

SPIRIT WEEK

WEEK



Tuesday, February 20
Color Day

- Overview:** Each class will wear as much of their class color as they can. This does not just include shirts, pants, skirts, jackets, shoes, but also think about socks, belts, hats, glasses, etc.

High School	Junior High	Elementary
9 th : Grey 10 th : Red 11 th : Blue 12 th : Black	6 th : Purple 7 th : White 8 th : Brown	1 st : Yellow 2 nd : Green 3 rd : Orange 4 th : Tan 5 th : Light Blue



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Wednesday, February 21
Letter Day

- Overview:** Every class chooses a letter from the alphabet and dresses up as something or someone that begins with that letter. Students should try to pick different things / people to dress up as, however if options for class letters are limited, multiple students may dress up as the same thing. Variety is encouraged to make letter day more interesting!
- Details:** Costumes should be representative of the object / person as closely as possible and should not simply be a plain shirt with a picture of the object printed on it. Props are allowed, however, no weapons including fake ones will be allowed.
- Examples:** Letter F – Fish, Fire, Flamingo, Football player, Frying pan, Fried egg, French fries, Fir tree, Flower, Figs, Fortune cookies, French toast, Fruit salad, Firefly, Fox, Frog, Fur, Fan, Flag, Fire extinguisher, Flashlight, Fly swatter, Fork, Frame, Fridge, Farm, Fishing pole, Fossil, Fire engine, French horn, Fairy, Frida Kahlo, Frank Sinatra, Franklin D Roosevelt, Florence Nightingale, French man, etc

High School	Junior High	Elementary
9th: K 10th: R 11th: H 12th: T	6th: C 7th: L 8th: D	1st: F 2nd: P 3rd: S 4th: B 5th: A



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Thursday, February 22
Sports Rivalry Day

- Overview:** Classes will choose two sports teams that are known for their rivalry. Classes are paired against each other like a real rivalry. Dress up as an athlete from your chosen sports team.

Grades	Team		Grade	Team
1 st	Jaguars (football)	VS	2 nd	Bengals (football)
3 rd	49ers (football)		4 th	Eagles (football)
5 th	Dodgers (baseball)		6 th	Angles (baseball)
7 th	Turkey (volleyball)		8 th	USA (volleyball)
9 th	UCLA (basketball)		10 th	USC (basketball)
11 th	Lakers (basketball)		12 th	Celtics (basketball)

- Costume Suggestions:** Use your imagination! Think outside of the box when making your costume. There are good ideas online for how to make jerseys, team icons, mascots, team flags, etc.



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Friday, February 23
Cultural Day - Olympics History

- Overview:** Working in pairs, classes will dress up in clothing representative of countries from around the world. All countries represented by classes will be countries that have hosted the Olympics throughout history. Classes will prepare delicious food and decorate a station related to their country.

Classes	Countries	Classes	Countries
Kindergarten		7 th & 8 th	Japan
1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	France	9 th & 10 th	Britain
4 th , 5 th , 6 th	Mexico	11 th & 12 th	Italy

- Costumes:** Students may dress up in the following things from each country: traditional attire, symbols / icons / things representative, famous people, flag, etc. As long as it's identifiable that the class is representing that country, it should be good. Some examples are listed below.



Japanese Kimono & Chinese Hanfu (traditional clothing)
Sushi & soy sauce (icon/things)



Mexican Huipil (traditional clothing)
Frida Kahlo (famous person)



(Netherlands, Rome (traditional clothing)
French baker with baguette (icon/things)
British soldier & Roman gladiator (people)



Australian flag
Koala (icon/things)

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AcaciaWood Prep's SPIRIT WEEK DRESS GUIDELINES

Hello AcaciaWood Family! We just wanted to give you all a heads up that February 20 - 23, 2024 will be our annual Spirit Week! This year, our days will be Color Day, Letter Day, Sports Rivalry Day, and Cultural Day - Olympics Edition.

We hope all students will participate and cooperate to make Spirit Week a fun-filled event for all. This week is meant to be fun and students are encouraged to be as creative as possible when planning costumes, but please refer to the guidelines below to make sure all costumes adhere to proper dress codes.

- No shorts, leggings, sweats, pajamas, or sleeveless shirts
 - However students CAN wear leggings underneath dresses, skirts, or shorts
- No tight, short, or revealing clothing
- No clothing with inappropriate designs or words
- No weapons are allowed - real or toy replicas
- Hats are allowed only if they relate to the theme but are not to be worn in the classroom - only during passing period or during designated Spirit Week activities.
- Jewelry, makeup, hats, masks, and open-toed shoes are allowed only if they clearly relate to the Spirit Week day.
- The aforementioned dress code is not comprehensive. Anything else deemed inappropriate by the school staff will not be allowed.
- The privilege to participate in Spirit Week will be revoked at any time a teacher deems that it becomes a distraction to student learning.
- Other school policies in the Parent-Student Handbook will remain in effect.

Students must bring their uniform to school on Tuesday and keep it in their locker to change into in case of any Spirit Week costume violations.

