

Dear Whitehills families and community members:

We are excited about our sixth annual "Embrace the World" event at Whitehills. **We would like to invite you and your family to be a part of it!** Many families at our school come from different backgrounds, and this event celebrates our students' diverse heritages. The event will be held at our temporary 2019-20 school location of the Old Donley building on Thursday, February 20, 2020 from 6:30-8:00pm.



Each year, school families and community members host tables with information about various countries or other areas of diversity. Last year we enjoyed exhibits from about 20 countries, including Senegal, India, Uzbekistan, Ireland, Somalia, Bahrain, Spain, and Mexico, as well as representation of other diverse areas, like Black History Month. **Families set up tables with information and items from their country or area, and children go from table to table learning about different kinds of diversity and getting their "passports" stamped.** Kids enjoy touching items from various countries (such as musical instruments, toys, and art), seeing photos (especially of children!), trying on international clothing, and maybe hearing a bit of the language or music. For other themes, such as children with special needs, adoptive families, or other forms of diversity we can "embrace," we're excited to hear your ideas! There will be volunteers available to help all table hosts set up.

If you are interested in hosting a table or otherwise helping, please contact event chair Joy Campbell (son Carrick in Whitehills 2nd grade, daughter Michaela in middle school) at joymcampbell@gmail.com (note middle initial M) or 517-599-7929, or you can go to the WSA website at www.whitehillsparents.org and click on "I Want to Volunteer!" from the home page to get to the Embrace the World link if you're ready to sign up. We hope you can join us!



Example tables from past years!

These are just a few ideas of what your table could look like.

