Name/Title: AIDS Fact Quilt

Purpose of Event: The purpose is for students to gather facts and identify myths associated with the transmission of HIV/AIDS.

Suggested Grade Level: 6-8

Materials Needed: Construction paper or felt crayons, markers, colored pencils, laminator, hole puncher, yarn, scissors.

Description of Idea

After discussing the ways HIV/AIDS can be transmitted, have your students create their own version of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt.

www.aidsquilt.org

Each student should be given a piece of either construction paper or felt. On their piece of paper or felt, the students are to draw/write a message to "clear up" a myth associated with the transmission of HIV/AIDS. For example, one student may wish to write/illustrate that AIDS cannot be spread by shaking hands with someone who is infected.

Once the students have created their individual patches for the AIDS Fact Quilt, get the pieces of paper laminated and "sew" them together using yarn. You may punch holes out around the sides of the paper and tie them together with a bow.

After the entire AIDS Fact Quilt is put together, display it somewhere in the school (e. g., outside the cafeteria) so that all students in the building can benefit from the project. Also, you may want to have a few students in your class display their quilt to elementary classes.

Assessment Ideas:
Each student can be graded using a rubric.

Accuracy of the information provided ____/80 pts.
Creativity/Neatness ____/10 pts.
Effort ____/10 pts.

*Also, you may wish to use this project as an extra-credit opportunity (+5)