



'YEAR OF LANGUAGES' ACTIVITIES FROM NADSFL MEMBERS APRIL ADDENDUM

Springfield, MA – Foreign Language Showcase

This event, held in March, is a “fair” of sorts, which displays K-12 student work. The even planning begins during professional development days in late August, is highlighted and promoted during International Education Week in November, and thanks to a nice template city-wide on info about the student/class project, is displayed in an evening for the general public. This is year two of the event, and will have the YOL as its focal point. Contact: Nancy Gadbois, gadboisn@sps.springfield.ma.us

Richmond, VA – Language Mailboxes

Foreign language educators in the greater Richmond Area, the counties of Henrico, Chesterfield, Hanover, and the city of Richmond, and private schools K-16 organized a weeklong initiative where students declare their second or third language via signs or posters placed on their mailboxes. Contact: Terry Franson, terry_franson@ccpsnet.net

Omaha Public Schools, NE – District Banners for Year of Languages

Steve Bock was successful in obtaining funding from his district's community foundation for large banners that have the school district saluting YOL. Steve's application stated: "The American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) has designated 2005 as “The Year of Languages”. The purpose of this collaborative effort of language educators at the local, state, and national level: 1) To celebrate the increasing importance of language learning in American education and life; 2) To educate students, parents, and the public in general about the benefits one gains from learning another language; and 3) To communicate the importance of language programs in American education and society. To promote this effort within the Omaha Public Schools, I ask the Omaha School Foundation for \$\$ to fund OPS-designed promotional posters and materials to advocate YOL in our buildings and schools." Contact: Steve Brock, stephen.brock@ops.org

Colts Neck High School, NJ – International Day

This celebration includes entertainment, food, costumes, and lots of dancing. This is a joint venture between three departments – World Languages, Global Languages & Cultures Learning Center and ESL. Contact: Sam Leone, sleone@monmouth.com

Horizon High School, CO - Year of Languages Festival

This after school event includes various multi-cultural presentations. In addition, an international mural is being created in the school library. Contact: Kate Blanas, kate.blanas@adams12.org

Florida Foreign Language Association, Region 4 – Year of Languages Quilt Project

Teachers are invited to submit student-created quilt squares addressing one of the themes of the Year of Languages. Teachers may submit one square for each language they teach. The quilt squares will be assembled over the summer and the finished quilt will be on display at future conferences and meetings. Contact: Jacki Cinnotti, Cinottij@educationcentral.org