

Asian American Heritage Month Celebration

Strategy for public schools



Introduction

- Asian Americans are the fastest growing minority in Florida and the US
- Asian Americans representing over 45 countries are one of the most diverse people with rich culture and heritage
- Many of them are calling FL and US their permanent home
- They create jobs, wealth, and knowledge



Some Facts

- Asian Americans are professionals, academicians, business owners, and entrepreneurs
- They are well educated and high earners
- They occupy and represent critical and strategic positions in the state both in public and private sectors
- Many are great role models for children



Rationale

- Why do we celebrate Asian American Awareness at schools?
- Our schools, like our society are becoming more diverse
- Teaching them basic concepts removes misinformation and prejudice
- Understanding others at younger age instills in them respect for other groups and cooperation
- Informing people without condemning others educates everyone



Objectives

- Incorporate basic information about Asian American Heritage into county-wide curriculum
- Celebrate Asian Awareness Month like African American & Hispanic Heritage Months
- Create scholarships that are open to all students
- Conduct essay competition about Asian American Heritage and Culture
- Invite prominent Asian Americans to speak at school functions

Strategies



- Develop county-wide curriculum for teaching Asian American Heritage at Elementary, Middle, and High schools
- Proclaim and promote county-wide Asian American Awareness Month in May of every year
- Invite Asian Americans to schools to speak about their culture, heritage, and values
- Create a dialogue between students, teachers, administrators, and the community



Conclusions

- With Superintendent's office leading the way we can create a strategy for county-wide curriculum
- Asian organizations will help the county, schools, teachers, administrators, and others in all aspects
- Together we can promote Asian Awareness month celebration in schools
- Create an environment where our children will learn to live with others peacefully creating a greater understanding and cooperation