

I.H.S. CULTURAL EVENT 2009-2010

"Bringing Together Our Global Community"

Friday, May 22nd 2009, 10:40 am to 12:15 pm

IHPTSA is proud to present Issaquah High School's annual **Cultural Event** on Friday, May 22nd 2009. This year's event will be held in the day time, during 4th period & lunch from 10:40 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. We are excited to be able to bring the event this year to our full student body. Friday's event will be a culmination to the World Cultures Week celebrated all week long at Issaquah High from May 19th to the 22nd offered by the World Language Dept.

In this age of technological growth and advances the world is shrinking by the day. Today it has become imperative for us all to be well informed about other countries and cultures. Looking at it from a global level, knowledge of other countries & cultures that we share this planet with will teach us to be compassionate and responsible members of the world population. By adding to our knowledge about other countries & cultures we may be doing our small part in helping resolve global tension and spread peace. At a smaller scale but equally importantly, it will help us understand and get to know our friends & peers. We are fortunate to have many immigrant families at our school who are willing to give us a first hand and in depth knowledge of their countries of origin. Middle & high school students in WA learn about different countries, cultures and languages as part of their Social Studies and World languages curriculum. With the help of this available resource of our immigrant families we are excited to add to the knowledge of our students by offering this unique opportunity to them to share and experience various cultures of the world first hand.

Proudly sponsored by the PTSA, and presented by the students, parents and the world language dept. **World Cultures Week** celebrates the rich and diverse cultures of our community. Held from **May 18th - May 22nd**, during the lunch hours the weeklong celebration provides a rare opportunity that allows our students to learn about each other's heritage and have fun while doing it. Various cultures pertaining to each of the World Languages at I.H.S. will be highlighted throughout the week. **Friday May 22nd** will be a culmination to the World Cultures Week. Groups of students and parents are coming together to represent their cultures / countries by setting up booths filled with items/memorabilia, information, etc. Participating students will be eligible to earn extra credit from World Language Department for the work they put in. Please check with your individual teacher. All I.H.S. students will get to experience the whole culture by not only viewing the exhibits and participating in art and craft activities but also by sampling various ethnic foods. *For Friday, we are seeking families who would like to share their cultures, by representing their countries. We are also seeking parents who are available to help with the event. If you are available to help, fill out the form below and email to Asma Ahmed, Cultural Events Chairperson at asma.ahmed@comcast.net or Samia Ahmed, Issaquah High senior & Cultural Events Liaison at samia_ahmed91@hotmail.com. For questions please call 945-1199. You can also turn in form in the school office.*

-----~ (tear off here) ~-----

Parent Name: _____ Phone#: _____ Email Address _____

Student Name & Grade: _____ Phone 2: _____ Email Address 2: _____

- ☐ I/We can display pictures/items/other. Country: _____
- ☐ I/We can make/demonstrate a craft or activity. Country/Activity: _____
- ☐ I/We can prepare ethnic food for tasting/sampling. Country: _____
- ☐ I/We would like to perform at the event (or know someone who can)
- ☐ I can help provide food and/or drink for the performers.
- ☐ I/We can help organize - plan, set up/clean up, take pictures, etc. Please call me.

☐ Other _____ Please call me.