

Building strong friendships

Cosmopolitan Club helps new students adapt

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ALL THE MEMBERS OF COSMOPOLITAN CLUB gathered together to experience the holiday of Thanksgiving. This was just one of the many events they have each year to help the students learn about their new country and build strong friendships. **Mrs. Janene Chavis**, their advisor, shares one of her own holiday traditions with the students and has each student say what they are thankful for.



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and cultures. All the members of Cosmopolitan Club gathered together for their annual Thanksgiving dinner. They have all bonded through their common struggle of being in a new country and a new school with a new primary language.

IMAGINE; coming to a new country that you know nothing about. Not knowing many people at the new school; it is possible even to have trouble communicating because of a language barrier. What to do? Join Cosmopolitan Club. This club is dedicated to helping students who have moved from other countries learn more about the country they are in and help them adapt to their new school.

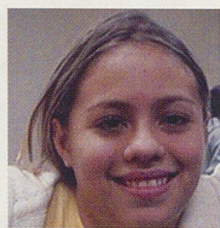
Cosmopolitan Club had many activities such as a Thanksgiving dinner, where the students experienced what the holiday is all about. Each student brought a dish from their native land; and their teacher **Mrs. Janene Chavis**, brought a turkey. It has become a tradition to go around the table and have each student say what they are thankful for. They also bring music from the countries they have come from, and show everyone how they dance in their country. In addition to the holiday season, the club had a secret friend gift exchange in December.

School wide activities were another reason for the club to meet. During the fall, the club attended a football game together and in the spring attended the school musical.

Whether the students stay in America, or move to another country, this club provides a chance to meet more people in the school, and to learn the culture.



"At the Thanksgiving dinner I only got to eat the chocolate cake because I was late but it was still a lot of fun."
>Jing Jing Ni, 11



"I think it's fun to make friends with so many people from so many different countries."
>Daniella Martos, 9



"At the football game I enjoyed hearing the band play when the team scored and the cheerleaders. The whole experience was great"
> Nanxi Shi, 10



"It was interesting to get to know people from other countries"
>Aoi Ito, 10



"Cosmopolitan Club is fun because I hang out with people from all around the world and learn about their different traditions."
>Tal Shulman, 9