Please Join Us!
Thursday, May 27, 2021
5:30 - 8 pm
Bloomfield Hills High School
Legacy Courtyard

All BHS Students are Invited to Participate in our Third Annual District-Wide Multicultural Celebration!

Hosted by the Bloomfield Hills Schools PTO Council

If you are interested in presenting an exhibit or presentation, please complete the enclosed Registration Packet and submit via email to BHMulticulturalCelebration@gmail.com by MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021.

EXHIBITS will showcase cultures from around the world!

PRESENTATIONS can include music, dance, and story-telling!

The THEME for this year’s event is LEGENDS AND STORIES!

QUESTIONS? Please email BHMulticulturalCelebration@gmail.com
Packet for Participants

Date: Thursday, May 27, 2021
Time: 5:30 - 8:00 pm
Location: Bloomfield Hills High School, at the Legacy Courtyard (all outdoors!)
Theme: Legends and Stories from Around the World

The exhibits will showcase many elements of culture, but this year we are emphasizing the theme of Legends and Stories. Below are a number of examples, to provide you with some general ideas of what the exhibit might include. The sky is the limit with this fun, educational theme - just choose a legend or story that in some way speaks to the culture that you’re presenting! As for the culture you choose to present, you may opt for a culture representing your own family heritage, or you can choose a culture that you are interested in learning about. Whatever you choose, aim for an authentic representation of that culture.

• “The Culture of the Cherokee Nation” - showcase somewhere on your exhibit the myth of “The Thunder Beings.” This may not be a physical book to share, since legends were verbally shared, so you could print out a synopsis of the main ideas and plot.

• “The Culture of Germany” - feature a famous Brothers Grimm fairy tale.

• “The Culture of Michigan” - present the book, The Legend of the Petoskey Stone or perhaps a Michigan Chillers book if you want to focus on the idea of ghost stories.

• “The Culture of Baseball in America” - present a book on the Legend of Babe Ruth, and perhaps share some background on how Hoboken, NJ is the birthplace of baseball.


• “The Culture of Italian Opera” - feature the plot of L’Orfeo, by Monteverdi, which tells the story of Euridice and Orpheus in the Underworld.
Explanation of Objective for the 2021 BHSD Multicultural Celebration event:

This event is a celebration of the many diverse cultures represented by our Bloomfield Hills School District families. This is an opportunity for our students and stakeholders in our community to become aware of and learn about other cultures; to collaborate and share with one another; and to celebrate our cultural similarities and differences in a safe and respectful environment. Additionally, this event will include a fundraising opportunity, to add books focusing on diversity into our schools’ media centers.

**DO’s:**
1. The title of your display must start with “The Culture of...”
2. **Students** will prepare the **exhibit** and present the information at the event. **Family members may support their students.** **Multiple students may collaborate** on the same exhibit.
3. Exhibits must provide information that is **factual**, not opinion. Aim to present an authentic exhibit that students of all ages can learn from.
4. Displays can feature **cultural items** (art, music, entertainment, clothing, language, cultural achievements and inventions, cultural nuances, etc.).
5. All individuals presenting the displays **must** be Bloomfield Hills School District students and their parents/guardians.
6. Student(s) and their respective guardian(s) must **sign and abide by the participation agreement form** (provided in this packet).
7. Have fun with it! Be creative and show your passion for your exhibit!

*** Due to the current circumstances surrounding Covid, we are unsure if exhibit volunteers will be permitted to bring food as samples. The planning committee will update exhibit volunteers about food as the date nears. Stay tuned!

**DON'Ts:**
1. Do not include your own map of the area. Use an (X) mark, push pin, or highlighter to depict the origin of your culture on the **provided world map, included on the last page of this packet.**
2. Non Bloomfield Hills School District families, including outside organizations or individuals, **may not present or influence any exhibit.**
3. Do not use **disrespectful language or symbols** on your exhibit.
4. **No flags** are permitted.
5. **Do not include or verbally discuss politically driven or divisive topics.** While culture may represent your customs, traditions and beliefs, we ask that you please refrain from politics. Please keep all information presented factual to the culture you are representing.

**Exhibit Tips:**
1. The **theme** of our Multicultural Celebration this year is **Legends and Stories.** In addition to other elements of culture that your exhibit may showcase, please choose and share at least one legend or story from the culture of your choice. Try to choose something that speaks to you - a story that is important to the culture, or which you personally really enjoy that connects to the culture.
2. Showcase “**The Culture of...**” in a prominent place on your exhibit board.
3. Showcase the **theme in a prominent place** on your exhibit board. Please note that “**travel logs**” will be handed out to event visitors, and on these travel logs, visitors will be
encouraged to make notes on the theme of Legends and Stories from the various cultures represented at the event.

4. Please refrain from politics in your exhibit, and keep any religious aspects of your exhibit informative in nature. As a K-12 event, designed to be educational and fun in nature, we ask that you keep all language and symbols positive and child-friendly. Please refrain from profanity, and political or religious topics that could be sensitive for other district families.

5. Physical aspect of your exhibit: You will be supplied with two tables, each 3 ft. by 3 ft., at the event. Additional tables will be available upon advance request. In your application, you may request additional tables or a specific size.

