

# Heritage Festival

AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY



Henry Martin, Emery Anderson, and Eloise Stansell, '28, learn about China during Heritage Festival; Brian Salmon, Yussef Ali, and Sawan Parikh, '19, taste test their food focus for Heritage Festival; Charlie Fuselier, '26, holds a Guatemalan Worry Doll



One of the highlights of our diverse community is our annual Heritage Festival, held in the early spring. This incredible week-long celebration has evolved from the initial project of dedicated parent volunteers and supportive faculty who formed a multi-cultural committee. The committee's work aimed at nurturing attitudes toward others that recognize the differences and celebrate the similarities of all people. It is our hope that by learning about each other we can create a positive environment of understanding and mutual respect in which our children grow and learn to be good citizens of the world. The current celebration, now led

by a committee of faculty, has preserved this initial intent, and created a public forum for acknowledging and celebrating our diversity on a yearly basis. Parents are invited to work with classroom teachers and present individual heritages, traditions, or customs.

Last year, the Heritage Festival committee developed a plan to for each grade level. This map allows students to enjoy different activities from year to year, instead of repeating projects, like researching their family tree. Ultimately, our goal is to provide an age and developmentally-appropriate celebration of the diversity of our school community.

## Heritage Festival Annual Grade Level Programming

**Preschool 2s**  
Who I Am:  
Paper Doll Project

**Preschool 3s**  
Find the Beat:  
Songs and Dance

**Pre-K**  
Tour of Fun:  
Toys and Games

**Kindergarten**  
Sharing Our Stories:  
Folktales and Languages

**1st Grade**  
Exploring Our Roots:  
My Family Tree

**2nd Grade**  
Discovering Dress:  
Traditional Attire

**3rd Grade**  
How We Got Here:  
Immigration and  
Family Movement

**4th Grade**  
Traversing Verse:  
Biographical Poetry

**5th Grade**  
My Family's History:  
A Comprehensive  
Research Project

**6th Grade**  
Digging In:  
Exploring the Wide  
World of Food

**7th and 8th Grades**  
Speaker Series:  
Diversity / Tolerance  
Racism / Conflict Resolution