

Primary Schools

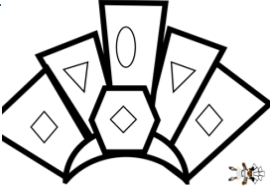
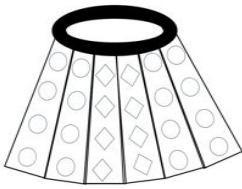
For four (4) weeks during the month of January, all primary schools across The Bahamas are asked to organize a Junkanoo Hour. This is when the focus can be given to direct instruction of **Junkanoo content, theme development**, the **music, dances (organized and free dancing)**, and **costume creation** (construction and design). This is also a way to foster a National Junkanoo mentoring program where industry experts can be invited to visit schools to offer assistance and guidance.

The Four-week span should include:

- Field trips
- In class live demonstrations with hands-on activities
- Explicit instruction
- Mini parade (culminating activity)

Information videos on Junkanoo that can be shared during the Junkanoo Hour will be provided. Additionally, templates/instructions on how to make parts of a Junkanoo costume as well as musical instruments can be found in the Professional Learning Community.

Lower Primary Activities

Grade Level	Content	Virtual or In-person Field Trip	Costume and Musical Instruments	Dance
Gr.1	Junkanoo is a festival. A big celebration that takes place at Christmas, New Year's Day and other special times. Junkanoo groups wear bright costumes and play music. Music is an important part of Junkanoo. The musicians play drums, cowbells, and many other instruments. We can make our own instruments.	Junkanoo World & Museum Arts Centre www.thefountainside.com 356-5846	<p>Week 1: Junkanoo Headpiece</p> 	Mash the roach - Students will learn and demonstrate how to do the dance called 'Mash da roach'.
Gr. 2	Junkanoo is a festival. A big celebration that takes place at Christmas, New Year's Day and other special times. Some famous Junkanoo groups are the Saxons, Valley Boys and One Family. Junkanoo groups wear bright costumes and play music based on the theme they have chosen. Music is an important part of Junkanoo. The musicians play drums, cowbells, whistles and many other instruments. We can make our own instruments.	Doongalik Studios www.doongalik.com 394-1886	<p>Week 2: Junkanoo Skirt</p> 	Conch style - Students will learn and demonstrate how to do the dance called 'Conch Style'.
Gr. 3	Junkanoo is a festival to celebrate our culture and history. Junkanoo is a West African Tradition. It is celebrated mainly on January 1 st and December 26 th every year. It is also celebrated at special times during the year. Some famous Junkanoo groups are the Saxons, Valley Boys, One Family, Roots, Music Makers and Prodigal Sons. Junkanoo groups spend a lot of time planning and designing their costumes for Junkanoo. Some groups design their costumes a whole year in advance. The costumes and musical instruments used in Jukaoo are similar to those used in celebrations in West and Central Africa. Lots of instruments can be seen on the parade, whistles, cowbells, goat skin drums and different types of horns. Junior Junkanoo is a special parade for school children. It is held once a year and only students ages 3 to 18 can take part.	Edu Culture www.educulturebahamas.com 328-3786	<p>Week 3: Tum Tum Drums Students will use any cylinder container like an oatmeal container, balloons, elastic bands and construction paper to make a tum tum drum. They can practice beating out different rhythms.</p> <p>Bottle Shakers Students can use any old bottle that has a cover. Put in either beads, corn, seeds, beans, rice, rocks or marbles to make a sound.</p>	Funky chicken - Students will learn and demonstrate how to do the dance called 'Funky Chicken'.