



Hello Falcons!

Rachel Carson Heritage Night will take place on May 18th from 5:00-7:00pm at Rachel Carson Elementary. It is an amazing evening that brings together the whole school community to celebrate the cultural diversity of our students here at Carson. Families are invited to share their cultural heritage by preparing a poster that shows their country's or home state's pictures, landmarks, flags, maps, clothing, food, local art, or music. Elements of the event include - Country or US State Display tables, Performances and Food.

A. Country or US State display tables

A country or US state will be represented by a TRI FOLD POSTER with pictures of the state or country and can include some of the suggested information below

- A top-five list of things to see when you visit the country or US state, such as natural landmarks and tourist attractions as well as activities that kids would love.
- A quiz question (an interesting fact about that country), kids will get the answer when visiting the table. One should provide the question prior to the event.
- Provide the word "Hello" written in their language.
- In addition to the tri fold poster, a craft geared towards international craft themes can be provided, such as examples below:
 - a. Name in different language – See your name written in different languages.
 - b. Make origami (Japan)
 - c. Henna Hands - Henna/ Mehndi paper hand craft (India)

Examples of country table displays



B. Performances

Performances are welcome! If you play a traditional instrument, know a traditional dance or song, you can showcase it to the school community. Please plan to bring your own audio equipment that you will need for your performance. For any questions or information about performances please contact Social VPs at social@carsonptsa.org

C. Food

We invite you to share traditional food representing your culture. Please share an ingredient list for the item provided. Please also bring your own utensils to serve and distribute the food (paper napkins, plates, bowls, cups, spoons, forks, knives etc.)

FAQs

What if I am from the US? You can always represent the state you come from originally.

What if I am from the WA state? All new families would love a table representing Washington.

Can I participate, representing a country I am not originally from? Families are encouraged to host for countries they've spent time in or are simply interested in learning about and sharing it with others.

I don't have free time. How long will it take me to prepare a display table? The basic element of the table is the tri-fold poster. We want as many regions as possible to be represented. Here are 4 simple steps to do a tri-fold poster in less than 80 minutes!

1. Purchase a tri-fold poster from your local Bartell's, Michael's, or Target store.
2. If you are a member of the Sammamish library, you can print out several pictures (colored and B&W) if you access them through the library's computer.
3. Cut & glue them in your poster with your kids.
4. Don't forget the name of the country or state you represent! DONE!

Will I need to bring a table? The PTSA and school will be happy to provide cafeteria tables. You only need to bring your poster and decorative items. You are also welcome to bring your own table if you prefer.

What if my country is already represented? Much as we would love to, we are unable to have multiple tables for the same country, due to space constraints. Priority will be given to the first 2 families that sign up. We encourage families interested in putting up the same country table to coordinate among themselves and cooperate in making the table as exciting as it can be! Contact your Social VPs at social@carsonptsa.org if you have any questions.

What are other ways to participate? You can bring food, perform in the arts showcase, bring a flag, man a craft table or help with decorations, set up and clean up.

For **questions**, please contact Social VPs at social@carsonptsa.org