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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Wes International Week Travels to Russia

May 18-22

At Wayne Elementary School, we have students from many countries. Every year, we celebrate the diversity in our school with a special International Week. This year, our students will travel to Russia. During the week, all WES students will experience the sights, sounds and tastes of Russia.

At WES, all students are issued “passports.” Every year they collect sticker stamps for the countries they “visit.”

In conjunction with our visit to Russia, we are very fortunate to have the participation of the [National Circus Project](#).

Funded by a Radnor Educational Foundation Grant and WES PTO, our students will enjoy a week long, fun filled circus residency. The children will learn “ground-based” circus skills such as juggling, balancing and object manipulation.

The program allows every WES child to excel in a noncompetitive environment while learning new skills.

The residency will begin with a spectacular circus assembly performance Monday, May 18. On Friday, May 22, it will be the fifth-grade students’ turn to perform in a circus show for the entire student body.

#### International Week Schedule

**Monday, May 18:** an opening assembly at 9.15 a.m. by the National Circus Project. At lunch, all students will bring their passports to the cafeteria and they will each receive a sticker for Russia as proof of visit. There will also be a special Manners Lunch, with beef stroganoff as a Russian food sample.

**Tuesday, May 19(no school day):** From 9 a.m.-noon, the fifth graders are invited to attend a workshop conducted by the National Circus Project.

**Wednesday, May 20:** WES students will be treated to a performance by Russian-born folk musician [Mikhail Smirnov](#), who will perform with his two traditional instruments, the balalaika and garmoshka.

**Thursday, May 21:** During lunch, students will enjoy a special video on Russia, “The Tsar’s New Year’s Ball,” which shows the glory of the magnificent baroque architecture of Catherine Palace and a New Year ball that was hosted replicating the old tradition.

**Friday, May 22:** a special lunchtime performance of Russian folk dancing, performed [Svetlana Morozova](#) from the Russian-Americans United Arts Council. Russian artifacts will also be on display. The National Circus Project and the fifth graders will perform in the closing assembly at 2.30 p.m.

Come and join in the wonderful WES International Week celebrations. If you have any questions or would like more information regarding the event, please contact Maggie Burton at [steveburton423@comcast.net](mailto:steveburton423@comcast.net) or Lily Lian at [lilyvoon@yahoo.com](mailto:lilyvoon@yahoo.com).

