

# Friday Parent Presentations - FAQ

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## General FAQ

### What are Friday Parent Presentations?

Parent presentations are a great way for you to interact with your child and his/her class. You pick a topic, go to your child's class and talk about it. Feel free to include your child in the presentation too - it's a great way for them to exercise their public speaking skills!

The presentations will happen every Friday - hence "Friday Parent Presentations" (yes - we are very creative with names!)

### What time will the presentations be?

The presentations will be held every Friday. There will be two flavors of presentations:

- Parent picks a topic:
  - **3pm - 4pm:** This is a presentation on any topic the parent wants to talk about.
- Multi-cultural celebrations:
  - **3pm - 4:30pm:** The last Friday of the month will be dedicated to a specific multi-cultural celebration (Christmas, Hanukkah, Diwali, Eid etc) . This will be 1.5 hr long to give parents enough time to explain the significance of the festival and to engage the kids in a related activity (More on this later in this FAQ).

### Which classes will I present to?

You pick one of the following buckets:

- K (15 children in extended care)



- 1st and 2nd grade (27 children in extended care)
- 3rd and 4th grade (25 children in extended care)
- 5th and 6th grade (20 children in extended care)

Please note that the number of children is an approximation, and can vary week to week.

## Can you suggest some topics I can present on?

Some run-of-the-mill suggestions are:

- Read a book to the little ones. You could read to them and engage in a related activity, or just read several books on a theme.
- Science projects (Everyone likes to see a volcano overflow!)
- Art projects
- Share your traditions (Most people know about big festivals like Christmas, Diwali, Eid and Hanukkah - but there are several other festivals like Ganesh Chaturthi, Moon Festival, Mardi Gras etc that everyone may not know).
- Talk about your career

This is a great opportunity to introduce unique topics to the kids. Maybe you know how to juggle, or make balloons, or do magic? Maybe you demo a drone or a 3D printer? The opportunities are endless!

## Who will buy the supplies for the presentation?

Parents are responsible for buying supplies for the 'parent picks a topic' presentation. Standard non-consumables staples (Ex: scissors) can be borrowed from the class. There is an allowance for multicultural presentations. More details on that below.

Also, the FA has some craft supplies that can be used. Contact Sabira ([sabiragupta@gmail.com](mailto:sabiragupta@gmail.com)) for access to these. Sabira is a KLS parent and volunteer coordinator for FA.

If you're buying something that may be reused by other parents and would like to add to the FA craft supply, please email Sabira. Depending on the cost and item, the FA may be able to reimburse you for that.



The allotted time is too short for my presentation. Can I get more time?

Absolutely! Please coordinate with Saadiya ([saadiya@khanlabschool.org](mailto:saadiya@khanlabschool.org)) and Sabira ([sabiragupta@gmail.com](mailto:sabiragupta@gmail.com)) if you'd like more time.

The allotted time is too long for my presentation. Do I have to use all the time?

The allotted time is just a suggestion. We leave the actual presentation time to you. Feel free to reduce it if you feel you have covered the content before the allotted time is over.

Another parent would like to present with me. Is that okay?

Absolutely - the more the merrier! Feel free to coordinate with multiple parents to make it a more enriching experience.

Please also keep Saadiya ([saadiya@khanlabschool.org](mailto:saadiya@khanlabschool.org)) and Sabira ([sabiragupta@gmail.com](mailto:sabiragupta@gmail.com)) in the loop.

Why aren't all Fridays available for presentations?

KLS is reserving some Fridays for school led activities like movie nights and other events.

Will KLS' extended day staff be able to help with the presentation?

KLS' extended staff's primary responsibility is the kids, and they will not be able to help with the presentations.



## Can I bring food for the kids?

Because of food allergies, we are **NOT** allowed to serve food to the kids in class.

You can, however, bring individually packed items to the presentation. Each item should have a complete list of ingredients printed with it.

Saadiya will hand out the food to the parents when they come to pick up their child in the evening (the idea being that parents know what food their child can or cannot consume, and can make intelligent decisions on whether their child can eat it).

Contact Saadiya ([saadiya@khanlabschool.org](mailto:saadiya@khanlabschool.org)) if you have any questions about this.

## Where can I sign up to present a topic?

You can sign up on [Track In Forward](#).

## Why is Track It Forward only allowing me to sign up for slots for the next month or so?

This is mostly for planning purposes. We're releasing just a few slots at a time to ensure that there is no clash between events that the school and FA will also plan in the future.

## Where can I see the names of other parents signed up to present a topic? Where can I see what they will be presenting?

You can see that [here](#).

## I have other questions not answered above. Who do I reach out to?

Email Sabira ([sabiragupta@gmail.com](mailto:sabiragupta@gmail.com)) for any questions.

## Multicultural Celebrations FAQ



## What is a multi-cultural celebration?

One Friday of a month is dedicated to a particular multicultural celebration (Rosh Hashanah, Diwali, Thanksgiving etc) and parents will be required to talk on the selected topic.

Additionally, due to the nature of the presentation, you will be required to put together a broad outline of what you intend to present for Jessica and Saadiya's approval.

## What are the dates and occasions for the multicultural celebrations?

| Date                     | Occasion              |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 9/30                     | Rosh Hashanah         |
| 10/21                    | Diwali                |
| Nov: (tentatively 11/18) | Thanksgiving          |
| Dec: (tentatively 12/16) | Hanukkah, Christmas   |
| Jan: (tentatively 1/27)  | Lunar New Year        |
| Feb: (tentatively 2/17)  | Ash Wednesday         |
| Mar: (tentatively 3/31)  | Holi, Purim           |
| Apr: (tentatively 4/28)  | Easter, Eid, Passover |

Some months have multiple occasions (Ex: Hanukkah and Christmas are celebrated in December). How do we present on two different topics?

For months with multiple celebrations, we will request that multiple parents sign up for the topics. Ex: One parent can sign up to talk about Hanukkah to the Kindergarten class and the other parent can sign up to talk about Christmas to the same Kindergarten class. We ask that the two parents coordinate with each other and decide how to best introduce these topics to the class in the allotted time.

Email Saadiya ([saadiya@khanlabschool.org](mailto:saadiya@khanlabschool.org)) and Sabira ([sabiragupta@gmail.com](mailto:sabiragupta@gmail.com)) if you would like more than 1.5 hr to present the topics.



We have had some school-wide celebrations in the past, and I would like to organize a school-wide celebration for a particular multicultural festival. Can I do this?

Absolutely! Please email Saadiya ([saadiya@khanlabschool.org](mailto:saadiya@khanlabschool.org)) and Sabira ([sabiragupta@gmail.com](mailto:sabiragupta@gmail.com)) if you would like to do something at a larger scale.

## What is the budget for Multicultural festivals?

The FA will reimburse you \$40 for each group presentation for the celebrations each month. (For the sake of clarity, we have 4 groups: K, 1st and 2nd grade, 3rd and 4th grade, 5th and 6th grade).

This money will have to be shared across all celebrations when a month has multiple celebrations. We suggest that all parents talking about the same occasion coordinate with each other to buy supplies in bulk.