

Dec. 18th, 2017

Dear Parents,

This year our school-wide event Culture Night will be held from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM on Jan. 25th, 2018. This event became our school tradition more than 10 years ago. We want to recognize all of the diversity that we have in our community and to celebrate all the cultures that are around us.

Our school Culture Night committee has started planning for this wonderful event. In addition to the programs that we will offer that night, this year we would like to invite all the students who speak a language other than English or who are from an ethnic heritage to film a short clip for 3 to 5 minutes. Students are welcome to dress up in their traditional costumes while being recorded. In the clip, we would like the students to introduce themselves, say greetings in their home languages and/or in English, as well as talk about their costumes if they prefer. We will compile all the clips and run the clips at the beginning of the Fashion Show, which is our opening of the Culture Night event. We believe this project could bring pride of the students' heritage while they teach our CRE families about their culture. We would like to use Thursday, January 12th, 2018 10:40 AM-12:20 PM to film the students.

If you would like your child to be part of this project, please fill out the slip below and return it to Mrs. Hjermstad by Jan. 5th. Please feel free to contact any of us if you have any questions regarding the project.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hjermstad, 952-556-6940, hjermstadm@district112.org

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Please return the slip by Jan. 5th.

Child's name: _____ Parent's name: _____

Parent contact number: _____ Best time to call you (if needed): _____

My child speaks _____ My child's homeroom teacher _____

Yes, I would like my child to be part of the project.

Yes, s/he will bring a traditional costume to wear while being filmed.

Sorry, s/he will not wear a traditional costume while being filmed.

No, I do not want my child to be part of the project.

Notes to the parents: The following is a list of a few ideas what your child might want to say in the clip. (You can certainly write your own script.) If your child would like to be filmed in his or her home language, please help your child practice what s/he wants to say at home prior to Jan. 12th. If your child chooses to be filmed in English only, s/he can simply choose one script below and fill out the blanks. Or, s/he can write a short script on his or her own. Please also help your child rehearse prior to Jan. 12th. No matter which language your child chooses, the key to make the filming successful is to practice, practice, and practice! We are looking forward to seeing your child on the recording day!

Example 1: (teach us how to say hi in your home language)

Good evening! My name is _____. I am in _____'s class. I speak English and _____. I'm going to teach you how to say hi in (name of your home language). When we say hi, we say _____. Thank you for watching! Bye!

Example 2: (teach us about a holiday you celebrate)

Good evening! I'm _____. My teacher is _____. My family is from _____. One holiday I celebrate is called _____. On this day, we _____. Thank you for watching! Bye!

Example 3: (teach us about a traditional costume you are wearing)

Good evening! My name is _____. I'm in _____ grade. This costume I am wearing is called _____. People in my culture wear this costume when _____. Thank you for watching! Bye!

Example 4: (teach us about a family tradition)

Good evening! I'm _____. I'm in _____ grade. One family tradition I do is that _____. Thank you for watching! Bye!