



CELEBRATE ME!

Celebrate Me! Activity Ideas

If you would like to submit an idea, please use this submission [form](#).

- Encourage student organizations (school, community, and faith-based organizations) to sponsor an activity.
- Encourage students to develop a “Celebrate Me!” playlist! Play music from a different country or that which has specific cultural significance each day as students enter the building, during transitions, in the cafeteria, or during scheduled meetings and events, etc. Here are some other great elementary music resources:
 - We Don’t Talk about Bruno in 21 different languages : <https://youtu.be/3VqbiF3EBvA>
 - Surface Pressure in 27 different languages: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ipbr5Xvdn5A>
 - Dare You to Love by Kelly Clarkson (Multilanguage mix) : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5yu_XyfbIM
 - Hakuna Matata (In 28 Languages): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W2a_8FfW3WA
 - Be Prepared (Full-Sequence Multilanguage: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cE0vrVHJ0SI>

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- Here's a full [playlist](#) of multicultural songs, that features one song from each country in the world!
- Check out the 2021-22, [Celebrate Me! Plan](#) created by students at Menchville High School.
- Have a heritage themed week (ex. Island Day - celebrate various island cultures) raising awareness of cultures in different countries.
- Conduct trivia contests with questions on cultural facts - science, music, art, history - during morning show or other daily announcements. Award daily winners with a prize. Enter all participants in a drawing for a prize at the end of the week.
- Conduct a door decorating contest! Allow each homeroom class to choose a country and to decorate their door with information about the country's culture.
- Hang a large map and allow students to use push pins to identify where they/their families are from. For students who don't have this information, encourage them to focus on American culture, states, or cities in which they have lived or any culture that interests them. Don't forget, the US has a culture too!
- Showcase different cultures (music, art, dance) during lunch time in the cafeteria.
- Query students about their family's country or state of origin. Hang flags for every country or state represented. Create a wall with all of the flags.
- Host an international snack time in class. (All snacks should be individually wrapped, not prepared from home).
- Conduct morning show read-alouds about different countries highlighting language.
- Host a multicultural fashion show! Encourage students to dress in traditional attire that reflects their cultural heritage. (Make sure to discourage cultural appropriation. - Ex. A student of Italian heritage wearing a Native

American headdress).

- Have a family cooking festival! Have students record them creating a traditional family dish or meal with their families and share the video and recipe with the class. Use the recipes to make a class or school [cookbook](#).
- Conduct a film festival with movies or family movie night that showcases different cultures. Build in ways for students to learn about language, traditions, etc. Resource - [Swank Motion Pictures](#).
- High school student groups can connect with middle or elementary school students to engage in an activity that promotes cultural awareness.
- Sponsor a Celebrate Me! Essay Contest, encouraging students to tell their cultural stories (written or video) or a [mini-heritage documentary](#), highlighting their cultural heritage.
- Create a [Classbook](#) with students that tells their cultural stories.
- Have a World Dance Party with music from various countries and cultures.
- Connect virtually with students in a school in another country. A safe site to use is [epals](#). Start a [Pen Pals](#) project.
- Have a classroom cultural show and tell. Students can share pictures and artifacts from their own or lived experience.
- Create an "[I AM](#)" wall or change the words to "Celebrate Me!". Have students create a reflection of their culture on pre-cut strips of paper and use those strips to create a wall in the school.
- Showcase multicultural books in the school library and during class reading times.
- Invite a story teller! If students have family members in other countries, have them connect with your class via Zoom to share information about the culture in that country. (Of course, review what will be presented BEFORE the presentation).
- Invite ELL and multilingual students to lead the morning show broadcasts. Encourage them to share how to say hello or other common sayings in their native languages and/or to describe what school is like in their country of

origin.

- In all content areas, highlight cultural differences and/or share artifacts that increase understanding of different cultures.
- Teach students how to say “Hello” in multiple languages and practice saying hello in a different language each day.
- Classroom Projects (Educators, we welcome your ideas! Submit activities [here](#) and we will add them to the list!)
 - [My Place In The World](#) Geography Project
 - Research holidays around the world
 - Heritage Interviews: Interview adults who are willing to share stories about their unique heritage.
 - [Coalescing Across the Globe](#) (Pen Pal)
 - Travel Report: Encourage students to take a virtual tour of a country in which an ancestor is from. For students who lack that information, allow them to use a place (city or country) in which they have lived. Have them capture information about the culture, famous people from that place, food, etc. Invite students to share with the class and say what they would like to do, see, eat, or who they might like to meet on a visit to that place.