

## Committee: Cultural Celebrations

School year: 2019 - 2020

Members: Elnura, Meerim, Nazgul, Lilia, Lena, Iuliia

Committee objectives (goals of the committee) are:

1. Focuses on organizing events that celebrate cultural diversity and help children to appreciate communities: International Day/ Host country Day, Fall Festival
2. Organizes different staff events to sustain positive school climate and environment

Activities held:

#	Activity	Description
1	Birthday Celebrations	Every season the committee members organizes staff birthday celebration to show the appreciation of each member. Different desserts were shared with the staff to celebrate birthdays. Also, each staff member receives a small gift on the day of his/her birthday.
2	Fall Festival	Fall festival was planned and implemented by the entire school. There were activities for separate for elementary and secondary students. The opening ceremony had started with band performance and door decoration contest.  Festive snack was organized with the help of parents and staff who brought different treats for school.
3	New Year Staff party	Whole staff was invited to one of the local café to celebrate the upcoming winter break and winter holidays.
4	Secret Santa	Staff participated in a fun gift exchanging game before the winter break.
5	Men and Women Day	Gifts and a whole staff pot-luck dinner were organized for both days.

6	International Day	<p>The plan can be viewed at the following link:</p> <p><a href="https://gsinet-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/iuliia-iun_bishkek_qsi_org/EZANYy6bTWJEjZo29nXDCLkBTQ8AXHTdICFdmBHT07L7-A?e=baUhf1">https://gsinet-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/iuliia-iun_bishkek_qsi_org/EZANYy6bTWJEjZo29nXDCLkBTQ8AXHTdICFdmBHT07L7-A?e=baUhf1</a></p> <p>*** The plan and the preparation for the event was done, though due to the quarantine, the event was cancelled.</p>
7	Zoom Friday meetings	Unofficial Zoom meetings for staff members were organized during the distance learning period. Staff members had an hour every Friday to socialize and exchange any news/ concerns/ views.
8	End of the year party	This event was cancelled due to the situation in the world, though a short meeting for the final good-byes is planned to be held in June if the situation in the country permits.

#### What worked well:

All committee members were very enthusiastic and helped where needed. All activities were planned and organized well due to the great cooperative work of all members.

#### What could be improved:

It would be great to plan more outside of the school events both for students and staff. This will reinforce Host country experience and will boost the “whole school family” spirit.