

# Newtown Elementary Heritage Festival

## Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in showcasing cultures and diversity at NES Heritage Festival! We are inviting NES students, families, teachers, and staff to join us in highlighting and celebrating the cultures and traditions that are central to their heritage or that are of special interest to the community. We also wish to highlight diversity in abilities, religion, language, and ethnicities present in our school community.

This exciting event will take place on **Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00am – 2:00pm** at the NES Cafe. You will become *Cultural Ambassadors* by hosting a table and/or performance. Cultural Ambassadors can set up a table, give a performance or bring performers representing a country, culture, or tradition or other aspects of our community's diversity.

For table exhibits, trifold display boards will be provided if needed. We strongly recommend 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to use the trifolds they created for Culture Day. Some ideas of aspects of the country or culture to include are: Map of country, flag, currency, demographics, history, photos of landmarks, words from the language, traditional clothing, arts and crafts, games, fun facts, food samples (with list of ingredients due to food allergies). This is a family event so please make your table interactive and engaging for family members of all ages to enjoy!

Table setup begins at 10:00am, and the event starts at 11:00am. A 6 ft table (72" x 30") will be provided for each exhibit. Please bring your own tablecloth. There will be limited availability of power strips. We recommend bringing battery-powered devices.

Participants are also encouraged to showcase their country, culture and traditions by giving a performance or bringing performers. Performances can be in the form of a song, playing a musical instrument, dance or poetry. A sound system to play music recordings and a microphone will be available. Music recordings must be submitted as MP3 files.

The event concludes at 2:00pm. Families are responsible for removing all materials promptly.

Please register for this event no later than **Monday, November 11th, 2019**. Registration forms can be completed online and found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VBHYW5Y>

We will create a distribution list to keep families informed of event details and for families to connect with one another in case they are representing the same country/culture and wish to work together.

Thank you in advance for your participation! We look forward to an exciting day of cultural discovery and exchange!

***The event is organized by the NES PTO Equity and Inclusion Committee.***