

PEOPLE & ANIMALS:

United for Health



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The **People & Animals: United for Health** health and science calendar is an award-winning tool for introducing the interconnection between people, animals and the environment through health and science themes. Designed as 12 hand-illustrated posters, each calendar month focuses on a distinct health or science topic - coordinated to national health observances - with numerous theme-based coloring, writing and drawing activities; hands-on experiments; discussion-based questions; fun facts; healthy living tips; and Career Corners, which amplify concepts and promote critical and creative thinking.

Since its debut in 1994, the **People & Animals** calendar has grown into a national program with enormous potential for educating young children and their families about issues in health and science, and the connection between people and animals in addressing those issues through scientific investigation. The calendar is the first in a series of MSMR educational building blocks to enhance students' understanding of science and life science research.

People & Animals calendar topics are (September through August):

-  Infectious Disease
-  Aging
-  Diabetes
-  AIDS & Feline Leukemia
-  Dental Health
-  Heart Disease
-  Poison Control & Product Safety
-  Biodiversity & the Environment
-  Mental Health & Substance Abuse
-  Body Organs & Transplantation
-  The Five Senses & the Brain
-  Nutrition

An accompanying teacher's guide, **HEADS ON! for Healthy Living**, contains critical and creative thinking classroom activities relating to calendar themes and concepts.

The **People & Animals** calendar is now in perpetual format. Full-color permanent calendar posters, available free or at a moderate cost (see page 2), are accompanied by 12 black-and-white, cut-and-paste date sheets downloadable from the MSMR website at www.msmr.org.

For further guidance and tips on using the **People & Animals** calendar, continue to page 2.



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How can I obtain a copy of the MSMR **People & Animals: United for Health®** calendar?

To obtain a copy of the **People & Animals®** calendar, contact the Massachusetts Society for Medical Research, Inc. (MSMR) at 978.251.1556, or order online at www.msmr.org/catalog_3.html#calendar. Single copies of the calendar are free to Massachusetts elementary and middle school educators new to the program. Others may purchase the calendar poster set at a cost of \$25 (\$/H included).

How can I obtain the accompanying date sheets?

The 12 date sheets are 8-1/2 x 14" worksheets that accompany the **People & Animals®** calendar. Teachers and students may cut out the date blocks accompanying each calendar month, as well as recurring (multicultural) holidays and other theme-specific date blocks to affix to the calendar posters. These can be downloaded at no cost directly from www.msmr.org/DateSheetSectionHeaderpage.html.

What other materials accompany the calendar?

Twelve additional activity sheets, one for each calendar month, accompany the calendar. These can be downloaded at no cost directly from www.msmr.org/DateSheetSectionHeaderpage.html.

The **HEADS ON! for Healthy Living®** teacher's guide of critical and creative thinking activities to accompany the calendar can be ordered online at order online at www.msmr.org/catalog_2.html#calendar. Single copies are free to New England elementary and middle school educators. Others may purchase the guide at a cost of \$15 (\$/H included).



Guidance on Using

THE MSMR'S **PEOPLE & ANIMALS** CALENDAR

What Educators Say About the **People & Animals: United for Health®** Calendar

*The **People & Animals®** calendar is an overall excellent resource and reference piece. The graphics are excellent and the page layout eye-catching.*

- Grade 4 educator

*The **People & Animals®** calendar is a goldmine for educators at all levels. The calendar helped create new objectives for our health program.*

- Town health coordinator

As a classroom teacher, the calendar helps me to incorporate health education into our science activities..

- Grade 3 educator

The calendar's focus on animal health helps draw students out of themselves to facilitate learning.

- K-6 health teacher













The calendar is a great interactive tool for discussion and cooperative learning. It is a consistent springboard for discussion by provoking observation and question-raising even among the most reluctant students. This is due in large part to the focus on animals and the comparisons drawn between humans and animals.

- Grade 5 educator

The calendar is a big hit with students, but also with parents. [It] adds much-needed family involvement to our health education program.

- School nurse

Ideas for Using the **People & Animals®** Calendar

-  Primary resource for health/science education
-  Secondary source for health/science education
-  After-school health/science club
-  Centerpiece for school-related health displays
-  Community math/science mentor programs
-  School nurse office posters
-  Classroom posters
-  Physical education resource
-  Cooperative learning tool
-  Springboard for discussion
-  Classroom filler time activities
-  School-home connection resource



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