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February is Multicultural Month at LeMarchant!
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for our Feb 26th event:

“TAKE YOUR CULTURE TO SCHOOL!”

What is a Multicultural Event?

Our Multicultural Event is one where families are invited to the school to share elements of their culture or ethnicity with other members of the school community through storytelling, food, dance, arts and many other things that make cultures unique. These events will help families showcase their rich cultures and feel more welcome in school while creating social connections within the community. Some of the cultures represented in our school are Scottish, Irish, English, various European, Middle Eastern and Asian. We also need someone to do our own culture of Canada. It would be great to celebrate **ALL** of our cultures on this day. PLEASE contact Mrs. Stoilov if you could help us make this day an unforgettable experience for all of our students.

The objectives for the event are:

- To educate students, families and school staff about the various cultures represented within our school community and beyond
- To build social connectedness among students, family members, school staff and community partners.

This is where we need YOU, our multicultural parents, to help us with understanding and experiencing YOUR culture! Since we sometimes have several families from the same culture, you would not have to prepare for your culture's event exhibit table alone but could share the work. Mrs. Stoilov will coordinate cultures and put groups together to help each other out where it is possible.

Here are the THREE parts we are looking for:



1. Visual Presentation:

- PowerPoint: Give an overview of what makes your culture special
- Pictures: Create a display of important aspects of your culture
- Artifacts: Bring in cultural artifacts to display at your exhibit (please make sure these are not priceless heirlooms that might be broken)
- Video showing the landscape or traditional activity in your culture
- Perform a dance or traditional activity from your culture
- Maps: Display maps of the country/countries associated with your culture

2. Game or Activity:

- Storytelling: share traditional legends, explain about history and culture or read a famous story. You can also share a story from your experiences.
- Dance: Teach a simple dance that is traditional in your culture
- Game: Have students play a traditional game from your culture.
- Dress: Allow students to try on traditional dress from your culture
- Craft: Give students and families hands-on experience with the arts of your culture
- Hunt: Prepare a scavenger hunt of your exhibit

3. Cultural Cuisine:

- Bring a favourite traditional dish for students to taste
 - Bake a traditional sweet for students to experience
- NOTE:** please provide a list of ingredients so that anyone with allergies can avoid. (For the same reason please avoid food items banned in our school system)
- Host a cooking demonstration of a traditional food

Students will carry "passports" where they can write down facts that they have learned from each culture or draw a picture of something they found interesting.

****Financial assistance for supplies can be provided if needed**