Caitlin: Good Afternoon Everyone! Today on our podcast we will be talking about a very special holiday known as Grandparents Day! Throughout our program we will tell you more about this special holiday and have some laughs along the way. With that being said I am passing the mic over to Maggie Brennan for some fun facts and history about Grandparents Day!

Maggie: The history -Originated with Marian McQuade in 1978 when President Jimmy Carter decided that National Grandparents day would be celebrated on the first Sunday after Labor Day weekend. (National grandparent’s day)

The main purposes of this special day are to honor and support our grandparents, be able to celebrate everything they have done for us and to show kids how special, helpful, intelligent, and patient older people are. (national grandparents day)

Fun Facts: - Marian McQuade and her husband have 15 kids, 40 grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. (National grandparent’s day)
- The forget-me-not is the official flower of grandparent’s day (National grandparent’s day)

-According to Chiff.com today, there are about 7 million grandparents live with any of their grandchildren under 18. About 2.7 million grandparents are responsible for most of the basic of one or more of the grandchildren they live with. About 1.7 million grandparents are in the labor force and simultaneously responsible for most of the basic needs of their grandchildren. (chiff)

-Each country has its own day to celebrate Grandparents day, this past year for the United States was September 9th.

Caitlin: Thanks Maggie! I’m glad that I learned so much more about Grandparents Day! Now lets turn the mic over to Lee Althoff for how other countries say Grandma and Grandpa!

Lee: Guten Tag this is Lee Althoff with your report on words in different languages. September is home to national grandparent’s day so today we are going to focus to Grandparents! Like always I will say the language that the word will be said in, then the word in English, then at last I will read the word, as best as I can, in the specific language. Alright, now let’s get down to business.

In Italian:

grandma -> nonna (nònna)

grandpa -> nonno (nònno) In Russian:

In Russian:

бабушка (bA-bush-ka) – grandma
дедушка (dE-dush-ka) - grandpa

In French

grandemere (grannmear) grandma

grande-pere (granndpear) Grandpa

In German:

grandma-> Oma(òma)

grandpa -> Opa(òpa)

In Spanish:

grandma -> abuela (avuèla)

grandpa -> abuelo (avuèlo)

Caitlin: Thanks Lee! Now if you want to know more about this great holiday let’s turn the mic over to Amanda Krch to know about some books about this great holiday!

Amanda: Some great books about grandparents include “Hooray for Grandparent’s Day” by Nancy Carlson, “Funny, You Don’t Look Like a Grandmother” by Lois Wyse, and Janet Lanese’s “Grandfathers are like Snowflakes”. “Hooray for Grandparent’s Day” follows Arnie a child who doesn’t have any grandparents but has many other grownups in his life. Even though Arnie doesn’t have any grandparents in his life he has special relationships with other grownups.

Here are some websites about grandparents to explore including apples4theteacher.com and grandparents.com. Have you ever wanted to do a fun craft or activity with your grandparents? Well look no further than apples4theteacher.com! This website includes some great fun and free activities that grandparents and grandchildren can do together. Grandparents.com has a list of 25 reasons kids love grandparents which highlights all the good things that grandparents do like displaying grandchildren’s art, telling stories and giving out lots of allowance.

- Books
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Websites
  o Grandparents.com
    ▪ 25 Reasons Kids Love Grandparents article
  o Apples4theteacher.com
    ▪ Grandparents Day activities for Kids
      • http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/grandparents-day/

Caitlin: Thanks Amanda! Well that’s all the time we have for right now we hope you had a good time learning about this holiday with us! I’d like to thank Maggie, Lee, and Amanda for doing a great job giving us the information about this great holiday! Thanks for tuning in and remember that no matter where you are from to hug your grandparents!

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