



CULTURAL AMBASSADOR PARTICIPATION INFORMATION PACKAGE

The Embracing Differences Committee is delivering its 5th year of programming in 2023/24 to nearly 80 Grades 5-8 classrooms! Since its inception, Embracing Differences has served nearly 7500 students and their teachers who have had the opportunity to meet with and learn from up to six RMC Cultural Ambassadors.

Background:

This project is supported by both Regina School Divisions. Being a Cultural Ambassador is a unique opportunity for your organization to:

- be represented and recognised in the community.
- have an ongoing presence and voice regarding your culture in participating classrooms.
- provide accurate information about your culture, traditions, and customs.
- promote your cultural community and programming throughout the year including your Pavilion!
- give students of your culture a sense of pride in their identity and heritage reflected in classroom learning.
- help students of other cultural origins understand your culture and be more culturally sensitive.

Become a Cultural Ambassador:

- Honorarium is paid and the cost of materials for crafts (if applicable) is covered by ED project fund.
- Cultural Ambassador applications must be received as soon as possible for this project year.
- We will follow up with each inquiry or application received.
- Cultural Ambassadors may participate as schedules allow; the sessions are offered during the school day (9-12 & 12:30 – 3:30).
- Restricted, limited, and open schedules are welcome and can be considered.
- We provide session planning support for each new Ambassador session to support success.
- Each class is anticipated to receive up to 4 different Ambassadors/sessions between October and May; possibly more if resources permit.
- Sessions are approximately 60-75 minutes; the same session can be offered repeatedly by an Ambassador to assigned classrooms.
- More than one Cultural Ambassador from a given cultural community is welcome.
- Cultural teachings may include content such as etiquette, games, crafts, storytelling/folk tales, wedding customs, festivals, symbolism in artforms, etc. There is a wide variety of cultural experiences and topics that can support learning and interests of 10 to 14-year-old students.
- In short, we seek to provide students (and teachers) with information and a memorable interactive experience about your culture that will prepare them for future interactions with potential friends or community events involving your culture.

If you or someone you know from your organization/community would like to be connected directly with the project and have the opportunity to promote their culture and pavilion, please email <u>rmchp@sasktel.net</u> or call 306-501-9700.