

# ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH

## Celebrating AAPI Festivals through

# LIGHT & MOVEMENT

## Lantern and Mobile Contest for Grades K-8

### How to Participate

- 1 Choose a Festival**  
Pick an AAPI (Asian American & Pacific Islander) festival that interests you.
- 2 Research**  
Learn about its traditions, symbols, and meaning.
- 3 Create a Lantern, Mobile or Related Artwork**  
Design a project inspired by the festival.
- 4 Write a Short Statement**  
Explain why you chose the festival, what you learned, and how your design reflects its significance.
- 5 Submit Your Project**  
Bring your completed artwork and statement by **May 9, 2025** to the Kettering Government Center or your classroom. Projects will be collected for display during the awards reception. Artwork must be labeled with the student's name, and guardian's name, address, telephone number and email. Please include the grade, age, school and teacher.
- 6 Display and Reception**  
Artwork will be displayed at Rosewood Arts Center from **May 9 – May 31**. A reception will take place on **May 20 at Rosewood from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**
- 7 Artwork Pickup**  
Artwork may be picked up after the reception or at the Government Center the week of June 2. Unclaimed artwork may be discarded.

### Prizes and Recognition

**\$50 Prize to each Contest Winner**  
One per grade.

#### **Pizza Party Drawing**

Classes with 50%+ participation will be entered into a drawing for a pizza party. The winning teacher will receive \$100 for classroom supplies! (More than one winner possible)

#### **School Prize**

The school with the highest participation will receive up to \$100 for their PTO to support an event.

#### **\$50 Rosewood Arts Center Gift Certificate**

Will be raffled off to three students during the reception.

### Festivals Ideas

**Lunar New Year** (China, Vietnam, Korea)  
Red lanterns, dragons, zodiac animals.

**Diwali** (India, Nepal, Fiji)  
Clay lamps, rangoli, fireworks.

**Obon** (Japan)  
Paper lanterns, ancestor spirits, dance.

**Vesak** (Sri Lanka, Thailand, Myanmar)  
Floating lanterns, lotuses.

**Mid-Autumn Festival** (China, Vietnam, Malaysia)  
Mooncakes, paper lanterns, rabbits.

**Songkran** (Thailand, Laos, Myanmar)  
Water fights, elephants, traditional dress.

**Tết** (Vietnamese Lunar New Year)  
Peach blossoms, red envelopes, dragon dances.

**Bon** (Pacific Islander, Hawaii)  
Lantern floating, hula.

**Chuseok** (Korea)  
Rice cakes, moon worship, traditional dress.

**Holi** (India)  
Festival of Colors with bright powders and celebration.

**Ramadan/ Eid al-Fitr** (Central/ Southeast Asia)  
Lanterns, crescent moon, festive decorations.

**Let's celebrate creativity, culture, and community!**

**TEACHERS:** Email [KBCR@ketteringoh.org](mailto:KBCR@ketteringoh.org) if you receive any entries and a BCR member will pick up the items directly from your school.

For more information, email Angela Rahman  
at [KBCR@ketteringoh.org](mailto:KBCR@ketteringoh.org)

or visit [ketteringoh.org](http://ketteringoh.org) or [playkettering.org/rosewood](http://playkettering.org/rosewood)

#### **We are Kettering.**

*We are Respectful – Learning about different cultures fosters respect for diversity.*

*We are Responsible – Encourages students to take initiative, explore, and create.*

*We are Safe – Provides a positive, community-supported activity that strengthens protective factors for youth and increases their resilience in facing life's challenges.*



## How to Make Lanterns



### **Materials:**

- Construction or other paper
- Paint, markers, art supplies to decorate objects
- Scissors and tape

### **Step 1:**

Choose your paper and decorate with colors and images that reflect your selected festival.

### **Step 2:**

Fold your piece of paper in half, lengthways, so the two long sides meet.



### **Step 3:**

Use a pair of scissors to cut lines along the fold. Do not cut all the way across, as if you do your lantern will fall into pieces.

### **Step 4:**

Open out your paper, and roll your lantern up so that the cuts you have made are running top to bottom

### **Step 5:**

Fix in place with sticky tape or staplers.

### **Step 6:**

Add a handle on the top so you can hang up your lantern.



## How to Make a Mobile



### **Materials:**

- Clothes hanger
- String, ribbon, thread, or yarn
- Items to make objects: construction paper, magazines, or other objects
- Paint, markers, art supplies to decorate objects
- Scissors and hole puncher

### **Step 1:**

If your clothes hanger is metal you can shape it into a circle or square if you want.

### **Step 2:**

Create your objects with paint, markers, or whatever you have on hand to reflect the festival you have chosen

### **Step 3:**

Use your scissors or hole puncher to make holes in the objects.

### **Step 4:**

With yarn, string, ribbons, or thread tie your objects onto the clothes hanger at different lengths.



**Drop off artwork at your classroom OR:**

City of Kettering Government Center  
South Building  
3600 Shroyer Road  
Kettering, OH 45429

**For artwork display, reception and pick-up:**

Rosewood Arts Center  
2655 Olson Drive  
Kettering, OH 45420