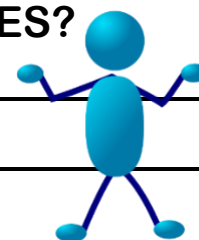


How Can We ADVOCATE for LANGUAGES?



In our school	
✓ Capitalize on a holiday –	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Decorate the hallway(s), -Posters/signs in the cafeteria, -Announcement over the PA and ad/article in the school paper, -Have the Spanish Club “teach” a phrase – “Happy..Day ...” in halls before class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -(with permission) Distribute a safe (no nuts) “treat” taped to a card w/ a “Happy (Holiday) greeting on one side and a benefit of language statement on reverse – perhaps the Spanish Club could do this at a sports/theater/concert event
✓ Celebrate an international or World Language event –	
<p>EARTH Day</p> <p>Mother’s Day</p> <p>World Language Week</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Scavenger Hunt – students search for language related items found in other classrooms (w/ teacher collaboration) -a Language FAIR
✓ INTEGRATE!	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Visit another class (w/ teacher collaboration) to share language & culture knowledge related to a topic the class is studying, e. g., Mexico/The Pearl or a geography lesson. (A Latin class could explain abbreviations like “i.e.”, etc.) -Develop a culinary/culture activity with Family and Consumer Science classes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Create an interdisciplinary unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose a common topic and collaborate with teachers of other disciplines to demonstrate how knowledge of another language/culture enriches our life. Possible themes: “The Roaring Twenties” “The Dynamic Sixties”
✓ PUBLICIZE and Create good PR!	<p>All of these activities are news-worthy! Contact the media.</p> <p>Invite the Faculty and Administrators, the School Board, a community guest, etc.</p>

Guest Speakers in the school and community

Invite a former student who has benefitted from knowing a second language, a businessman whose work has a need for bi-lingual employees, a parent, a Health Care worker, someone in the military, etc. ... to speak about the need for people with second language and culture skills.

In our community



Multicultural Day or Fair

Have a booth and offer expressions in a language or two.



Adapt one or more of the school activities.

Students could attend a community theater performance or a concert; participate in a parade or a Little League game and distribute the “treat cards”.

Place a bi-or tri-lingual poster in store windows on holidays.

Make a sign/poster with “Hello” or “Welcome” in many languages to place in area businesses.

Ask a local theater to show a foreign film.



A proclamation

Ask the mayor to proclaim National Foreign Language Week – arrange for media coverage.



What ideas do you have?

Please **SHARE** with us!



