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Hello teachers!

Do you have a passion for languages? Can you help to promote language learning to others?

The [Faculty of Arts Language Centre at the University of Manitoba](#) would like to invite your class to participate in a contest for grade 9-12 Manitoba high school students entitled “**CELEBRATE DIVERSITY – MULTICULTURALISM VIDEO CONTEST.**” This year, we are asking high school students to create a maximum 60 second video that shows why their school is a vibrant and inclusive community.

- Celebrate the rich mosaic of traditions, languages and perspectives that thrive at your school.
- Express your voice through interviews, storytelling or visual art. Convey the message of unity in diversity. Share how multiculturalism enriches your academic and social environment.
- Use your artistic flair to make your video stand out. Incorporate music, dance, interviews, or any other creative elements that best convey the multicultural spirit of your school.
- All winning entries will be featured on official University of Manitoba channels, promoting your talent and contributing to the celebration of multiculturalism in Manitoba.

The contest is open to **Manitoba high school language program classes (grades 9 to 12)**. So, bring your class together for a group project to enhance their language learning. Only one entry per class is to be submitted by the teacher. Submissions are to be in English. Contest rules, entry details and entry forms can be found on our [website](#).

Prizes include:

- a. First prize: 1 pizza party (pizza and soft drinks from a location as chosen by the Language Centre) along with a selection of University of Manitoba merchandise (prize value to be determined based on the number of students in the class entry).
- b. Second prize: 1 pizza party (pizza and soft drinks from a location as chosen by the Language Centre)
- c. Third prize: 1 pizza party (pizza and soft drinks from a location as chosen by the Language Centre)

The deadline for contest entries is **Wednesday, May 1, 2024**. The winners will be announced by **May 15, 2024**. Our judging panel will consist of a variety of language teachers and tutors, including University students.

We hope that this contest offers students an opportunity to participate in a creative project that also helps to promote and encourage the life-long benefits of multilingualism. To help get them started on their video, you may choose to provide prompts to students such as learning a new language, cultural events, dress, multicultural understanding, etc.

When submitting a class entry, you as the teacher will complete and submit the class application form.



The Faculty of Arts at the University of Manitoba offers courses in over 20 languages. It is the Language Centre's mission to promote and support language learning at UM and in our community through our language laboratories, a resource centre, teaching supports, promotion of travel study opportunities and cultural events.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. We look forward to working with you on this event. This is our third year running the high school contest. We have received fantastic entries from high school classes in the past and we are really looking forward to seeing what the students will come up with this year. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

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