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## Music in Our Schools Month



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **MARCH 2015**

WHEREAS, the study of music contributes to young people's development through heightened skills in listening, reading, self-expression, and creativity;

**WHEREAS**, music education in the schools includes a broad range of types of music and active musical experiences;

WHEREAS, music and the other arts significantly enhance the morale and quality of the school environment;

**WHEREAS**, it is the stated objective of the public school to prepare children for a productive role in our society; and

WHEREAS, the National Association for Music Education has designated March as Music in Our Schools Month focusing on the theme "Music Makes Me".

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Board of Education of Randolph Township Schools endorses the observance of Music in Our Schools Month as an opportunity to support the purposes and practices of music education and encourages teachers, parents, students, and all citizens to participate.

Now, therefore, I

Dr. David M. Browne

Serving as superintendent, do hereby proclaim March 2015 as Music in Our Schools Month Signed the 17th day of February 2015





### YOUTH ART MONTH 2015 ENDORSEMENT

WHEREAS art education contributes powerful educational benefits to all elementary, middle, and secondary students including the following:



art education develops students' creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities;



art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities;



art education gives students a deeper understanding of multi-cultural values and beliefs;



art education reinforces and brings to life what students learn in other subjects; and



art education interrelates student learning in art production, art history, art criticism, and aesthetics.

**WHEREAS** our national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including art experiences in all students' education,

**AND WHEREAS MARCH** is officially recognized as YOUTH ART MONTH, I endorse the observance of Youth Art Month and encourage the support of quality school art programs for children and youth.

NOW, THEREFORE,

David M. Browne, Ed.D.
Superintendent of
Randolph Township Schools

February 17, 2015

Do hereby endorse March 2015 as YOUTH ART MONTH.



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## RANDOLPH TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS DISTRICT

### 2014-2015 CALENDAR

Sept.	1	Labor Day

Oct.

2 & 3 Full Day Staff Development

4 First Day for Students

25 & 26 Rosh Hashanah

13 School Closed for Students;

Full-Day Staff Development

Nov. 6 & 7 NJEA Convention

27 & 28 Thanksgiving

Dec. 23 Early Dismissal Dec. 24 - Jan 1 Holiday Recess

Jan. 2 School Reopens

19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Feb. 16 Presidents' Day

Mar 30-April 3 Spring Recess (Tentative, contingent upon not more

than 4 days emergency closing on or before March 31,

2015)

May 25 Memorial Day

June 18 Last Day for Students - Early

Dismissal

18 Graduation

19 Last Day for Staff

## ALL VACATION DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

\*Grades K-12 are scheduled for 184 days, which allows for 4 snow/emergency days. Please see the reverse side of this calendar for changes that may be necessary if more or less than 4 emergency days are needed.

Following are the possible student days per month:

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School Closed for Students/Full Day Staff Development

First Day of School for Students

Schools Closed

= Early Dismissal

Graduation - Early Dismissal for Students/Full Day for Staff

= Half Day Staff Development/Last Day for Teachers

= 1 Hour Early Dismissal (for students only)

= 2 Hour Delayed Opening (for students only) (No AM Kindergarten)

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Please note: this school calendar provides for 184 days, which satisfies the state minimum of 180 days and allows for up to four snow/emergency days. If the number of snow/emergency days used is either more or less than four, the calendar will be adjusted accordingly. If additional school days must be scheduled, the district will once again employ a strategy first implemented in 2013-2014. Students in grades K-11 will have any additional day(s) added to the end of the school year, and students in grade 12 will engage in a virtual learning experience under the NJDOE Option II protocol. The practical benefit of this approach enables the preservation of the entire spring break for all students and prevents the need to move graduation from its original date.

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