

## RELATED FOUNDATIONS:

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## RESOURCES:

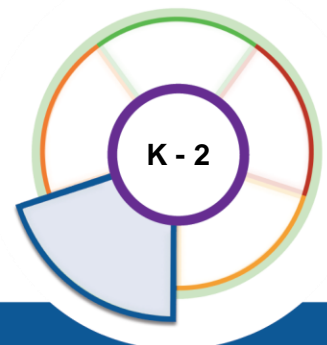
- [Online storybook](#) for Murray & Bird: The Search for the Missing Hat
- [Jester Hat Instructions](#)

## Silly Hat Parade

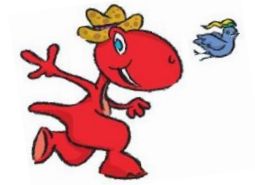
**ACTIVITY GOAL:** To promote students' personal safety and sense of connectedness to their school by increasing their awareness of helpful members within their school community.

### ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Visit the [Middlesex-London Health Unit website](#) to download a copy of Murray & Bird: The Search for the Missing Hat storybook.
2. Read the book for the class.
3. Have students make their own silly hats using the [Jester Hat Instructions](#). Alternatively, have students use their creativity to create their own silly hat.
4. Organize a silly hat parade with your class around the school:
  - a. Schedule a Silly Hat Day and invite students to wear the silly hats that they made on this day.
  - b. Plan your parade route. Include stops at locations where students can meet different members within their school community that they can turn to for help. You can refer to the storybook for examples of helpers that Murray, Bird and Sam turned to for help (e.g., librarian, secretary, custodian, music teacher, etc.)
  - c. Wearing their hats, have students walk the planned route around the school to meet their school's helpers.



## Jester Hat Instructions



### Supplies:

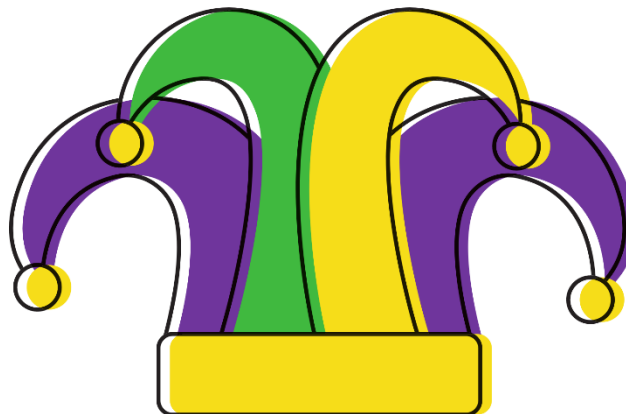
- 8.5' x 11" paper in a variety of colours
- Scissors
- Glue and/or tape
- Decorations such as foil paper, stickers or pom-poms
- Jester hat template below
- Stapler

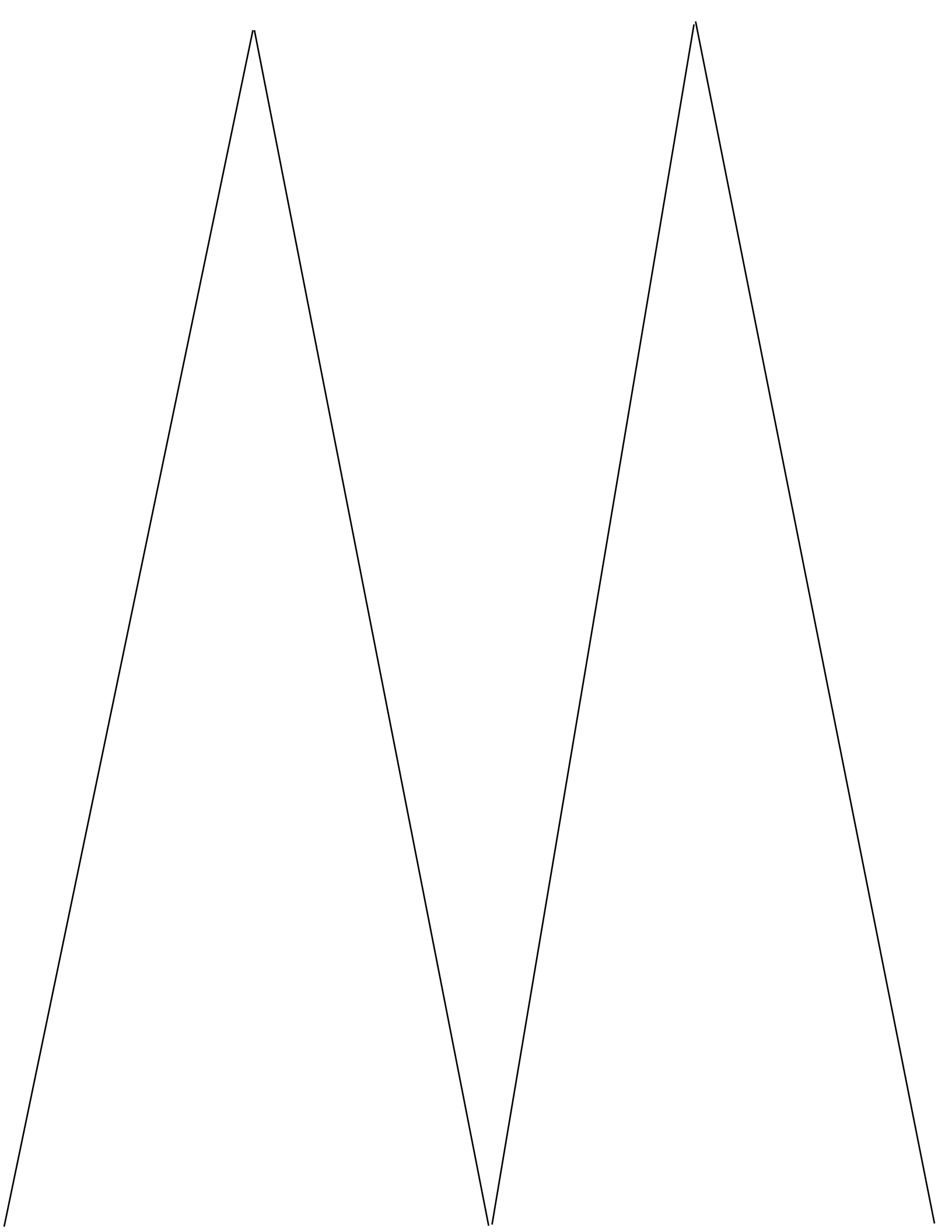
### Instructions:

1. Cut Jester hat peaks from a variety of coloured papers.
2. Cut a Head band from coloured paper. Staple 2 bands together so it's long enough to fit the child.
3. Glue or tape the colour peaks along the head band. Note: If using glues allow drying time to avoid getting glue in children's hair.
4. Fold the band along the designated fold lines securing the peaks in place, reinforcing the bands.
5. Decorate the hat with stickers, foil or markers.
6. Decorate the tips of the peaks with a pom-poms or circles of coloured paper.
7. Carefully curl the peaks so they bend over around the hat.
8. Staple the band together to form a circle that fits the circumference of the child's head.

To make a variety of hats for your Silly Hat Day see the numerous resources and templates available on-line. Try searching for these ideas:

- Paper Crowns
- Paper Sailor hats
- Paper Jesters hats





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