



CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

The World Needs More
PURPLE SCHOOLS

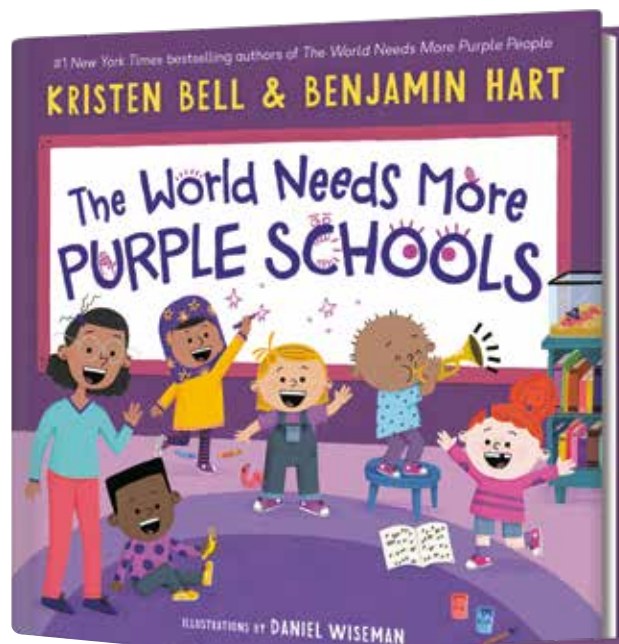


ABOUT THE BOOK

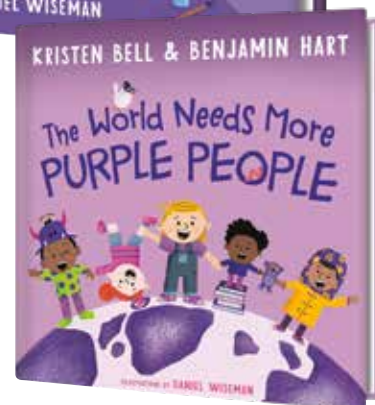


It's back to school with Kristen Bell and Benjamin Hart! Learn how to paint your school purple with this follow-up to the #1 *New York Times* bestseller **THE WORLD NEEDS MORE PURPLE PEOPLE**.

Penny Purple taught us that a purple person is someone who finds common ground with others while celebrating what makes them unique! Now Penny and her pals will put their purple skills into action in their very favorite place—their classroom! How do you make a purple school? It will take curiosity, sharing, hard work, and lots of laughs!



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Family & Relationships, Friendships



KRISTEN BELL is an American actress and producer who has starred in such films as *Frozen*, *Bad Moms*, and *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*, as well as television series *The Good Place* and *Veronica Mars*. She has been a guest editor for *Parents* magazine and has been featured in parenting articles on platforms like *Motherly*, *Real Simple*, *Babble*, and more. She also produces and stars in the web series *Momsplaining* for *EllenTube*.

BENJAMIN HART is a multidisciplinary designer and creative director. He is currently a principal partner and the copresident of *Brains on Fire*, a creative agency that specializes in building communities and sparking social movements through the power of identity and narrative. Benjamin has worked on numerous projects and campaigns focused on early childhood development and education. Together, the duo also helped launch a new company in 2019 called *Hello Bello*, which provides families with access to premium and more natural baby products at affordable prices.

DANIEL WISEMAN is an illustrator of children's literature. He's drawn pictures for several published works including *My Brother the Duck* by Pat Zietlow Miller and the *Baby Scientist* series by Laura Gehl, among many others. Previously he was the cofounder and creative director of *Pixel Press*, a technology company that created the *Bloxels* video game building software, a platform dedicated to teaching children the design process through game creation. Daniel and his talented wife, Elizabeth, raise two sons in their little cabin in the East Tennessee woods.



BEFORE READING

PURPLE . . . SCHOOLS?

Show the class the cover of *The World Needs More Purple Schools* and discuss these questions.

1. What does the cover make you think of? Why?
2. After reading *The World Needs More Purple People*, what do you think it means to be a purple school?
3. Why might the world need more purple schools?

PURPLE PRACTICE!

Asking good questions means staying curious, and curiosity starts with noticing. Have a scavenger hunt in your classroom or throughout the school! How many purple things can students find? Make it a team or table activity to encourage collaboration.

WHILE READING

PURPLE QUALITIES!

Write out the qualities of a purple school as you read.

1. Wonder and Curiosity
2. Work Really Hard
3. Be Really Silly
4. Speak Up and Use Your Voice!
5. Just Be You!

Tape lists to students' desks, or create and decorate a poster that can hang in a visible place in the classroom.



AFTER READING

WONDER AND CURIOSITY!

