



World cultures accented

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special writer

For the seventh year since it was conceived in the Farmington Public School District, the bilingual department held its annual Multilingual-Multicultural Open House.

More than 450 people, including representatives from the Michigan Department of Education, heard State Sen. Jack Faxon, Farmington Hills, say one of America's strengths was its desire to preserve its heritage and culture.

Audiences watched traditional dances from the Chinese, Japanese, Dutch, Mexican, Indian, Arabic and Scottish culture.

The open house concluded with the serving of foods from all over the world in an international dinner prepared by parents of children in the bilingual program.

The bilingual department serves 383 students in 13 languages.

The bilingual program operates with a staff of 20, with the cooperation of the Parents Bilingual Advisory Council, under the directorship of Haroun Alameddine and Lawrence Freedman, assistant superintendent of Farmington Schools.

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AT LEFT: Patricia Garoune performs a Mexican dance. Her daughter, Claudia, a North Farmington High School student, also participated in the dance at last week's bilingual department open house. More than 450 people turned out for the annual event. State Sen. Jack Faxon was the guest speaker.

Madhuri Goom (left), 12, Sukanya Sili, 14, die school students, take to the stage during the multilingual-multicultural celebration.

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