



CULTURAL AWARENESS WEEK AT ROOSEVELT!

List of Events

March 5 -9th, 2018

ROOSEVELT FAMILY ROOTS DISPLAY

Who doesn't love old family photos? Display and share your own cultural heritage by bringing in photocopies of old family photos. The "ROOSEVELT FAMILY ROOTS" will be displayed near the main office. **Pictures should be submitted to your teacher by Thursday, March 8th.** (See details attached).

CULTURAL DOLLS DISPLAY

Remember your 1st Grade Nationality Doll project? Display your cultural dolls again! Current first grade nationality dolls will be transferred to the display case. Students from all grades are invited to bring in their 1st grade nationality dolls, if they still have them. If you do not have one, feel free to make one to add to the display. Please place your name and current home room number on the back of the doll, and place it in a Ziploc bag. **Nationality dolls should be submitted to your teacher by Thursday, March 8th.** Dolls will be returned in April.

MORNING GREETINGS

Learn to say hello in another language! Our ESL teacher has prepared students to give greetings during morning announcements each day of the week.

INTERNATIONAL FLAGS

Flags will be displayed in the halls by the main office.

LEARN ABOUT A DIFFERENT CULTURE

Pick out a book at the Roosevelt library and learn about a new culture! Students can choose from books displayed in the library during their weekly library visit. If time allows, students can share a few major points they learned about a different culture to their class.

FRIDAY – TRADITIONAL DRESS DAY!!!

Students are invited to wear outfits representing their own culture/heritage.

FRIDAY – TRADITIONAL DANCING DURING LUNCH!!!

Students will be performing their traditional country dances during lunch time. If any students are interested, please complete the Google form linked here [Cultural Dancing Survey](#).

Current parent volunteers are: (1) Serena Legatos-Coines and Elena Demos (Greek dancing); (2) Amy Stewart (Irish dancing). **We encourage parents to spearhead other traditional dancing, and you can provide this information in the Google form and someone from the Cultural Awareness Committee will contact you.**

DEAR ROOSEVELT FAMILIES!

Whether your family is new to the United States or your family has been in the country for many generations- we would like to celebrate the many different and wonderful backgrounds here at Roosevelt Elementary School!

March 5th – 9th will be our very first Cultural Awareness Week! We have some fun ideas planned (see the List of Events) to help everyone learn a little more about the cultural background in our community.

As part of this week, we are going to create a Roosevelt Family Roots display. Each Roosevelt student (siblings/cousins may submit together) is encouraged to display their favorite family photos that depict their older relatives from different countries and from different times. These beautiful images will show family resemblances, traditional dress and spark many wonderful conversations between our Roosevelt families.

Pictures should be labelled and submitted to your child's teacher by Tuesday, February 27th.

NO ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPHS, PLEASE. Send copies of pictures and include who is in the picture, where they are from and if possible, include a photo of our Roosevelt student with it. See the example below.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Great-grandma Smith as a young girl in Ireland – submitted by Joe Smith, 5th Grade.

