

**PRIMARY SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL DAY**  
**A Family and Community Event**  
**Saturday March 20, 2010**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The 15th annual International Day celebration will be held on Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010. This is an event involving all the parents, students and staff from Nursery to Grade 5.

This special event is a time for us all to come together to share a little of our own cultural backgrounds with other members of the community, as well as a chance for us all to learn lots of exciting and interesting things about the world. It is a whole family community event and a favourite amongst the students. We anticipate full participation on the part of the students, even if their families are not directly involved with setting up a display for a country.

The event takes place on a Saturday so that parents, teachers and students can all participate. On this day we convert the two Ranelagh buildings into a 'mini-world'. We feel that it is important for each child to have her or his country represented so we would like to strongly encourage each of you to participate.

Each country will be asked to set up a table, display or area in which to represent their country. With our two Ranelagh buildings we hope to have enough space for each country to spread out as much as they like.

In the past years we have had a diversity of displays and activities such as cheese tasting, cooking, watching videos, listening to music, playing traditional games, reading stories, hockey games, barbeques, arts and crafts, sports activities and many more. Some tables have also had many beautiful objects and posters for the students to enjoy looking at and from which to learn. We have never been disappointed. The children love visiting all the tables. Some of the most popular ones have been when the children themselves have been able to participate in an activity. If you plan to serve food please write down and display the ingredients, as some people have allergies and/or religious restrictions.

At the beginning of their journey children will be issued with a 'passport'. As the students travel around the ISP world visiting the various displays they must have their passports stamped at each country. We ask that each country have a 'stamp' ready for the visitors - stamps can be real stamps, printed pictures or anything else. Please take a moment to read the attached Form B which gives more details.

To make the day extra colourful we hope that many of you and your children will be able to wear either national clothes from your home country or something representing another culture.

Please do consider being a volunteer. Over the years we have had so many success stories of families that were unsure of what to do or how to do it, but took the risk, thoroughly enjoyed the day and found it to be a very rewarding experience. Be a risk taker .... an IB learner profile attribute which we are encouraging in all our students.

Please contact either of us if you have any questions.

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Wanne Sinterniklaas ([wanne-peter@wanadoo.fr](mailto:wanne-peter@wanadoo.fr)) Volunteer Parent, International Day Coordinators

**The countries identified for the 2010  
Primary School International Day are:**

Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Haiti, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Senegal, Serbia, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tahiti, Tanzania, Tunisia, Turkey, United Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen

(54 countries)

(Please let me know if I have omitted a country - our records do not always show both parents' countries of origin and we want to include as many countries as possible!)

**General Information for International Day**

Location:

- 96bis and 98 rue du Ranelagh, 75016 Paris
- Telephone number (for the day only) 06 66 90 35 99
- The closest metro is Ranelagh, line 9
- We encourage everybody to travel by metro as parking in the area is very difficult!
- ISP is an eco-ecole, and we encourage all members of our community to help in the fight against waste

Set Up Times:

**Friday March 19**

16.00 to 18.00 (No children please if possible)

**Saturday March 20**

9.30 - 11.00 (No children please if possible)

**11.30 - 15.30 Students and families to visit countries**

15.30 - 16.00 clean up

The tables (country displays) will be arranged in the two Ranelagh buildings with a designated place for each. We reserve about 5 metres of table space and wall space behind for each display. Should you like more space we will make every effort to accommodate your requirements. When you arrive for set-up you will be given a map showing you exactly where your space and supplies are.

This year we have about 280 students in the primary section and there are always older and younger siblings that come along. Please plan for about 290 students. They will be accompanied by their parents and many staff members will also attend. If you are considering offering food do not be overwhelmed by the numbers. A small sample is adequate and not all of the students will want to try everything.

Each student (the world travelers) will receive a passport when they arrive. Each country represented will have a page in the passport – half an A4 sheet of paper where the name of the country will be written in English and in the languages of the country. Also on the page will be the two questions which the students need to answer about your country, and a space for you to ‘stamp’ the passports. In the past we have had a diversity of stamps – postage stamps, Embassy stamps, small denomination coins, flags, pictures of the country, postcards, a symbol of your country, coffee beans, stickers ... printing something on the computer is also a possibility. Some countries have also taped coins or other small objects into the passports.

An important aspect of the passports is the questions which the students will need to answer before receiving their entry stamp. We will be asking country volunteers to provide two questions (one for older children and one for younger children). These will be typed into the passport. Ideally students should learn the answer to the questions through a display or activity at your table. We hope that you will not stamp the child’s passports until the child has completed either one or both questions. We want to ensure that, while fun, the International Day is also a learning experience for the students.

Some of you might be concerned about your own children while you are volunteering. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. We advise that you make arrangements with another adult or a high school student to share the volunteering time and the visiting time with you. However, we will have a ‘quiet room’ or organized play time in the garden (weather permitting) where children who are unsupervised can spend some of the day. Secondary School students will be in charge of this and take care of the children. We hope that you will remember that your children are your responsibility on this day.

