

Dear Parents,

Another beautiful United Nations Day and International Food Tasting are complete at The Julian Curtiss School of World Languages. A beautiful fall day provided the backdrop for the celebration of our ethnic, racial, and cultural diversity. Mrs. Jimena Fernandez, parent of Juan Carlos in Ms. Sexton's first grade class, shared the powerful story of her family's journey from Uruguay to Switzerland to Julian School in the United States. Fifth grade students Leen Alarjawi and Zoe Coric, each told their unique stories of trepidation about leaving their respective countries and coming to the United States. The emotion brought forth of warmth and acceptance from their friends and community as they arrived at Julian Curtiss touches us all.

The first step in learning about other cultures is to simply accept that there are many different cultures other than our own. We will continue to teach our students about the positives of different cultures and how surrounding ourselves with diverse groups of people can enrich our lives.

A very special thank you to Amanda Poole and Jessie Bennet for organizing and executing a great event. In addition, thank you to Amanda Poole and Josh Fields for organizing the International Food Tasting. Every JC family along with these PTA leaders that volunteered their time, cooked delicious cuisine and attended our events are responsible for teaching our children well and bringing our community together!

Below is a beautiful slideshow created and shared by Aleixandre Coric , father of Zoe Coric. "A picture is worth a thousand words." We thank Mr. Coric for sharing his wonderful talents with us!

<https://youtu.be/zT9oHpKCQSY>

This Thursday, October 26th all of our students will get to experience a "World of Dance" Assembly presented by the Connecticut Ballet. On Monday, October 30th our fifth graders will visit the United Nations and learn about the mission and the goals of the United Nations. We thank our PTA for offering and funding these enrichment programs for our students.

As you can see Julian Curtiss students are able to experience all of these events and programs through the support of the PTA. The volunteers, the organizers and the funds all go to our students to enrich their educational experiences. If you have not done so already, please consider joining our PTA. You can make the WORLD OF DIFFERENCE!

With gratitude,

Mrs. Trish McGuire
60 Countries, 30 Languages, One Great School!