HULLUAY HELLUS Learning about our neighbors one tradition at a time!

HELLO my name is

Diwali

[Tradition: Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism]

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Excitement, Generosity, Unity, Gratitude, Community

Some greetings

Diwali ki shubhkaamnaayein! (Happy Diwali!)

Aapka jeevan rang-birange deepon se roshan ho!

(May your life be illuminated with colorful lights!)

A bit about me!

"Diwali is the most important festival of the year in India — and for Hindus in particular.

It is celebrated across faiths by more than a billion people in the world's most populous nation and the diaspora. Over five days, people take part in festive gatherings, fireworks displays, feasts and prayer.

Diwali is derived from the word "Deepavali," which means "a row of lights." Celebrants light rows of traditional clay oil lamps outside their homes to symbolize the victory of light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance." **Some foods** (may differ by denomination or region)

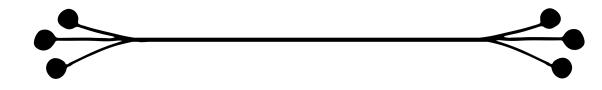
Main dishes: Aloo Matar Tiki Beverages: Masala Cha and Lassi Sweets include Gulab Jamu and Barfi Snacks include Samosa and Pakora

Possible accommodations

- Community members may have busier than average schedules with pre-holiday preparations
- Community members may be traveling to spend time with friends and family



[From PBS News: www.pbs.org/newshour/world/what-is-diwali-a nd-how-is-it-celebrated-in-india-and-the-diaspora]



Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights, with variations celebrated in other Indian religions. It symbolizes the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance" [kids.nationalgeographic.com/pages/article/diwali]

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