

School: “V.M. Craiu” Highschool

Class: 11th grade

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Report of the activity

The main aims of the project were accomplished. The students understood that keeping traditions alive is important for teaching the next generation about a particular or shared past. Traditions are beliefs or behaviors that are passed down from one generation to the next within a certain group or society. Often, traditions are related to one's nationality or religion. Some traditions are secular and celebrated amongst a wide range of diverse populations. Tradition is existing knowledge.

A tradition is a group of related ideas that have lasted for a long time. So it is important to keep traditions because they help an individual to establish an identity. For children, this is very important to positive emotional development. Traditions help to tether learning individuals to their family and place of origin, giving them a sense of security and continuity from one year to the next.

In modern society, keeping traditions alive proves to be difficult. Diversity in life is important for introducing new ideas and ways of being. However, a negative consequence of diversity is the lack of sanctity attached to traditions. Some believe that traditions are outdated or reflect a value system that is not applicable in today's world. After discussing with the students they have also identifies the degradation and loss of some of Christmas mask traditions. Unfortunately nowadays these traditions are motivated by money earning and not by the fact that they have to be maintained. Also fewer youngsters every year prefer to carry on these traditions. Gladly an example of good practice is our student Gheorghita Narcis, who opened a tradition museum in his village. Our main aim was to help him add some pieces to his museum by means of the masks students made. Luckily in Belcesti, these traditions are preserved and passed from one generation to another. Some special type of masks is made here from horse hair, that isn't found in other villages of the county.

Images with the winning masks and Christmas mask traditions in Belcești

