Embracing Diversity: Celebrating 70 Years of BIS with Food, Culture, and Performances! Date: May 16, 2024 Time: 5-7 PM Location: BIS Quad and MPR

You are cordially invited to take part in a celebration of diversity and community at BIS's 70th Anniversary event! As we reflect on seven decades of excellence in education, we invite you to join us for an evening of cultural immersion, culinary delights, and joyous festivities.

As part of this celebration, you are invited to participate in showcasing the rich tapestry of cultures that now thrive within our school community. There are many ways to get involved. One important way is to be a 'Country Ambassador', or collaborate together to be co-ambassadors.

We encourage you to set up a table displaying artifacts, photographs, and mementos that highlight the beauty of your culture. Also, we encourage the offering of a food or beverage that represents your culture. The food should be a dessert, if possible, (savory or sweet) and in small bites. (A notice of any possible allergens is needed) We will have international food trucks and a BBQ outside so no full meal needed!

As well, we will have the opportunity to showcase music, dance, or whatever performance of your culture you would like to put on. We do hope you will consider coordinating a performance of some sort to highlight your culture- the entertainment will be a big part of the evening.

Here are some examples of what you can do:

-Prepare poster(s) with country specific information (Ex country location, flag, currency, landmarks, popular sports)

-Bring in any artifacts, decorations, instruments - anything that you would like to share with the students.

• Organize a small (1-2 minute) activity: henna tattoo, song, small craft, write the students name in your country's language

-Cultural food samples for tasting (must provide an ingredient list in case of possible allergens)

-Dress in traditional clothes

-Collaborate/coordinate so that other parents can join you and form a team by taking shifts at the booth — we will reach out to those who sign up as ambassadors for the same country to coordinate efforts as well.

- We highly encourage cultural performances as well. We will have a small stage at the front of the library on the quad. There, you and your students play music, share a dance, or similar. It will be casual; no need for elaborate performances!

Also, there will be an International Table, set up for those who just want to prepare a small dessert from their country and add it to the buffet. We ask that all food brought in be labeled with the country it's from, and any allergens noted.

Through food, music, and shared stories, let's come together to celebrate the vibrant mosaic of backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences that enrich our school community. Together, we'll reaffirm our commitment to creating an inclusive environment where every voice is valued and every culture celebrated. Let's Go Trojans! And happy birthday BIS!

Sign up by May 13, 2024 to secure your place at this unforgettable event. We eagerly anticipate your presence as we come together in the spirit of community and celebration.

Thank you! The MultiCultural Birthday Party Team Questions on event, email: Manisha, <u>manzi99@gmail.com</u> and Jen, <u>jencchang@gmail.com</u>

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