

## Superintendent's Highlight March 22, 2019

Our English as a New Language (ENL) Department recently held a Celebration of Diversity for the students and families serviced by the department. Everyone enjoyed a fun evening of various activities at the celebration such as face painting, storytelling, poetry recitation and singing. In fact, one of our elementary school students commented to his teacher that, "The best part was that I got to meet students from different schools."



Our JFK High School ELL students were happy to have the opportunity to share their cultures with friends from around the world, as well as demonstrate their knowledge of technology. They each created Prezi presentations that afforded guided tours of their native countries, incorporating various cultural aspects. The ELL students at POB Middle School blended their cultures with technology, as well. They created instructional cooking videos about their favorite foods, websites about their favorite holidays and personal stories.



Stratford Road Elementary 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade ELL students applied persuasive writing techniques to convince people to travel to their native country by designing travel posters, while Kindergarten and 1st graders traveled around the world to learn about different animals. Additionally, all K-4th grade ELL



students at Pasadena Elementary School created projects for The Celebration of Diversity using the information they gathered from a survey that was sent home to all of the ENL families. After gathering enough information, they created their poster boards by typing their research, adding pictures and organizing in a cohesive manner.



ELL students at Old Bethpage Elementary School created their projects using Google Slides, Smart Notebook, and WeVideo. They wrote about the languages they speak, the foods they eat, and where their families come from. Last, but certainly not least, K-4th grade ELL students from Judy Jacobs Parkway Elementary School

enjoyed participating in our ENL Diversity Celebration by creating posters about animals, special landmarks, or geographical features in their native countries. They also made models of these unique places to display.



The highlight of the night was assembling together with all the ELL students for a group picture. We are so proud of our ELL students and our ENL teachers for all of their hard work. They remind us of the richness that diversity brings to our POB world and the need for understanding and sharing each other's culture. Mark your calendars for the next event and be sure to join in the next celebration.

