

INTERNATIONAL DAY

FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2026



International Day 2026

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What is International Day?



- A celebration of our diverse school community.
- Cultural tables, lively performances, food, and a olympic style flag parade.
- A fun, educational experience for all students and parents as they travel around the world.



Location



- This year the event will be held in both Silver and Gold Gyms.
- All the performances to be held in Gold Gym at lunch time (12-2:00 pm).
- Countries to be grouped geographically.



Key Dates & Times

- Set-Up Day:
 - Thursday 5th February (2:00pm–5pm) (depending on the gym)
 - Friday 6th February from 7:00am
- Event Day: Friday 6th February – 8:30am–3:30pm
- Deadlines:
 - Performance Sign up: Monday 26th January
 - Country Table Sign up: Monday 26th January
 - Flag Sign up: Monday 26th January



Connect!



- Have you connected with families from your home country?
- If you haven't there is a form on the International Day Webpage to help!



Country Leads



- Each country that would like a table on International Day **must pick one person to be “Country Lead”**.
- This person will be the main contact person for the PTO.
- And will fill out the **“Country table requirements” form**
- Please fill in the **“Country Lead” form**



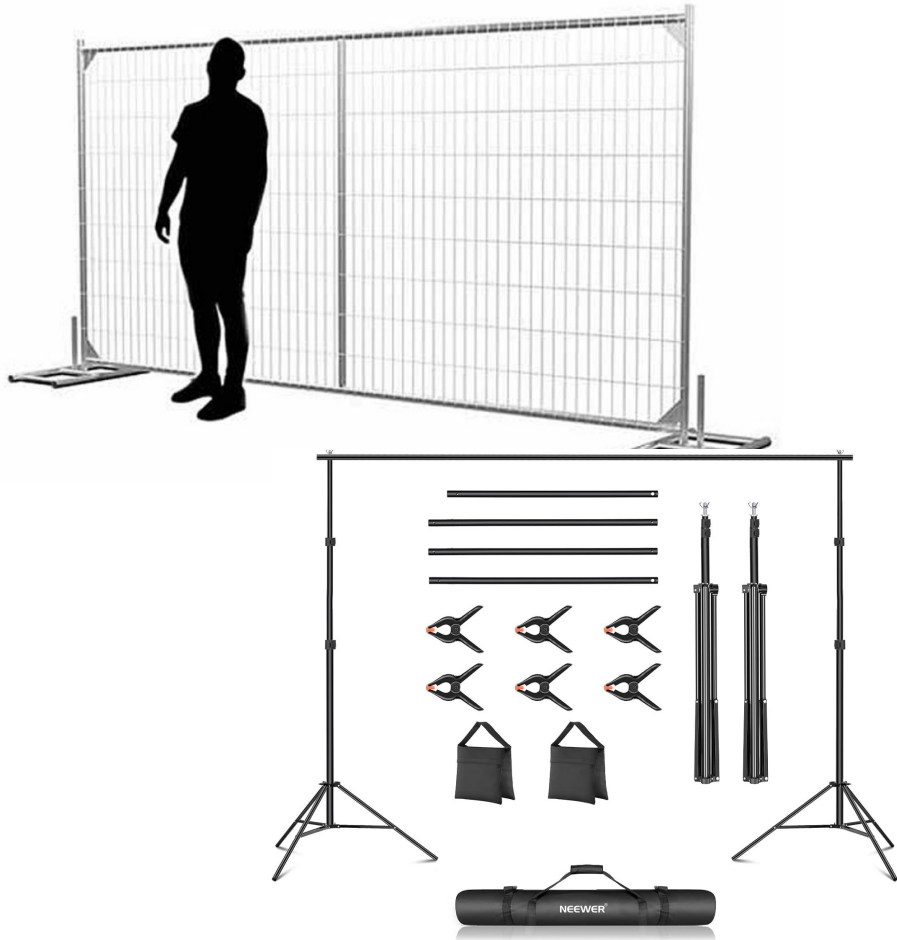
Country Tables

- Showcase: Culture, Food, Decor
- Up to 3 tables are for larger communities only.
- Number of tables are not guaranteed
- Tables grouped geographically
- Split between the Silver & Gold gyms





Supplies



- Tables are 6ft
- Please provide ALL decor, including tablecloths
- Some tables will have a wall location.
- Some tables will be central and have a backdrop location. We will provide as many backdrop stands as we can *but if you have one please bring it!*



Supplies



- Students will get a divided plate on entrance to the gyms.
- We will also have 100% compostable, environmentally friendly plates, bowls, spoons, forks, dessert plates, cups and napkins available for each table as requested (on form).
- PTO equipment - very limited
- Microwaves available for warming



