school kids who perhaps like to draw, or write, or act in plays, make videos, or sing in the choir. NASD validates and encourages artistic interests.

Who is participating in the first NATIONAL ARTS IN THE SCHOOL DAY?

- The Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District in Port Chester, N.Y. will be the first school system in the nation to participate in the inaugural **NATIONAL ARTS IN THE SCHOOL DAY**.

What is happening on April 16?

- With plans to make this a permanent nationwide event, the 2008 pilot program of **NATIONAL ARTS IN THE SCHOOL DAY** will begin with a morning media event at Port Chester Middle School at 9 AM with Academy Award-winning director Chris Wedge, state and local officials, and school system administrators. Following the ceremony, Mr. Wedge will lead a creative presentation about film animation for 256 seventh graders at 9:30 AM.
- Port Chester Senior High School will host an exciting guest artist.
- Port Chester elementary schools will host visiting artists from the PCCFA's Arts in Education program

Why Port Chester, New York?

- Since its founding in 1981, the Port Chester Council for the Arts has created numerous community and school-based arts-in-education programs that continue today, putting in place an impressive foundation of innovation and expertise.

Where can I learn more?

- Visit www.nationalartsintheschoolday.org after March 15 for information about **NATIONAL ARTS IN THE SCHOOL DAY**, including Port Chester school's activities and K-12 sample lesson plans.