



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN 2024/2025

Cultural Awareness

Broward Schools serves students and families from various countries and cultures. Identify school practices that demonstrate how the values and traditions of the diverse community are incorporated in your school's culture. (ex. serving dishes from a particular culture during school events; acknowledging traditions and holidays; communications and signage in different languages, etc.)

Culture:

Hispanic, Jewish, African American

How is the school acknowledging this culture?

At New River Middle, celebrating different cultures is important to us. We celebrate Hispanic Heritage month from September 15 through October 15 each year. During this time, we recognize the important contributions Hispanics have made to our society, particularly here in South Florida. Videos on the morning announcements highlight important Hispanics in history. We also have ESOL nights in the Fall where we invite parents and community members from different cultures to the school. We also acknowledge Black History month in February of each year. During that month, we recognize the importance of educating our students on the civil rights movement and the struggles African Americans have endured throughout American history. We also celebrate all the important contributions that African Americans have made to music, dance, art, and literature through a student showcase presentation. Lastly, Jewish culture is recognized, and our school is closed during the high holy days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Students are educated about this culture and the reason for these holidays through videos on the morning announcements. Our school

recognizes the importance of acknowledging different cultures and because we have a wide variety of cultures represented in our student body and staff. In addition, teaching students to be accepting of people that look or act different to themselves is an important aspect of life skills and wellness.

Comments:
