March 21, 2012

Dear parents and students,

As you know, we have been reading the book The Devil’s Arithmetic by Jane Yolen and discussing the Holocaust. The Holocaust was truly an atrocity. Families were torn apart and family traditions were lost. Their only daily food was a cup of soup with a piece of bread. So many died of starvation and yet unbelievably some had the will to survive.

I would like to end the unit with students bringing in to class food that is cherished by their family. I will supply all the paper products, utensils, and a water to drink. This celebration will be done during 3rd hour. The number of students in the class is 27. The amount of food is only for a tasting and students are expected to be part of the preparation process. The follow-up lesson will be a narrative writing piece on the importance of family traditions.

The day for the celebration of family traditions will be on **Friday, March 30, 2012.** I will be at school by 8:00 a.m. and will have plenty of power strips to keep things warm if needed.

This celebration is not a part of their grade. It is strictly on a volunteer basis, but I am hoping for a positive response. If you have any questions, please contact me at [agough@lsps.org](mailto:agough@lsps.org) or 586-285-8847. My prep hour is from 9:40a.m. 10:30 a.m. Thank you for your continued support.

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