

# A PARENT'S GUIDE TO FOLK ARTS EDUCATION AT FACTS

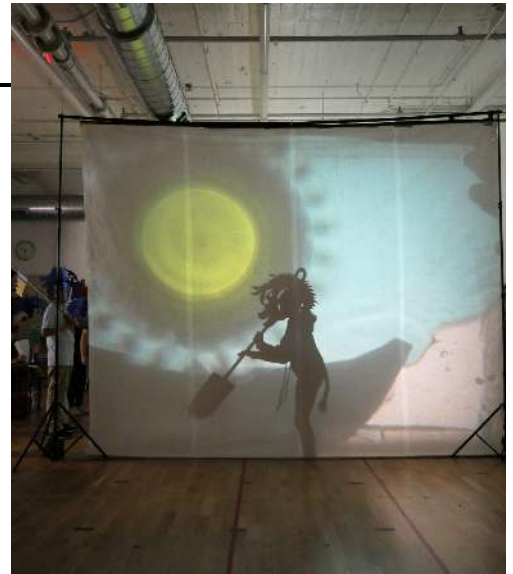
Folk Arts Education is an important part of learning at FACTS. It helps students learn about their own culture, understand other people's traditions, and express themselves in creative ways.

Folk arts include things like music, dance, storytelling, and art. These are traditions passed on in families and communities. Students use these art forms to connect school learning to real life.

## WHY IT MATTERS FOR STUDENTS:

Through Folk Arts Education, students:

- Learn about who they are and where they come from
- Explore and respect different cultures
- Practice reading, writing, speaking, and listening
- Build confidence and creativity
- Learn to work with others and solve problems
- Share their stories and listen to others' stories



## WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE AT FACTS:

- Artists visit classrooms to teach music, dance, puppetry, or other folk arts
- Students do hands-on projects and performances
- Lessons connect to school subjects like reading, writing, art, and social studies
- Older students can join the Ensemble Program and work with artists all year
- The school celebrates special Ritual Calendar Days to build community

## BIG PICTURE:

Folk Arts Education helps students grow into curious, caring, and confident people who understand and respect both their own culture and the cultures of others.

# HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT FOLK ARTS EDUCATION LEARNING AT HOME

## WHY YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE:

When families share these experiences, children feel proud of their culture and excited about learning. It also helps build stronger connections between home and school. Parents have an opportunity to help their children connect with Folk Arts Education beyond the classroom.



Foodways



Material Culture



Arts

## IDEAS AND CONVERSATION STARTERS:

Here are some easy and engaging ways to support your child's learning at home:

*Share family stories and traditions:*

- Talk about your family's culture, traditions, and celebrations. Invite your child to share what they've been learning about their own and other cultures at school. This can be a fun way to learn from each other.

*Explore music, dance, and art together:*

- Enjoy folk music, watch dance performances, or try crafts that relate to your family's culture or the ones your child is studying. These activities can spark curiosity and creativity.

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Show interest by asking questions like:

- “What did you enjoy learning about today?”
- “How does this tradition compare to things we do at home?”
- “What new ideas or stories stood out to you?”

*Encourage storytelling and expression:*

- Support your child as they tell share about their folk arts experiences at school. Chatting, drawing, writing, or simply sharing these experiences can help build confidence and deepen understanding.

*Attend cultural events when you can:*

- Visiting local festivals, museums, or performances can be a fun way to explore cultures together and bring classroom learning to life.

*Celebrate Ritual Calendar Days at home:*

- Join in on school rituals or celebrations discussions by talking about their meaning and maybe trying related activities together. It’s a great way to feel connected and involved.

