



Roberts International Festival 2018

First meeting Friday September 7th after PTO meeting

What is this year's theme?

“Myths and Legends from around the world”

HERE'S HOW TO SIGN UP

1. Go to the Roberts elementary website
2. Click on the tab “Get involved”
3. Scroll to Roberts PTO website.
4. Click on the tab “Events”
5. Scroll down to International Festival.

Frequently Asked Questions

What will happen on the day of the Festival?

The day starts off in the morning with the Parade of Nations where students and teachers proudly march around the school yard displaying clothing, flags, and decorations representing their native countries. October 19th is a half day, directly following early dismissal from 12:30-3:00 the school grounds will be decorated with countries' displays. During this time and throughout the festival, complimentary babysitting will be available for all festival volunteers. Throughout the festival there will be various outdoor performances by students and guest performers, including our annual International Fashion Show. There will also be demonstrations of crafts and cooking at individual booths.

What should my country table look like?

Each Country will be provided a 10x10 ft. tent/ marquee, a 6 foot long table(s) to decorate, and a banner with their country name. Country booths should display a variety of posters, pictures, food samples, relevant artifacts or books with facts about their country, and information about the festival theme.

Any meeting's for the volunteers?

Festival Committee and volunteers meet in the cafe weekly starting from the 2nd week of school on Friday, September 7th after the morning PTO meeting. Although the meetings are not compulsory, please take advantage of this time to ask your questions or meet at school with other members of your participating country.

How many food samples do I need?

Plan on having 200-500 bite size samples of food and/or drinks. The committee will provide 200 small sample cups and spoons to serve your food or beverage. We recommend that you get as much donated as possible. The Committee will provide you with donation letters for sponsors. If you have difficulty getting donations and would like to be reimbursed for expenses, please keep all your receipts and contact the Committee during the final meeting after the festival.

How do the students learn about my country besides coming to the Festival?

One of the most rewarding parts of participating in the Festival is to go into a classroom and teach students about your country. You can give a presentation in your child's classroom during the week of the Festival, plan on giving a 10-20 minute presentation. Many teachers are very excited about this and can also have their students make crafts that you can use to decorate your booth. Please use the **signup genius** on the PTO website to volunteer as a Country Ambassador if you are interested.

I know a great musician/ dancer /performer that could perform something at the Festival?

Fantastic! We would love a professional performer to come and perform on the outdoor stage. We can offer a time slot between 3:30-5:30 PM. Please coordinate with the Outdoor Stage Coordinator.

I have signed up to represent a country, but I am by myself and need help.

We will try to make sure that no one has to do their booth by themselves. We would like you to enjoy the Festival as much as everyone else and will try to find you a helper to assist with set-up and allow you to take breaks from working the entire Festival. Please use the **signup genius** on the PTO website and select the time slots you will need assistance for your booth.

I do not want to do a country but still want to help.

There are a lot of other jobs to fill for the successful running of the Festival. Pizza and soda sales, set-up and clean-up, helping "single person countries", and volunteering to be the Outdoor Stage Coordinator are all ways to help. Please use the **signup genius** on the PTO website.

Is the International Festival a fund raising event?

No. The International Festival is a community building event only and has a limited budget from the Roberts PTO. We also make money through pizza and soda sales on the day of the Festival. These revenues, however, are not sufficient to cover all our costs, and we greatly appreciate sponsorship from individuals or businesses.