



SHOW OFF YOUR PROGRAM!

**Putting World Language Classes in the
Spotlight They Deserve**

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WHY DO WE NEED TO SHOW OFF?

- Not everyone sees the value in specialist programs such as music, art, and world languages
- When decisions about cutting programs get made, schools will rarely cut programs that are highly visible because it is more obvious when they are gone
- It is critical to the success of our programs to establish support from administration, the community, and other important stakeholders



SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT VISIBILITY



Football Stadium

Field Day

Art Show

Reading Week

Music Concerts

Classroom Newsletters

Tech Ed. Night

World Languages??



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT/ OPEN HOUSES

- Be there to promote your program
- Get people excited about what you do
- Explain to as many people as you can the importance of what we do



EXTRAVAGANZA DE ESPAÑOL

- Rented out 900 seat theater
- Involved everyone- Art, Music, Tech. Ed., Library, and Spanish
- Found teachers with hidden talents such as salsa dancing
- Invited everyone- all important stakeholders, the mayor, the governor, Lin-Manuel Miranda
- Dream big!



FILM FESTIVAL

- Making videos is a project we often do in class anyway
- Videos are easily made with technology that is readily available to students
- Excellent review at the end of the year
- Make them visible to the public
- Work with English teachers on script writing, Art teachers on costumes and set design, Music teachers on scoring the film, etc.
- Allow students to walk the red carpet- make them feel important because it IS important



THE IMPORTANCE OF COLLABORATION

- Working with other teachers in your school helps you to pull off something big
- Different teachers have different skill sets that are valuable when you pull them together
- Specialist teachers know all the students in the school all the time
- Meet with everyone and throw out ideas. If you feel you're making a connection- go with it!
- Start out small and build from there
- The more intertwined all the learning is, the harder it is to get rid of a program



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