6. If you need to be located near an outlet in order to plug something in (computer, CD player, etc.) please let the event coordinators know in advance. We will try to accommodate on a first-come, first-serve basis, as there may be limited outlets available.

7. As previously stated, no outside organizations or individuals may participate in your exhibit; therefore, if you want extra support, such as a henna artist or dancers to highlight your exhibit, please timely indicate that on the application.

8. Consider including in your exhibit some examples of cultural nuances to show what makes the culture unique. For example, how do people greet one another? (kisses, hugs, handshakes?) What is a typical verbal or physical greeting? What is considered proper etiquette for eating or drinking, or etiquette for hosting or visiting friends?

9. If a language other than English is spoken in the culture you are presenting, please provide information somewhere on the exhibit noting the most spoken language(s). Consider noting how to say “hello,” “friend” and/or “peace” on the exhibit board.

10. Consider providing some of the following items to make your exhibit unique: ethnic fabrics as tablecloths, traditional clothing (consider wearing this if you have it), a classic game or toy to engage young visitors, artifacts, instruments or CDs to play music.

11. If you would like to do a presentation, including dance or music, please indicate this in your application.

12. Keep in mind that a large number of visitors will be present at the event, when considering what to share. For example, if you want to provide giveaways for children, be prepared for lots of visitors.

13. Budget issues: if you would like financial assistance regarding the tri-fold boards or tablecloths, please let the coordinators know.

14. If you would like to close your exhibit before 8 pm, please indicate this on the Participation Application below.

**Timeline: Planning Ahead**

- **Monday, April 19, 2021**: Last day to turn in participation packet
- **Monday, May 17, 2021**: Last day to email photos of your completed exhibit to BHMulticulturalCelebration@gmail.com
- **Thursday, May 27, 2021**: Arrive at the BHHS Courtyard between 4:00 and 5:00 pm to set up your exhibit. Tables will be designated for your use upon your arrival. Please let us know if this time of 4 - 5 pm will not work for you; we are happy to provide support (high school student or parent volunteers) to assist you with an earlier drop-off of exhibit materials.
Participation Application for 2021 Multicultural Celebration

Participant Name: __________________________________________________________

Grade: __________________ School: ____________________________________________

Email: ___________________________ Phone # _________________________________

Parent/Guardian Name: _____________________________________________________

Email: ___________________________ Phone # _________________________________

Will you be working with any other students?   YES      NO

If yes, state name(s) and school(s) of partners here:
__________________________________________________________________________

What culture will you be presenting? __________________________________________

If you would like to participate, but are uncomfortable with a physical event because of Covid, you may create a virtual exhibit to be showcased at the event. Please indicate if you plan to participate only virtually here: __________

If you would like to participate in this event, but do not have the resources or time to create an exhibit, please contact the coordinators at BHMulticulturalCelebration@gmail.com for alternate options on how to be involved!

For example, would you like to showcase traditional or historical attire from cultures around the world? If your student would like to participate in this, please let us know!

Presentation Needs:
If any of your presentation needs change during the planning process, please email the coordinators at BHMulticulturalCelebration@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Number of Tables Needed (3 ft x 3 ft each); each exhibit volunteer will automatically receive two of these 3x3 tables, unless otherwise indicated here: __________

Do you need an Outlet? (pick one)  YES  NO

Do you need Extra Space for dance/music presentation?  YES  NO

Do you want the committee to provide you with a Tri-fold Board?  YES  NO

Do you want the committee to provide you with a tablecloth?  YES  NO
If dance, art, or music supports your exhibit, please provide contact information for any of the performers or artists. The Multicultural Celebration Committee will consider them as a main presentation at the event.

Name: ________________________________ Phone # _______________________
Estimated Cost: ________________

**Participation Agreement**

I, _______________________, a student within Bloomfield Hills School District, agree to the “Do’s” and “Don’ts” listed above and will follow the “Exhibit Tips” that have been designed to make the event inclusive and educational.

___________________________________________ __________________
Signature Date

I, _____________________, the parent/guardian of above-named Bloomfield Hills District student, _____________________, agree to support my student in presenting an exhibit following the provided guidelines. I will not be the driving force behind the exhibit, and will allow the student to engage fully in the learning experience by designing and implementing the exhibit themselves. If my student is in Kindergarten - 8th grade, I will be present at the event.

___________________________________________ __________________
Signature Date

____ I give permission for my student/family’s photos to be included in possible future publications/social media to showcase the 2021 Multicultural Celebration event, to be shared by the schools and school district.

____ Please DO NOT include my student/family’s photos in a future publications to showcase the 2021 Multicultural Celebration event.

____ I (parent) am interested in helping at the event as a volunteer. Please mark this line only if you do not need to be present at your family’s exhibit table; the event needs adult volunteers to assist with set-up, food, sign-in, parking assistance, and other volunteer opportunities.

Please submit the completed Participation Application and Participation Agreement to BHMulticulturalCelebration@gmail.com or to your individual school’s main office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your school representative, or email BHMulticulturalCelebration@gmail.com

*Thank you* for your participation!!! :-)*
Continents and Oceans of the World

- North America
- South America
- Europe
- Asia
- Africa
- India
- Australia
- Antarctica
- Arctic Ocean
- Atlantic Ocean
- Pacific Ocean