



WORLD FAMILY 2008 - 2009

Guidelines and Resources for Passport Tuesday Presentations

Suggested duration: 30 to 60 minutes

Time of day: 2 pm (usually)

Location: Key School multipurpose room

Audience: 330 children ages 4 to 12 (pre-K to grade 5)

Note: The children can be separated into two groups with Pre-K – grade 1 offered a simpler more interactive presentation and grades 2 – 5 getting more history, geography.

IDEAS

- A basic presentation might include geography, history, culture, festivals, and traditions. Where is it on the globe? What continent is it part of? What is the climate like? Was it part of a former empire?
- What is it like to be a child in your country? How does a child spend a typical day?
- Teach traditional age appropriate songs from your country (interactive songs or those with accompanying gestures are particularly good)
- Bring musical instruments native to your country and play them for the children
- Bring audiovisuals – videos, slides, PowerPoint with maps and photos, (keep duration to ≤ 15 minutes and age appropriate)
- What are the traditional foods or food staples?
- Teach a traditional childhood dance
- Teach a traditional game and play it with the children
- Bring costumes from a holiday celebrated in your country. Let some children try them on.
- Teach basic language skills like how to say the sounds of animals, basic words like hello, thank you, yes, no and goodbye etc.
- Have handouts such as the country flag, sticker, a map or some token from the country. (We are trying to get “passports” for the children to use and you can stamp them or give them country stickers.)

LOCAL RESOURCES

- Meridian International Center has “Culture Boxes” for just about every country imaginable. They are available free of charge for up to 2 weeks to schools within the DCPS. Examples of materials in the boxes are: music/videos/DVDs, toys, dolls, pictures, books, coins, postcards, dresses, maps, stamps, and posters. To reserve a Culture Box please call 202-939-5514 or contact culturebox@meridian.org MIC is located at 1630 Crescent Pl, N.W. Let them know that you are with Key Elementary School.
- Contact your local Embassy’s cultural center or educational outreach centers and ask for posters and other materials. Some Embassies will send a presenter to the school.
- Contact other Key parents from your country that may not be able to present but can contribute materials from your country for your presentation.