Strict Nut-Free School Policy



- This is a strictly NUT-FREE school
- NO nuts are allowed on campus – *including for adults.*
- This includes peanuts, tree nuts, and any products containing nuts.
- If a product containing nuts is found, it will be asked to be removed from the premises immediately.
- This policy is for the safety of all students and must be followed at all times



Food Labeling

- **ALL** the ingredients for food **MUST** be listed and displayed



Zhent (Sweet)

- ♦ Millet
- ♦ Sugar
- ♦ Raisins
- ♦ Butter
- ♦ Cottage cheese

Try it if you are adventures)))



Rock Cakes

Wheat Flour, baking Powder, **butter**, sugar, cherries, currants, **egg**, **milk**



Equipment



- We have limited power in the gym.
- High amp equipment will blow the circuit breaker...
- Please list all electrical equipment & details that you will be bringing into school on the table requirements form.



Items NOT ALLOWED



- These items are **NOT** allowed:
 - Helium Balloons
 - Step up transformers
 - Open Flames
 - Candles
 - Incense
 - Loud Music



Friday Set Up Parking



- You can park in the Track car park until 7.45am to drop off items. Must be out before buses arrive!
- Then please move SUVs/ Trucks to grassy area & cars to parent parking.



Students



- Each year group will have a designated half hour slot throughout the day to visit the food tables.
- Timings in school newsletter the week before event.
- Students may wear their traditional country dress/ costume, country colors etc.



Passports



- Students will receive a passport that each country can stamp.
- **DO NOT SEND IN REAL PASSPORTS!!!**
- PTO will provide a generic stamp, countries can bring in a country specific stamp/ sticker if they would like to (child friendly!)



Sponsorship Opportunities

- You may have companies/ restaurants sponsor a table/ food.
- Outside Vendors will only be allowed to deliver food at entrance, they cannot be on campus.
- Depending on donation level they will have their logo on the website for 1 year, and they can get a tax receipt.
- **Sponsors must complete the in-kind donation form.**
- There is a sponsorship flyer on the International Day Webpage.



Cultural Performances



- Lively, school appropriate, cultural performances from around the world
- Dancing, Singing, Instruments
- Performances run from 12:00pm–2:00pm (student lunch breaks)
- Location: Gold Gym



Cultural Performances



- External performers will need to send a picture of their ID **before** Wednesday 28th January to Demi @ Security demesa.baily@houston.nae.school
- Limited performance spots available.
- Performance Sign-up deadline: Monday 26th January.



Flag Parade



- Outdoor parade on AstroTurf / track.
- Parents will watch from the bleachers.
- All students participate with their country.



Flag Parade

- School will provide ONE flag for each country.
- To carry school flag please fill in the flag form. If more than one student selects the same flag the student will be randomly selected. **Deadline: Monday 26th January.**
- Please only fill in the form once!
- Parents are welcome to bring flags for the country they represent for their students to hold during the flag parade.
- *Please note: we will not allow any political flags, thank you.*





Photos & Media



- Photos will will be taken by school throughout the day.
- If you do NOT want your child photographed, please do NOT sign them up for performances.
- Please only share photos via official school Facebook & Instagram.



Reminders

- International Day is a fun, cultural celebration.
- Please keep displays non-political, non-religious and respectful.
- Focus on food, clothing, traditions, music, and fun facts.
- Simple, positive representations of your country are encouraged.



Deadlines

- Country Leads: Friday 23rd January
- Country Table Requirements: Monday 26th January
- Country Performance Sign-up: Monday 26th January
- School Flag Sign-up: Monday 26th January
- External Performers ID submission: Wednesday 28th January



Current Countries

Current Leads Signed up!

Angola	Kazakhstan
Argentina	Mexico
Australia	Netherlands
Belgium	Nigeria
Brazil	Norway
Chile	Pakistan
Colombia	Serbia
France	South Africa
Germany	Syrian Arab Republic
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Trinidad and Tobago
Ireland (Republic of)	UK
Italy	United States of America
Jamaica	Vietnam
Japan	

Parents looking to connect still!

Azerbaijan
Palestine (State of)
Thailand
Armenia
Peru
Ireland

Countries may join together!
Current collaborations...

- Germany & Austria
- Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Iceland



THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!

International Day Webpage

- Country Connect
- Country Lead
- Country Table Requirements
- Performance Sign-Up
- School Flag Sign-Up
- Sponsorship Information



Questions? Email info@bishoustonpto.com or international_day@bishoustonpto.com