



## INCLUSIVE HOLIDAY PROGRAMING

Hosting inclusive holiday programming can be a fun and effective way to create a strong sense of community. As a PTA, you can choose to host your own programming or partner with your school to support integrated, inclusive programming for all of your students and families.

### EXAMPLES OF INCLUSIVE PROGRAMMING

#### Virtual or In-Person Read Aloud

A read-aloud event is a great opportunity to create community partnerships, engage families in literacy, and facilitate meaningful conversations about holidays or topics that are less widely celebrated.

#### Instructions:

1. Ask a parent, teacher, administrator, community leader or author to be the guest reader for a read-aloud night.
2. Choose books that highlight a variety of holidays and celebrations.
3. If there is a holiday or tradition that is particularly prominent within your school community, partner with someone within that community to identify a book with accurate representation.
4. Plan a post read aloud activity or discussion that can further educate your community on the holidays and traditions outlined in the book.

#### Virtual Cooking Class

Food is a cornerstone of most holidays celebrated around the globe. When you think of a holiday that you celebrate, you are likely to also think about your favorite dish that comes along with it. A virtual cooking class is a fun way for families in your community to share some of their most cherished holiday traditions through recipes.

#### Instructions:

1. Ask for volunteers who might want to host the cooking class and provide them with guidelines to help them select a recipe within the restrictions of reasonable time commitment and cooking skill-level.
2. Keep dietary and allergy restrictions in mind. Prioritize recipes that are more inclusive in terms of ingredients list (e.g., nut free, vegan, gluten free, etc.).
3. Ask volunteers to share facts, memories and traditions associated with their recipe throughout the event to ensure that participants are engaged and learning.