

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES

1. As the name suggests, the volunteer undertake to represent his/her country. The role of the Country Rep is to welcome new families in their native tongue and assist with any inquiries they may have with regard to the school community. Representatives are encouraged to play a larger role to organize small social gatherings for their country members. At the social gatherings, members can inform (translate for) each other about things that go on in the school especially countries which have many members who do not understand English very well. Country Representatives are coordinated by the PA Executive Council. The purpose of having a Country Rep is mainly to have their respective countries participate in two events every year, namely UN Day which falls in Oct (involving only ES) and Mari Makan which falls in April (an adults only event).
2. UN Day is to celebrate the diverse cultures in MKIS where Country Reps get their fellow countrymen together to put on a short show (a song, dance, or sketch, etc) depicting their respective country cultures. All the ES students will be in their National Costumes on that Day and everyone (including parents) are treated to a great array of colors and music.
3. Mari Makan is the other social gathering of different countries coming together to showcase their food. People attending this event get to taste food from many participating countries. Alcohol is served at this event and so no children allowed. The Country Rep is responsible to co-ordinate their members on the food to serve at Mari Makan.
4. One of the PA Council Member is in charge of putting together the list of Country Representatives. Volunteers can sign-up at Newcomers Coffee Morning or afterwards on the sign-up sheets put up on the Main Notice Board just outside the Main Office. The PA Council member list can be found on the Home Page of the PA section. A list can be obtained from the admissions department by the Country Rep.