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2004 International Food Festival Essay

This year I had the privilege of being able to help host the International Food Festival. This has been a tradition in our school that I was happy to be involved with and was able to help make possible. When we first started working on the project I promptly signed up for the decorations committee and started making posters. I spent long and short periods making serpentines and other small decorations I even made two piñata molds so people could decorate them. Then I went to make bigger and very important decorations; the flags. I don't know how many flags I made but I tried to make them as accurate as possible with our supplies. Closer to the time of the festival, and once the flags were done, I began to color Iris' (really good) drawings.

The day of the International Food Festival I came to school with some cookies for the TOT club and Mexican rice (my favorite food) for the Spanish III class requirement for the food festival. Then I went to my first period class and after my presentation went out to the place where the food festival was going to be held. It was a cool morning with a cold breeze that made you cold, especially if you weren't wearing a sweater (like me). My friends and I began putting up decorations along the poles and walls of ground zero (festival area). All those serpientinas I had helped make were wrapped all over the poles and posters of different heritages taped along wall windows and doors. Then when lunchtime was close we were allowed to eat early and then we had lunch break. After the

break we started to take out the tables where all the food was to be set on. The tables are a lot heavier than they look. We set them out and lined them along the sidewalk and in between the now decorated poles. Then we began to tear colored butcher paper and use them as table covers for the tables. After all that was done we were finally able to put our flags on the tables. We made enough (and more) flags to cover the front of every table to show just how international our food festival was. I also helped tie balloons for a while. Then we began to heat up and place food on the tables. After what seemed like no time at all people started coming out and the International Food Festival began.

There was of course food and entertainment. All types of foods from cookies to tacos lined the tables and the smell of the food made your taste buds water and your stomach grumble. There was a long line that people were willing to wait in just to get food and get a taste of dishes from around the world. For entertainment we had a mariachi from Roosevelt and entertainment by the school itself that ranged from students to teachers.

Being part of the food festival was a great experience. It was great seeing all the decorations I helped make all over the place. The area looked like a rainbow of color and culture not to mention the beautiful flags that lined the roof. The area was unrecognizable from it's usually boring brown colors to this lively colorful place. I was amazed and proud by the transformation and couldn't believe that I actually helped make it so nice. It's a nice memory to look back on and I hope to enjoy other festivals like this one. Only I think I'd like to enjoy it as the guest not the host because it's not to fun cleaning up and scrubbing tables afterwards. But now that I think of it, it was worth it from the work to the food.

