



**DON'T FORGET TO.....**

- \* CALL THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER**
- \* TAKE LOTS OF PHOTOS TO PUT ON DISPLAY LATER**
- \* INCLUDE ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS**
- \* ASK LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR DONATIONS**
- \* OFFER ACTIVITIES TO THE ENTIRE SCHOOL REGARDLESS OF LANGUAGE BEING STUDIED**

**BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY,  
HAVE FUN!!!!!!**



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# WORLD LANGUAGE WEEK AS AN ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITY



Every March, schools and other learning institutions across the United States celebrate World Language Week. Here are some tips and information that can be used to turn your celebration into an event that will showcase the work of your students and teachers in your community!



# Possible Activities



## PLANNING

*It is crucial to be well organized and plan all of your activities well head of time. Begin thinking about the activities that you would like to sponsor at the end of the previous school year, or the summer before you return to school.*

*A couple of months before the festivities will begin, write a letter to parents, friends, and neighbors of students asking them not only if they would like to attend your events, but also if they might be willing to present on a topic of interest to them.*

- \* **DECORATE THE SCHOOL LOBBY WITH ARTIFACTS, MATERIALS AND LANGUAGE SIGNS THAT REPRESENT THE ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS OF ALL SCHOOL/COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THE CELEBRATION SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED ONLY TO THE LANGUAGES OFFERED IN THE SCHOOL.**
- \* **IF YOUR SCHOOL HAS DISPLAY CASES IN THE HALLWAYS, ASK FOR PERMISSION TO USE THEM IN ORDER TO CREATE DISPLAYS THAT REPRESENT VARIOUS LANGUAGES AND CULTURES.**
- \* **ORGANIZE AN INTERNATIONAL BREAKFAST THAT ALL STUDENTS MAY ATTEND FOR A NOMINAL FEE (ENOUGH TO COVER FOOD PURCHASED).**
- \* **ORGANIZE AN INTERNATIONAL BANQUET. HAVE STUDENTS AND PARENTS VOLUNTEER TO MAKE DISHES THAT ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF THEIR BACKGROUND AND CULTURE. LOCAL BUSINESSES MAY ALSO BE WILLING TO DONATE FOOD.**
- \* **TEACHERS CAN SERVE THE FOOD. DECORATE THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA WITH FLAGS AND LANGUAGE SIGNS.**
- \* **HIRE AN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC OR DANCE GROUP TO PERFORM AN ASSEMBLY FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL.**
- \* **PARTICIPATE IN THE MAFLA POSTER, ESSAY AND PODCAST CONTEST THAT ARE BASED ON EACH YEAR'S CONFERENCE THEME.**
- \* **INFORM FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HEARING ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES ABROAD. MANY TIMES THEY DO NOT EVEN REALIZE THAT PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES. USE YOUR DISTRICT NEWSLETTER TO RECRUIT SPEAKERS.**
- \* **SOME EXAMPLES OF PRESENTATIONS THAT COULD BE DONE: A SUSHI MAKING CLASS, A PASTA MAKING CLASS, HENNA TATTOO, PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS, THE EXPERIENCES OF MILITARY PERSONNEL, INTERNATIONAL MUSIC, CRAFT MAKING, INTERNATIONAL DANCE INSTRUCTION, ARABIC CALLIGRAPHY, CHINESE CHARACTERS, ETC...**
- \* **STUDENTS ESPECIALLY ENJOY PRESENTATIONS THAT ARE HANDS-ON AND THAT THEY CAN EITHER TASTE A PRODUCT, OR TAKE ONE HOME WITH THEM.**

