

Take a Walk In My Shoes...

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Middle School as
we take you on a
trip to taste the
world . . .



All Around The World

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TAKE A WALK IN MY SHOES...
AN INTERACTIVE VIEW OF CULTURES
IN OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY
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The objective of this project was to enhance the study of world cultures in the 7th grade Social Studies Curriculum. Students had access to resources at both Helen Keller Middle School (HKMS) and the Easton Public Library (EPL).

The venue for this project was the 21st Century, a course taught in the Media Center each marking period. During each quarter, students conducted research using the print materials from both libraries, as well as pre-selected internet resources.

In order to gain a broader understanding of world cultures, students worked independently, using *Microsoft Publisher* to design a document including a recipe and interesting information about its connection to the country. Students were encouraged to select a recipe that they would be able to make for a culminating event. The finished product will be featured on the Helen Keller Middle School Website.

As a culminating activity, and another aspect of collaboration, students and their families enjoyed a multi-cultural *smörgåsbord* in the spring at the Easton Public Library. During the evening, students had the opportunity to share the information they learned with family, staff, Easton Library and Central Office staff as people rotated through the stations of countries.

We thank the staff of the Easton Public Library for, once again, opening its doors to our program. As always, a special thanks to Joan Parker, Principal; Susan Kaplan, Assistant Principal; Marion Carlson, Media Center Paraprofessional and Lisa Mellen, Technology Assistant. Their ever-present support was critical to the success of this project. A very special thanks to the Friends of the Easton Public Library for their continued support, both financially and in attending our functions.

This has been an exciting year for the students and for the Media Center Staff. We have traveled the world with your children and have enjoyed every minute. Happy reading, happy cooking and enjoy!

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