

Thanks to the Foreign Language Week Committee:

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Here are our thoughts on first Foreign Language Week celebration at Alianza. We did not want this to be an overwhelming event right after report cards, and tried to design our plan with flexibility: Go all out if you want, or participate minimally in a couple of activities.

What we would like to see from everyone is a little sharing at the flag assembly on 3/15 - teach the student body how to say "hello", "good morning", or some other word or phrase, sing a song, or do a quick little something else. Name your country and show a flag you have produced. Please make flags size 8 x 11. Show where it is located, and in what continent.

After the assembly, please place your flag and a paper with your word(s) by the map which we will put in the cafeteria. Place a string between your flag and the location of your country. Or put your flag and word in Karin's box and I will put them up for you. (If you do this, make sure you write what country it is.)

Needed: World map. Please let me know ASAP if you have one of decent size that we can use.

There will be a sign-up sheet soon (Friday?) on the staffroom door next to the computer schedule. Please write down "your" country by 2/24 so we don't all choose the same one. You can choose a country as a grade level team or go it alone. Use friends, relatives, and neighbors as resources and have fun! The goal here is to develop an appreciation for - and curiosity about - other languages and cultures, and to have students walk away with an awareness and hopefully a desire to learn more.

Here are some other ideas:

1. Invite guest speakers
2. Have an international food day
3. Read book from the country
4. Compare/ contrast with U.S./Mexico
5. Do native art, dance, music
6. Do a play
7. Go to a travel agency and pick up brochures from country
8. Show/dress up in native clothing
9. Do an internet search/write a report

If you think of anything else, please share your ideas.