

Holiday Extravaganza!

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NYS STANDARD

Standard 1 and 4 for ELA, Standard 1
and 4 for The Arts, Standard 3 for
Social Studies

GRADE LEVEL

Grades K - 6

STUDENTS SERVED

426 Students

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The grant was used to purchase the flags of fifty world nations and large laminated world maps to decorate the school building during the Holiday Extravaganza. Grant funds were also used to purchase rubber stamps and stickers to “validate” the passports our students traveled with during the day long, school wide activity.

Community and parent volunteers were enlisted to present their cultural heritage and its holiday traditions to the students. Students “traveled” the school, passport in hand, and took part in demonstrations which might have included music, traditional clothing, a craft, food, or other cultural artifacts.

Many volunteer hours from parents and community members were necessary to implement the Holiday Extravaganza. Additional supplies and expenses were paid for by the Long Branch Elementary PTCO.

STUDENT OUTCOMES

Students achieved a greater understanding of the cultural diversity within their school and community. They were able to experience firsthand rich holiday traditions that might take place in the homes of their classmates, and achieved a greater awareness of where the nations which were represented were located in relation their own home.