

## **Creating an All Around Successful *Project Citizen* Program**

Much of what it takes to create a successful *Project Citizen* program happens outside the classroom. Below is a list of ideas you might want to implement to promote *Project Citizen* to students, teachers, administrators, school board members and members of the community. All of these people are needed to ensure that you have the support you need when you decide to take on the *Project Citizen* program.

- Hold informational meetings with students and their parents before you start the program. Let them know what they are getting into and what they can expect. This also allows you to learn about any obstacles you might have right up front.
- Ask your principal for time on a staff meeting agenda so that you can explain what you are planning to do with *Project Citizen* and elicit the support of other teachers (you are going to need it).
- Take advantage of the school newsletter to tell others about the great things your kids are doing during the *Project Citizen* process.
- Contact local government offices (state legislators, city council members, school board members, etc.) and tell them that they may be contacted by your students for interviews. This gives them the heads-up about what the students may be planning (plus, they may be more cooperative if they are fore-warned).
- Contact the local newspaper about covering your class's progress with their portfolio and about covering the simulated hearing. This is community activism at its best.
- Involve parents and grandparents as much as possible.
- Ask students who have already been through the program to assist your class.

Your Ideas: