Appendix: Making Further Connections

In addition, these lists provide topics and ideas for making further connections—with students, community, content, and cultures.

Further Connections With Students

- Share what you struggled with in H.S.
- Find out their interests/ask about them
- Share your interests
- Learn about their family life
- Ask students to share their cultures
- Hold a culture day
- Share life experience with students
- Focus on use of positive language
- “Who am I” project
- Incorporate popular culture
- Use questionnaire
- Diverse guest speakers
- Icebreakers
- Relationships
- Look deep into their eyes…
- Value individual strengths
- KNOW their NAMES
- Listen and encourage
- Build connections
- Be cool
- Be interested
- Be involved
- Be hip
- Students will engage with things from their cultures
- Listen to what they are listening to
- Watch what they are watching
- Read what they are reading
- Have all students talk/share in class often

Connections With Community

- Approachable attitudes
- Fundraisers
- Student art shows or murals
- Dramatic reading of a play
• Back to school night – connect with parents
• Have a concert in the open
• Field trips
• Opportunities for student volunteerism (hospitals, rest homes, etc.)
• Incorporate current events in class
• Potlucks
• Interview community members for school newspaper
• Invite guest speakers from other countries to share their experiences

Content

• Inventive spelling
• Writing in their native language
• Inclusive of cultures in lessons (knowledgeable)
• Translate poems/songs from their cultures
• Share music from other cultures
• Learn about content area “heroes” from other cultures
• Fun, engaging, relevant lessons from other cultures
• Include other cultures during content presentations
• Find cultural “heroes” related to content area
• Use student names in class for word problems
• Use multicultural texts and resources
• Show different perspectives on content
• Use Olympic Games when appropriate
• Dance
• Use visual aids
• Biographies from historical figures

Cultures

• Presentations from students about their cultures, history
• Life in a box!
• Have representations of different cultures in your classroom
• Have a project on a person from another culture
• Utilize speakers from other communities
• Field trips
• Choral music repertoire
• Students’ background highlighted
• International club
• Sports - all countries
• Use historical events
• Multicultural literature
• Parent interview
• Student to student biographies
• Mathematicians-of-the-month from around the world (other content areas too)
• Music from around the world
• Medicines from around the world