



CLYDE HILL ELEMENTARY 2025 PTA HERITAGE FESTIVAL TABLE HOSTING GUIDE

Thank you for your interest in hosting a table for our Heritage Festival. The Heritage Festival is an annual PTA event that celebrates the rich diversity of our community. This guide will introduce ideas for how to host a table to celebrate your culture. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Heritage Festival Chair at heritage@clydehillpta.org.

WHAT SHOULD A TABLE HAVE?

Your table is your blank canvas - use it to showcase your culture and heritage in any number of ways. Here are some suggestions:

1. Traditional Food and Snacks

Food is one of the most popular ways to introduce people to your culture. You can offer small bites or snacks, prepackaged treats, drinks, etc., that are easy for adults and children to sample. Homemade and store-bought foods are welcome.

Tip 1: As the event takes place during dinner hours, there will be lots of hungry visitors, so please ensure you bring plenty!

Tip 2: Label your food items clearly and list potential allergens to ensure everyone's safety and comfort.

2. Cultural Display

Tables and free-standing art boards will be provided to help you show what makes your culture unique. Use poster boards or something similar to show what makes your culture unique - this could include:

- a. art, traditional crafts, artifacts, or trinkets
- b. fun facts and history
- c. flags, landmarks, maps and photos

3. Hands-on Activity or Craft

Make your table interactive! Kids especially love hands-on activities that they can participate in. You could teach a traditional craft, share a fun game, or create a simple art activity like coloring a flag, making a paper craft, or assembling a small souvenir.

Tip: Think of a craft that kids can easily complete in 10-15 minutes.

4. **Wear Traditional Clothing**

We invite everyone to wear clothing that represents their heritage! If you feel comfortable, wear traditional or cultural attire to enhance your presentation. Whether you're hosting a table or just attending, your outfit can add a special touch to the event.

5. **Engage and Educate**

Remember that one of the main goals of the Heritage Festival is to create a fun and engaging learning experience for students and families. Be prepared to answer questions and share stories about your culture. Consider practicing a short introduction about the traditions, history, or customs from your culture that you think will resonate with the children and families.

ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR HOSTING YOUR TABLE

- **Meet New Friends:** Many families choose to host tables on their own but you may find it fun to host your table in a group. Please contact event organizers who can help connect you with others in our community who represent the same culture.
- **Plan Ahead:** Organize your table layout before the event to make sure everything fits. Place your interactive activities at the front so they can be easily accessed. Set up displays towards the back. There will be an opportunity to let the organizers know how many tables and art boards you will need ahead of the event.
- **Engage Kids:** Ask questions and interact with the children visiting your table. The more they feel involved, the more they'll learn and enjoy the experience.
- **Have Fun:** The Heritage Festival is all about celebrating diversity, so embrace the opportunity to share your culture with others!

QUESTIONS

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