

## Engagement ideas for schools

- Reach out to a local mental health organization and ask a professional working in youth mental health to deliver a virtual presentation and share community resources available to students.
- Put up a Bell Let's Talk <u>poster</u> in your school, virtual classroom or share with students to print at home.
- Practice self-care as a class throughout the month of January with the <u>Self-Care Activity</u>.
- Learn more about some of the organizations that are delivering mental health supports across Canada here.
- Create a <u>Kindness Box</u> (print and digital versions available) for students to write themselves or others uplifting messages.
- Use the Bell Let's Talk <u>Chatterbox</u> activity to encourage meaningful conversations in the classroom or at home.
- Talk about actions big and small students can take to help create positive change around mental health.
- Have a discussion in your classrooms about the adults in students' lives that they can talk to if they're facing a mental health issue.
- Encourage students to take a mindfulness break with the Bell Let's Talk mandala art.
- In your health or art class have students use the <u>talk bubbles</u> to write or draw an action they can take to join in and help create positive change.

## More lesson ideas and resources:



- Talk about the <u>5 simple ways</u> to end stigma in your classroom:
  - Language matters
  - Educate yourself
  - o Be kind
  - o Listen and ask
  - Talk about it



- Visit the Kids Help Phone website to access resources for teachers and schools.
- Visit the <u>Jack.org</u> website to find virtual resources for secondary students or book a virtual Jack Talk.
- Take action to create positive change by doing one or more of the actions below:
  - o Choose a mental health organization to learn about or support
  - Help a friend struggling with mental health issues by learning ways to support them
  - Ask about how your school, workplace, or community is creating change for mental health
  - Nurture your own well-being by practicing and learning mental health strategies
  - Get involved in a mental health initiative or organize an event to support mental health
  - Engage in conversations about mental health to fight the stigma

As an ongoing activity brainstorm one action per day/week that is meaningful to you and your class and take time each day/week to complete the action. Share your class or school's actions using #BellLetsTalk to help inspire others to create positive change.

Visit letstalk.bell.ca to learn more about these actions.

