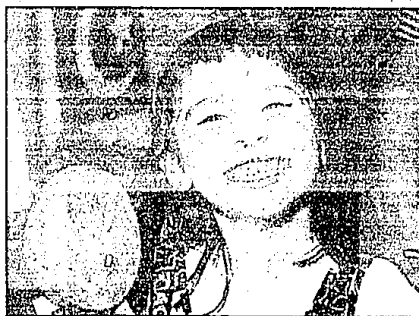


Lanigan program showcases many cultures



Worldly: With the help of Lanigan Elementary School student Stephanie Korn (above left), Israel was one of 33 countries represented during the recent Multicultural Night. Above right are some of the more than 400 items displayed.

Lanigan Elementary School recently held its Multicultural Night, with 33 different countries represented and 46 ethnic dishes shared by students, teachers and guests. Also, more than 400 items were displayed in the gym and cafeteria.

Held to help promote an understanding of

the Farmington school's diverse community, students performed dances from their heritage that they learned in recent years, said event coordinator Kelly Loniewski, a fourth grade teacher at Lanigan.

The projects also remained on view for the following day's annual Grandparent's Day.

Each child brings a grandparent to school to show them the daily routine.

For this year's program, the grandparents shared stories about their heritage.

Her heritage: Displaying a costume from India is Lanigan student Sharmila Kulkarni.

'Kids World' volunteers to meet, get marching orders

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With installation of the "Kid's World" PlayScape in Shiawassee Park just a couple weeks away, volunteers will be meeting Wednesday night to get their marching orders.

The meeting is set for 7 p.m. at Farmington City Hall, 23600 Liberty Street.

"We need folks to help with the assembly and installation of equipment," explained Farmington Assistant City Manager Bill Richards.

"and we need other people who will do things like, oh, carry stuff, or go get parts. Maybe cook the hot dogs."

Matching available volunteers and their schedules with various tasks is one subject on the agenda for Wednesday's meeting.

"At the meeting we'll figure out who's available on the days we need," continued Richards, who led the project for the city along with top volunteers Bruce Lilley, Nancy Tashman and

Mardy Stirling.

Kids World is slated to be built between Thursday, June 17 and Monday, June 28, mostly on weekends.

"I expect it to be the best fun we've had since we were kids," laughed Richards about the looming assembly and installation.

Final details and work crews need to be determined. But jobs to be done include the following: ■ PlayScape materials will be unloaded from trucks to staging trailers at Shiawassee Park, located near Shiawassee-Power. Materials will be delivered between June 5 and June 17, with 10-15 volunteers needed to lift heavy equipment and another two needed to help with inventory.

■ On Thursday, June 17 and Friday, June 18, main supports for the equipment will be built. Ten people with some construction skills are sought for the work.

■ The "Community Build Weekend" is scheduled for Saturday, June 19 and Sunday, June 20. Three teams of 15 people, with construction skills, are required to assemble and install equipment. Meals will be provided for the volunteers.

7 P.M. WEDNESDAY

■ The finishing touches will take place Sunday, June 27 and Monday, June 28, with picket fence installation and site preparation. The latter includes the spreading of woodchips and pea stone, filling sandboxes, installing bird feeders and plant-

ing flowers. About 60 people are needed for those days.

Richards said one problem is making sure nothing happens to the equipment after it is placed into the wet cement. So he has invited his teenage son Jeff's baseball team, the Northville

Broncos, to stay overnight on June 19. (Richards coaches the team.)

"I'd like to see about having a night game," he said.

According to Richards, generosity on the part of the Farmington and Farmington Hills communities enabled the project to have an opportunity to take shape.

In Richards' open letter to the

communities, he cited the following contributions to the project: more than \$70,000 in materials and services; in excess of \$100,000 in cash donations, including the purchase of about 1,500 pickets; over 1,000 contributors, from individuals to families to businesses.

Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Richards at (248) 474-5500.

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