Asking questions and learning more about others can help us to build a stronger, more connected, more PURPLE community. Interview a friend or teacher, starting off with the questions below. Record what you learn on the lines! Then complete the Purple Person Profile on the next page. Print out the profiles and hang them up in a public space—a hallway or classroom bulletin board—so others can learn about people in your purple school!

What is your name?

What do you think you'll be doing in twenty years? Why?

What's something you love about your friends?

What is one kind thing you've done this week?

What is one kind thing someone has done for YOU this week?

Is there anything you are afraid of?

What are you grateful for?

Pick three favorites! Favorite animal, favorite food, favorite color.

LEARN ABOUT _____ !

Directions: Using what you learned in your interview, write a paragraph about a person purple. Draw a picture, too!





WORK REALLY HARD

LEARN ABOUT COLORS WITH SCIENCE AND ART!

1. Show students a color wheel. Explain that primary colors (blue, yellow, and red) are combined to make secondary colors (purple, green, and orange).
2. Ask students to make a prediction—a hypothesis—about which primary colors combine to make purple, green, and orange.
3. Gather blue, yellow, and red food dye to test out the hypothesis. Try a series of combinations until you get purple, then green, then orange!



PAINT THE WHOLE SCHOOL PURPLE

Do a school-wide read of **THE WORLD NEEDS MORE PURPLE PEOPLE**. Each week, select a student to celebrate for helping to make the school a better place. Print out the attached certificate and post it somewhere visible so other students can see it and be inspired.



BE REALLY SILLY



DISCUSS: Which times during the school day are for working hard?
Which times during the day are for being silly?
Here are some jokes to keep you and your classmates laughing.

What is a bear with
no teeth called?
A gummy bear

What is an astronaut's
favorite button on
a keyboard?
The space bar

Knock! Knock!
Who's there?
Cow says!
Cow says who?
No, a cow says moo!

Knock! Knock!
Who's there?
Lettuce!
Lettuce who?
**Lettuce in—it's cold
out here!**

Knock! Knock!
Who's there?
Doughnut!
Doughnut who?
Doughnut ask.
It's a secret!

Where do hamburgers
go to dance?
They go to the meat-ball.

COME UP WITH YOUR OWN KNOCK-KNOCK JOKE!

Knock! Knock!
Who's there?

_____!

_____ who?

_____!

I AM A PURPLE PERSON!

This award is presented to _____

for asking great questions, laughing often, using their voice for good,
working hard, and being themselves!

Teacher

Principal

Date



TEACHERS: REPRODUCIBLE CERTIFICATE FOR STUDENTS



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MY PURPLE
WORLD

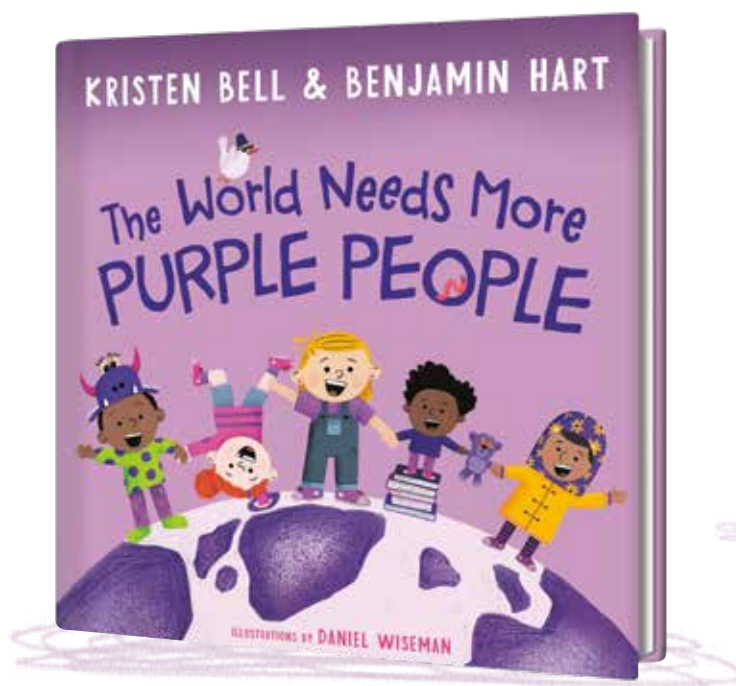
THE WORLD NEEDS MORE PURPLE PEOPLE

"A plethora of broad smiles and wide-open mouths crank up the visual energy—and if the earnest overall tone doesn't snag the attention of young audiences, a grossly literal view of the young narrator and a grandparent 'snot-out-our-nose laughing' should do the trick."

—Kirkus Reviews

"This book serves as a pep talk for contentious times by caring adults who want a nicer world—and that is no small thing." —Publishers Weekly

"The message is inspiring: Ask questions, advocate for positive change, and have fun while collaborating with members of your family and community." —School Library Journal



STEP INTO READING:

