

## HOW TO PROMOTE "STAR-SPANGLED KIDS"

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### **Star-Spangled Kids:**

- Educate youth on the history of the United States from the aspect of patriotism, Americanism and the U.S. Constitution.
  - In conjunction with local schools, create a Unit Citizenship Award for children and youth who have demonstrated the ideals of the U.S. Constitution.
  - Team with the Education chairman to bring veterans or servicemembers into the classroom to talk about what their service means to defending the ideals of the Constitution.
  - Share "Fascinating Facts about the U.S. Constitution" each month in the department or unit bulletin, in tweets, or in a newspaper editorial.
  - List important constitutional dates by chronological order or by month.
  - Encourage students to test their knowledge of the Constitution.
  - Distribute patriotic coloring book pages for children in primary grades.
  - Celebrate Constitution Day (also known as Citizenship Day) on September 17, the day set aside each year to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution. o Celebrate at September's Junior meeting with a cake or cupcakes.
  - Let Juniors report on different sections of the Bill of Rights
  - Print and distribute pocket copies of the U.S. Constitution for school children and/or Juniors.
  - Put on a skit or musical about the Constitution and the signers.
  - Hold a scavenger hunt in the post where children find information relating to the Constitution.
  - Have members dress up as signers of the Constitution and describe the role of their character in the writing and signing of the Constitution.
  - Encourage high school-aged students to use their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution by participating in The American Legion Oratorical Contest.
- Resources:
- [www.constitutionfacts.com](http://www.constitutionfacts.com) Constitution Day Resources:
  - <http://ca3rsproject.org/pages/ConstitutionDayResources.html>