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Details & Reminders SCHEDULE

- Tuesday will be a normal schedule. HR time will be used for classes to prepare for Cultural Day festivities.
- Wednesday we will use USA time for activities. The entire school + all homeroom teachers will meet for some activities. Non-homeroom teachers are highly encouraged to participate.
- Thursday will be a normal schedule. HR time will be used for classes to prepare for Cultural Day festivities.
- Friday we will run a modified schedule to finish classes earlier to allow for classes to set up their Cultural Day tables. Everyone will be able to go around and try snacks and see everyone's costumes. An activity will be held for the entire school before eating begins.
- **Food:**
 - Classes will prepare a variety of food items that come from their country.
 - Food items can be savory and/or sweet and should be one of the following: (1) snack (2) appetizer (3) main dish or (4) dessert
 - Each group should prepare at least **TWO** food items to share. More may be added too!
 - Traditional beverages can be added in addition to the food items listed above if desired.
 - Groups should bring enough of each food item to feed 200 people. Please remember these are **SMALL** sample sized portions. Think tiny Costco samples.
- **Tables:**
 - All food items should have a label to indicate what it is. Please print or handwrite neatly on labels or cards. These will be placed in front of each food item. Feel free to be creative with food names but please make sure to include **INGREDIENTS** in smaller text below the food name just in case there are people with allergies. Example photos are included in the following page.
 - Each group should also decorate their tables according to their country. Backdrops are allowed as long as they don't interfere in other tables' spaces.

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Details & Reminders MODIFIED SCHEDULE

- Wednesday (February 21) we will use USA time for activities. The entire school + all homeroom teachers will meet for some activities. Non-homeroom teachers are highly encouraged to participate.
 - Normal class schedule
 - Lunch
 - 1:05 - 2:05 PM - Whole school activity on the blacktop
 - 2:05 - 2:45 PM - Shortened 6th period (upper school)
- Friday (February 23) we will run a modified schedule to finish classes earlier to allow for classes to set up their Cultural Day themed tables.
 - 7:50 - 8:40 AM - 1st Period
 - 8:45 - 9:20 AM - 2nd Period
 - 9:20 - 9:30 AM - Snack Time
 - 9:30 - 10:05 AM - 3rd Period
 - 10:10 - 10:45 AM - 4th Period
 - 10:50 - 11:25 AM - 5th Period
 - 11:30 - 12:00 PM - Lunch (elementary outside, upper school in homeroom classes)
 - 12:00 - 12:30 PM - Setup tables
 - 12:30 - 1:15 PM - Corporate activities on blacktop
 - 1:15 - 1:45 PM - Walkthrough Cultural Day tables and grab snacks
 - 1:45 - 2:15 PM - Cleanup; dismissal by homeroom once cleaning is complete

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Details & Reminders CULTURAL DAY DETAILS

- As a group, brainstorm and prepare a variety of food items that represent and are traditional to your country.
- A minimum of 2 different types of food items should be prepared. More is always welcome but not necessary. Drinks may also be prepared in addition to the food items.
- Every food item should have a label with the following information:
 - Name of the food item (can be creative, or just traditional name)
 - Ingredients / components of each food item (just in case of allergies to nuts, etc)
- Quantity - Prepare for 200 people per food item - SAMPLE SIZES (small!!!!)
- Food items can be individually wrapped or served upon arrival - either works.
- Every group needs to supply their own sample cups / containers to be used at their respective tables. Eating plates, forks, spoons, and napkins will be provided by the school.
- Every group will be provided with two tables to use.
- Tables should be decorated as creatively as possible according to countries. Examples of decorations (not limited to): balloons, table cloths, signs, streamers, banners, backdrops, lights, etc.
- Each group must have a sign of some sort at their tables to indicate what country they are. Banners or signs can be in front of the table, behind, on the side, but must be clearly visible. Feel free to include images of the country flag as well! Be creative!
- **Every group needs to have parent volunteers to help man the tables.** Two adults required per group. Teachers, please ask for parent volunteers to help serve food / monitor and make sure students go through the tables properly.
- **This year, we are curating Culture Day around Olympic history. Every country represented has hosted the Olympic games at some point. Food items can be decorated, prepared, or be related to the Olympics. Specifics of food or table decorations can be related to the city in which the Games were hosted. Any incorporation of the Olympic Games into your table / food is welcome, but not necessary!! Consider even the specific decorations, mascots, theme, etc of the Olympic Games when it was hosted in your country if you'd like.**

Homeroom teachers - please coordinate among each other (email, text, in-person) who is going to take care of what aspect of Friday. Maybe every class can be responsible for one food item. Or maybe one bigger class is responsible for food and another is responsible for all decorations. Divide the work among each class - however is the most convenient. Work must be distributed evenly, and everyone should help set up and prepare the tables day before / day of.

Sample photos are provided on the next page.

CULTURAL DAY - OLYMPICS

EXAMPLE PICTURES



Italian meatballs



Korean rice cakes



Chinese crispy egg rolls



French baguette



Spanish croquette



Japanese pocky sticks



Food labels

