

September 24, 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians;

We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting a multicultural luncheon for all the students at CRE on **Thursday, October 4**. Our intention is to promote a greater awareness and appreciation among our students for the different cultures represented in our community. In turn it is hoped that this will promote a greater respect for cultural differences.

An event like this will engage students in discussions within their own families about their cultural and ethnic background. Students will be encouraged to engage in the food preparation with their families (siblings, parents, grandparents, etc.) thus spending positive time doing a family activity.

If you would like to prepare a hot or cold dish representing your family's heritage and/or if you would like to volunteer during the luncheon, please complete and return the attached form. We hope that each class will be able to provide 5 dishes that will each serve 6 students. **If you are able to contribute a dish, please label the dish so that it can be returned to you. Please also include appropriate labelled serving utensils. Please also include a small sign identifying the dish and the country of origin (e.g. tomato salad, Italy) that can placed on the serving table with your dish.** Lunch will be provided for all students even if they do not contribute.

Please note that as there are several students with severe allergies to peanuts, tree nuts, seafood and kiwi, we ask that you do not send dishes containing those ingredients. If your child has severe food allergies, you may want to consider providing your child with a lunch from home.

Students will be encouraged to wear traditional costumes.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

V. von Unruh

Please complete and return the form below no later than **Friday, September 28th**.

1. Yes, I would like to contribute a hot/cold dish. Please specify the dish and country of origin, e.g. tomato salad from Italy _____.
2. Yes, I would like to volunteer during the luncheon. Please indicate which time slot(s) you prefer.
 Before: 8:30 – 11:00 am
 During: 11:00 – 12:00 pm
 After: 12:00- 1:00 pm
3. Yes, I am able to bring my dish at 8:50 am.
4. Yes, I am able to bring my dish at 10:45 am. (Please consider this option because we have extremely limited resources in terms of storing and heating food!)

My name is _____.

My child's name is _____ . My child is in Division _____.

My phone number is _____.