

April 15, 2009

Dear World Language Teachers,

On this website are the schedules for UNC World Language Day, April 15, 2009. We hope you will brief your students about the scheduled activities before your arrival. You will notice that we are running on a very tight schedule. It will require cooperation from everyone in order to give maximum attention to all participants.

Arriving and Departing by Bus and Car

Bus drivers will enter the south parking lot of the University Center via the south most entrance on 22nd street, and will leave immediately after unloading via the 10th Ave. exit. Then the busses will go to Parking Lot Y, West of Candelaria. To get to Parking Lot Y from the University Center, go north on 10th Avenue and turn left on 20th Street. Continue and turn left on 14th Avenue, where you will see the entrance to Lot Y. Stay in the right-hand lane and proceed West. Please park busses on the edges of the lot bordering 20th Street. Reloading of students will be done in the same manner as the unloading.

Cars should enter the parking lot North of the University Center through the 10th Avenue entrance, just South of 20th Street. Reserved Parking Permits will be handed out at the University Center Registration Table from 8:00- 9:00 am. April 15, '09 needs to be scratched out before the permit is hung from the mirror. *We will not be responsible for any parking tickets.*

Check-In

All teachers should check-in no later than 8:45 am at the registration and information table on the second level of the University Center, where they will receive their informational packets and nametags.

Opening Ceremony

Immediately after registration, teachers should hand out the student passports, and everyone should go to the main ballroom. At this point, students will pass through customs, and their passports will be stamped. We need everyone's cooperation so that the opening ceremony can begin promptly at 9:00 am.

Special Events

There are many special events for those students not participating in competitions, including the following: non-traditional language lessons, dancing, films, student-produced videos, cultural entertainment and guest speakers. Please review the Master Schedule for event times and locations. Maps will be posted in the registration area!

ATTENTION: We would like to bring a few things to your attention, prior to World Language Day.

Please make note of the following and inform your students if it applies to their participation:

1. There will be coffee and pastries for teachers and bus drivers in the Council Room from 8:00-9:00 A.M. Students will need to eat before coming or bring their own breakfast, as the Food Court does NOT serve breakfast.
2. All Teachers are invited to be our guests at the noon luncheon from 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM at the Panorama lounge in the University Center. **If you have not already registered for the luncheon and would like to attend please contact: Melitta Wagner-Heaston at: melitta.wagnerheaston@unco.edu**
3. **Please inform your students that they must either bring.**
A reduced lunch at the food court will cost \$ 6.50 each with evidence of the WLD student passport. There is also a Taco Bell, Einstein Bagels, Subway and a Starbucks located inside the University Center. Lunch at the Food Court is between 10:30 and 1:30.
In order to expedite the schedule, we ask that you have your students in their competition rooms at least 15 minutes before their presentations.
4. Please ask your students not to enter or exit rooms while competitions are in progress, since this can be distracting to competitors.
5. Students will neither be provided with nor able to use microphones while participating in cultural entertainment activities in the ballroom. Microphone- use tends to disturb other competitors in adjacent rooms.

6. Students planning to use cassette tape players must bring their own. They may leave tape players and other items at the coat check.
7. Please inform students who play an instrument that they will have the opportunity to learn foreign songs and dance at the jam session with Ron Tomocik-Dance Instruction. Please check the Master Schedule for time and location. Students may bring their own instruments and leave them at the coat check when not in use.
8. All students will receive a passport to verify their participation in activities. Please advise your students that their passports will be stamped on their way into or out of the activities they attend during this year's events. We recommend that you require a minimum of 4 participation stamps.
9. **Please make sure that all students have paid and are registered with us by April 6, 2009.** There will be a raffle during the closing ceremony of World Language Day. Students and teachers will be eligible for the raffle. The raffle tickets will be inside the packet teachers will receive on arrival. Please give each student a double raffle ticket and keep one for yourself. Raffle boxes for French, Spanish, German, Chinese and Teachers will be at the registration table. Winners of the raffle must attend the closing ceremonies in order to claim their prizes.
10. The first-place winners of the Cultural Entertainment/Song and Dance competitions and the Individual Talent competition will be requested to perform their entries in the Mount Evans Ballroom at 1:00 PM before the closing ceremony. A list of winners will be posted in front of the Mount Evans Ballroom at 2:00 PM after the close of the competition. Please check to see if your students will be performing. We anticipate the students beginning the performance at 1:00 P.M.
11. Participation certificates will not be mailed after World Language Day. If there is an error on any student's certificate, return to the **registration desk by 10 AM** with a correction sheet attached. Corrected certificates will be included in the packets (along with participation tokens, judges' evaluations, and any applicable awards) **to be picked up in the Council Room.**

But Don't Forget About...

Two other fun activities for your students will be locating spies and participating in the treasure hunt. "**Spies and Euros**" is a game in which all your students may participate at **10:00 AM**. Armed with "Euros," UNC language student "spies" will be lurking around your students, just waiting to hear them speak in a foreign language (more than just, "Hi, how are you?" or "My name is..."). In the event that a spy overhears one of your students speaking in a foreign language or your students speak directly to the spy, your student will be awarded a "Euro." The student should keep all awarded "Euros" and turn them in at the registration desk **by 11:00 AM**. At the end of the day, whichever student has collected the most "Euros" will receive a prize, and the school with the most "Euros" in all languages will receive a trophy.

"**Treasure Hunt**" is an activity in cross-cultural communication and is also bunches-o-fun! The object of Treasure Hunt is to be the first one to find the answers to all 10 clues, the clues will be available at the registration desk at **11:45 AM**. The first clue will be given in all three foreign languages (French, German, and Spanish). All others will be given in only one language. Students usually participate in the Treasure Hunt in groups. Once the student or group of students has found the answers to all of the clues and all the blanks have been filled in, students need to hand their completed forms into the registration desk in order to win. Students should not give up if they are not the first. They may still win something and have fun!

We look forward to your participation. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at:

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or Angela Rockwell for registration questions at: angela.rockwell@unco.edu

Sincerely,
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