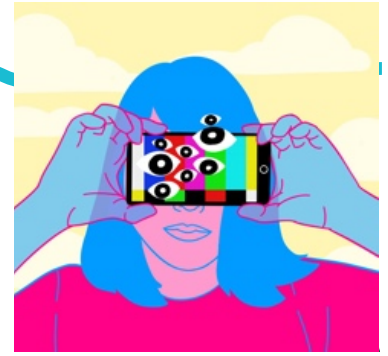


# Art Connects Families

## Global Connections



**RESPOND** to special days on the calendar when families are encouraged to reach out and connect with each other, such as International Day of Families, Grandparents Day, Cousins Day, or Aunt and Uncle Day. Or create your own Family Day. Family members often live far away from each other or see each other in-person less often than they would like to. A designated family day is sometimes celebrated with “chosen families”—people who are as dear as relatives, even though they are not related to you.



Ashley C.



**CREATE** a map of where you live and where your relatives and chosen family members reside. Find out if you have extended family living in other states or distant countries. Illustrate them on the map you draw and label the various locations.



Stella C.



Lani H.



**CONNECT** with some of the remote family members included in your map by planning a shared art experience. There are many ways you might form this art connection. You could start an art collage and mail it physically. You could use technology such as video conferencing and paint alongside each other. You could video record local family members performing a dance. Or you could take a digital photo of the map you drew on this paper and email or text the video or photo to those who live in another state or country.



**PRESENT** the art that was shared with you in a digital gallery, or print it to hang in your home. If you received a portrait drawing, display it with the person’s name and location. Consider ways you can keep the exchange flowing beyond the special family day.