

PTA PRESENTS

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL FESTIVAL



Sign up and represent your culture!

Growing diversity in classrooms these days makes sharing our and understanding others culture **VITAL**. We need to teach our kids that different countries although inherently **UNIQUE** in their histories & cultures are yet **SIMILAR** in many ways.

Please join us in celebrating our diversity and uniqueness by volunteering as a country coordinator. The parent volunteers simply need to-

- let the creative juices flow ;)
- help with Country information in a provided fact sheet (*see example on page 2*)
- Help us spread word to the community

The tentative Plan

- is to balance between a virtual and limited physical celebration while keeping the ICF spirit alive in a different way.
- Activities such as a Kahoot for MS/HS, Participative activity for smaller kids (we shall share details soon), Dress up on the day and so on.

Counting on your support to make ICF a success.

To volunteer, [click here](#). In case you face issues with the Google form, please email -ptamrep@abaoman.org with - your name, contact details and the country you plan to represent.

Highlights

Community Meeting # 6

Monday, Mar. 15th 2021, 3 - 4pm
<https://meet.google.com/cex-ppkz-uky>

includes an address by the Board

International Cultural Festival

Thursday, Mar 25th 2021, Whole day

Wednesday Walks

Please contact Lama at 9225 9000 for updates

UPDATES



Will be back after the Springbreak!

THANK YOU Ann Carshult!

for initiating and facilitating an effective discussion on the subject of Parents as Partners.

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Early birds

Denmark, Egypt, Greece, India, Netherlands, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Peru, Sweden!

Volunteer now!

Your participation is crucial to ensure that all ABA students enjoy all the cultures united in our school!

[Click here](#) to see countries missing a volunteer.



Fact Sheet

Capital City: Stockholm
Population: 1,000,000+ 22 people per km²
Size: 463,800 km²
Language: Swedish
Climate: temperate climate 4 seasons
Natural Resources: copper, gold, hydro power, iron, zinc, lead, timber, uranium and oil
Currency: SEK - Swedish Krona
Bordering Countries: Finland, Norway, the Baltic Sea

FLAG

The blue represents water, forests, and the sky, and the gold represents the sun. The yellow or gold color used on the flag is a representation of generosity.

ANIMALS

- Moose
- Deer
- Lynx
- Fox

FOOD

- Crayfish
- Swedish meatballs (Köttbullar)
- Meatballs
- Marinated salmon with dill potatoes
- Pickled herring
- Meatless Christmas

FAMOUS FOR

- IKEA
- Volvo Cars
- Marmosch
- H&M
- Ice Hotel
- Nobel Prize
- Nordström Fashion

FUN FACTS

IEKA is an acronym for the founder's initials (Ingvar Kamprad), the farm on which he grew up (Elmvarv), and the town's name (Ängnär) - was founded in 1943.

Why are moose known red?
 The red color, known as Fälsk röd, allows the moose to breathe and to release moisture quickly. The presence of this natural color prevents the moose and it helps to help keep it safe back to winter in the city. Fälsk red color was a by-product of the moose and a cheap way to gain money.

CELEBRITIES

- ABBA 1, 2, 3
- Björk
- Wang Leehom
- Zlatan Ibrahimović
- Jonas Bonér
- Anders Ljung
- Ingemar Bergman
- André Lindgren

HOLIDAYS / TRADITIONS

Midsummer - takes place in June and is a celebration of the summer solstice, the longest day of the year. It is one of the most celebrated holidays in Sweden. A maypole is created and raised during the day, which people gather around to dance and sing.

Lutefisken - one of the biggest celebrations on December 13th, which was the thirteenth day of the year (Lutefisken tradition). Celebrated by a gift drawing in which three fish (a red salmon, a white fish and a brown fish) are drawn on the fish.

Ölskåven - The most celebrated with a new traditional Christmas food is called Ölskåven and the exchange of gifts takes place on Christmas Eve, 24th Dec.

GERMANY

Capital City of Germany is Berlin
Population: 83 Million

Language: German
 Currency: Euro
 Germany borders the Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg to the southwest & borders France, Germany shares its entire southern boundary with Switzerland and Austria. Germany is a member of the European Union.

65% of the highways in Germany (Autobahn) have no speed limit. University is free for everyone (even non-Germans). There are over 2100 castles in Germany. There are over 1,500 different beers in Germany. Germany is the seventh-largest country in Europe.

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 Germany is still covered in forests and woodlands.

Berlin has the largest train station in Europe.

Toilet paper in Germany has the softest and consistency of paper towels.

Germany was the first country in the world to adopt Daylight saving time - DST, also known as summer time. The biggest Beer Festival in the world is of course the Oktoberfest in Munich, Bavaria.

There are more football fan clubs in Germany than anywhere else in the world.

The Christmas tree tradition came from Germany.

Germany has over 400 lakes, the most in the world.

Germany is the most widely taught second language across the world. There are over 200 different kinds of forests over 1,000 kinds of villages in Germany.

Country Fact Sheet

Capital City: _____

Population: _____

Territory: _____

Climate: _____

Natural Resources: _____

Type of Government: _____

Bordering Countries: _____

Holidays and traditions: _____

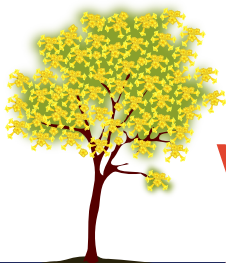
Famous people: _____

Famous landmarks: _____

Foods: _____

Fun and unique Facts about your Country: _____

- Algeria
- America
- Australia
- Austria
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Belgium
- Bolivia
- Botswana
- Britain
- Brunei
- Bulgaria
- Canada
- China
- Colombia
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- France
- Germany
- Hungary
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Iraq
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- Jordan
- Kazakhstan
- Kuwait
- Lebanon
- Malaysia
- Mexico
- Morocco
- New Zealand
- Nigeria
- Norway
- Philippines
- Poland
- Qatar
- Romania
- Russia
- Saudi Arabia
- Serbia
- Singapore
- South Africa
- South Korea
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Syria
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
- USA
- UK
- Uruguay
- Venezuela
- Vietnam



Wish you a relaxing Spring break!!





Booster Club News



It has been a long process and it was uncertain until the very last minute if it would happen but, yes, we can now give a big shout out and congratulations to the **ABA MESAC CROSS COUNTRY** participants who have ran very early on March 1st (6:45 - 7:15am!) at the Sultan Qaboos Stadium in Boucher. Despite Covid and the many restrictions, as well as the stop start nature of their training schedule, the students have been determined and dedicated to get back on the cross country 'track'. A big Thank You to all the coaches, as well as the Athletics Director who have all worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this possible during these crazy times!

We might not have been able to be there in person this year, but the VIPERS spirit still goes on:

V-I V-I-P V-I-P E-R-S LETS GO VIPERS

Everywhere we go (everywhere we go) People wanna know (people wanna know) Who we are (who we are) and where we come from (and where we come from) so we tell them (so we tell them) we are the Vipers (we are the Vipers) the mighty mighty Vipers (the mighty mighty Vipers) lets go Vipers



And just heads up - the MESAC Track and Field is scheduled for March 14th - 17th!



Thank you all parents who came to pick up their pre ordered hoodies . This only works with your participation and it is great to see how we all adjusted to the new collection process!

The Booster Club is planning one more hoodie order and pop up shop before the end of the school year. Dates and times will be distributed once confirmed! So, stay tuned!

Don't forget to send in those tasty snack recipes of yours! Let's bring back some excitement and creativity when it comes to snacking on campus, respectively preparing the snacks!