As the names of volunteers come in we will make a list and share the names with other volunteers from the same country so you can work together. We also encourage you to involve your children if possible. We hope that this will be a shared experience between adults and children.

Please fill out Form A (attached) as soon as possible to confirm your interest and so we can begin to get volunteers in contact with each other. If you are unsure, don’t know where to begin or have never participated in this type of event please contact Marianne or Wanne by email, [mfreire@isparis.edu](mailto:mfreire@isparis.edu) or [wanne-peter@wanadoo.fr](mailto:wanne-peter@wanadoo.fr), or by telephoning the Primary School at 01 42 24 43 40.

The International Day really is a wonderfully rewarding experience, and very special for the students. Please consider participating!

Special Note – This event is not a fund raiser but a sharing of our wonderful world. Thus we will not allow any selling or other exchange of money.

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Form A  
**International Day Volunteer Form**

Please complete and send to the front desk by **Tuesday February 16th, 2010**  
or email the information to Marianne ([mfreire@isparis.edu](mailto:mfreire@isparis.edu))

I am interested in volunteering for International Day.

The country I would like to represent is \_\_\_\_\_

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

My children and their grades are \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

My telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_

My email is \_\_\_\_\_

I give my permission for the school to share my phone number and email with  
other volunteers.

Yes / No

If you need additional information, are unsure, would like some assistance or  
would like to know who else is from your country please feel free to contact  
Marianne Freire 01 42 24 43 40 / [mfreire@isparis.edu](mailto:mfreire@isparis.edu) or  
Wanne Sinterniklaas ([wanne-peter@wanadoo.fr](mailto:wanne-peter@wanadoo.fr) )

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Form B

**International Day Requirements Form**

Only one per country please

Requirements for \_\_\_\_\_

(Please write the name of your country.)

Please return to the front desk by **Friday March 5th, 2010**

**1. PEOPLE IN THE GROUP**

Main Contact Person with telephone number and email address

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**2. COUNTRY NAME**

Each country's name will be written in the students' passports both in English and in the official language and script of your country. Please tell us how to write the official name of your country in your language and in your alphabet. If you are writing in an alphabet other than English please ensure that any accents are clearly marked and if you are writing in another script please ...

- write neatly so we can photocopy your writing,
- save it on a computer disc/cd or a USB key,
- email us a copy of the name, or
- tell us an internet site where we can find it and copy it from there.

Official Name in English \_\_\_\_\_

Official Name in your language/alphabet \_\_\_\_\_

**3. A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF WHAT YOU WILL DO:**

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**4. STAMP (or other) for passport**

Will you have enough 'stamps' for the passports (about 290)

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**5. LABELS**

Will you have a large label in English and your language(s) to display indicating which country we are representing?

English: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

Your language: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

If you have said 'no' to either of the above please contact us so we can assist you.

**6. QUESTIONS FOR QUESTION SHEET:**

Students will be required to answer a question when they arrive at your country. The questions should be related to your display/activity. Ideally the students should find the answer to the question before they receive the 'visa' (sticker, stamp...) in their passports.

Please provide one question for the students in grades 1,2,3,4 and 5. (ages 7-11)

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Please provide one question for the students in Nursery, Pre-K, and Kindergarten, (ages 3-7). Many of these children are not yet readers so consider something the children can see.

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Note: You do not need to provide the answers here.

**7. SPACE REQUIREMENTS**

Each country will have approximately 5 metres of space (this includes tables, and wall space). Please note any other requirements, (such as a need to be next to a particular country, on the ground floor, have extra space for a particular activity, outside ...)

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## 8. ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

These can be borrowed but we would prefer if you could bring your own. Please put a check next to the box, if you will need to borrow any of the following from the school. If you decide to play music we will make every effort to put you in a room where there is no other music but if this isn't possible you will have to take turns.

We will need:

	CD player
	DVD player
	Digital camera
	Computer
	SmartBoard
	Projector

Other (please explain):

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## 9. HELP NEEDED

We will try to have some Secondary School (Community Action Service\*) students available to help. Please indicate below if you would like us to try providing help for you.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Our preferred times for additional help are:

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

## 10. OTHER

If there is anything else that you want us to know so we can take that into consideration in our planning please let us know. (Wheelchairs, cooking; thus near a fire extinguisher....)

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**\*Community Action Service - CAS students** - As many of you may be aware the Secondary School students must fulfil a community service requirement. Some of them opt to volunteer for International Day as part of this requirement. We strongly encourage their participation but we must stress that any student wanting CAS credit for the event must sign up as a volunteer with the CAS Coordinator and Marianne Freire, and must be willing to accept the assignment given to them or have previously discussed their desired assignment with the CAS Coordinator or Ms Freire. A student who has not cleared their assignment for the day with Ms Freire will not be awarded CAS credit.

We, of course, welcome participation of all Secondary School students, whether for CAS credit or not.

THANK YOU

Marianne Freire - [mfreire@isparis.edu](mailto:mfreire@isparis.edu) and Wanne Sinterniklaas - [wanne-peter@wanadoo.fr](mailto:wanne-peter@wanadoo.fr)