

Lunar New Year team activities

Share: Friday, February 16, 2018 signifies the Year of the Dog. Lunar New Year is considered one of the most important holidays for the Asian population, commencing on the first day of the first month in the lunar calendar. The holiday is celebrated by Chinese, Vietnamese, Koreans, and throughout other Asian cultures. While customs and traditions vary, many consider Lunar New Year as a new beginning and a time to express wishes for good fortune and prosperity throughout the year. Below are some activities that you can conduct with your team to learn more about the traditions of the Lunar New Year.



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| Chinese Zodiac | There are 12 Chinese zodiac animals each with different characteristics and personalities. This upcoming new year is the Year of the Dog and they are known to be loyal and friendly. Review the Chinese zodiac to identify your animal and animal's characteristics. Share characteristics you have in common as written in the zodiac. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Language | <p>Cantonese: Gong Hay Fat Choy Mandarin: Gong Xi Fa Cai Vietnamese: Chúc Mừng Năm Mới Korean: Saehae Bok Mani Badeuseyo</p> <p>Learning a language can be tough but also really fun! Practice saying these Lunar New Year greetings in the languages above with each other. You may show appreciation to a customer when you try to greet a customer with a Lunar New Year greeting in their language!</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Express wishes for team members | <p>Option 1: Share your wishes for good fortune verbally to a team member(s).</p> <p>Option 2: Write a wish for good fortune to a team member(s).</p> <p>Examples:</p> <p>"I wish you a healthy and prosperous new year!"</p> <p>"Wishing you a year of good fortune filled with love and happiness!"</p> <p>"May the new year make all your wishes come true!"</p> |
| Chinese Dragon Dance versus Vietnamese Lion Dance | <p>During Lunar New Year there are electrifying performances like the dragon dance and the lion dance. Often times, people have confused the Chinese dragon dance with Vietnamese lion dance. One way to tell them apart are the number of people it takes to showcase the dance. The dragon is long and requires many people to perform the dance, whereas the lion only requires two people to perform. The dragon is often chasing a pearl where the lion performs acrobatic movements. Both the Chinese dragons and Vietnamese lions are considered mythical creatures that are whimsical and vibrant in color. They are not to be feared and are said to bring good luck!</p> <p>Ask: Who has observed one of these energizing performances? Share your experience.</p> <div data-bbox="370 961 545 1157" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="370 1163 609 1197" data-label="Caption"> <p>(Chinese Dragon)</p> </div> <div data-bbox="651 961 773 1157" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="643 1163 888 1197" data-label="Caption"> <p>(Vietnamese Lion)</p> </div> |
| Festive food | <p>During Lunar New Year, there are many traditional foods that are shared and eaten, such as Chinese noodles, Vietnamese <i>bánh chưng</i> (rice cakes), and Korean <i>tteokguk</i> (soup).</p> <p>Share a festive food you like to eat during a holiday/festival you celebrate. To learn more about traditional Lunar New Year foods, click here for the Wells Fargo Lunar New Year Fact Sheet.</p> |

