

HARRISON'S ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL NIGHT IS ON MAY 1ST 2014

(RAIN-DATE MAY 8TH 2014)

The Multicultural Committee at Harrison seeks to promote cultural awareness by celebrating our linguistic and cultural diversity. We are grateful to our faculty and parent volunteers who help us make this event both fun and educational. **Entry is always FREE**

Fun facts from past years:

- Harrison families trace their roots back to about **67** different countries !
- More than 100 students from all grades participated in a unique fashion show displaying their traditional costumes last year!
- There were cultural displays and food samplings from 27 countries last year!
- Students get their own passports and travel to different countries and secure their visa stamps. Goodies await globe trotters.
- Some of the arts and crafts activities included make and take Guatemalan worry dolls, try Henna, Indian Spice books, Write your name in Bangla, Chinese Marble and Bean game and Photo Booth, S.Korean Calligraphy, making Israeli flags etc.

Countries that participated last year are:

Albania, Bangladesh, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Georgia, Germany, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, S. Korea, Spain, Thailand, Turkey & UK. This year, we believe we have representation from most of the countries that participated last year. Come and try out a truly International cuisine from all the participating countries!

You can be part of this exciting event too! There is no qualification or experience required to volunteer! Let's celebrate our Unity in Diversity !

PLEASE JOIN IN AND MAKE 2014 THE BEST YEAR YET!



FAQs about MultiCultural

1. What to expect?

The Multicultural night starts off with a Fashion Show. The cultural displays and food will be open to all after the Fashion Show. Students can grab a copy of the passport and travel to each country (table) to get their visas (stamps). They can taste international food (under adult supervision) and make Guatemalan worry dolls or try Henna including a lot of kid-friendly activities. This event is at Harrison & entry is always Free !

2. What is the fashion show all about?

Every Fashion Show participant receives a Sash and Flag from the country they represent. The fashion show is conducted grade-wise, your child will not be walking alone, he/she will be with all the other friends in their grade, irrespective of which country they represent. There will be one rehearsal during the week days between 6 & 7pm where the sashes and flags will be handed out. If your children represent more than one country, please let us know as we make personalized sashes for every participant.

3. Are Siblings allowed to join the event?

This is an event for all Harrison families and siblings are welcome to join. Harrison Alumni is welcome to help volunteer for the event.

4. I work full time but would like to be involved. Can I help?

We have a lot of administrative tasks that happen behind the scenes. For eg. making sashes for the fashion show participants/making flags etc. All instructions and material will be supplied. You can work from the comfort of your home.

For more details, please contact Chitra Maridi (chitra.maridi@gmail.com)

MultiCultural Night Participation Form

Date of event: May 1st, 2014

Parent Name

Parent Contact details : Phone

email

My Child/Children is/are interested in participating in the grade-level fashion show :

Child 1 : Name & Grade

Child 3 : Name & Grade

Child 2 : Name & Grade

Child 4 : Name & Grade

Country/Countries Represented in the Fashion Show: _____

I am interested in volunteering for : (please check the box)

- Set-up** : Arranging countries by table requirements, putting up signs etc.
 - Take – down** : Cleaning/packing up, organizing left-over materials etc.
 - Decorations** : Helium Balloons, Cut-outs, Country flags etc.
 - Setting up a Display table / Food**: Country/countries represented : _____
 - Setting up an activity table**: Multicultural Coloring, arts and crafts etc.
 - Fashion Show** : Music, Co-ordination, Line-up, Communication, rehearsal etc.
 - Helping from home**: Making Sashes/ flags, getting supplies etc.
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Please send in completed forms to : **The PTA Mailbox: Attn: Multicultural:** For more details please contact: **Chitra Maridi** : chitra.maridi@gmail.com or 862-485-4766