Schools spotlight cultural diversity

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Boy Intent is to bring people tugether. It's more than all for one and one for all. We don't have prejudice, we don't even give it a thought," said Haroune Alarned-dine, Farmington Public Schools billingual education director.

"It gives us a chance to show we teach our children songs and dances from back home," said Farmington Hills resident Nick Juncaj, who immigrated from Albania 13 years. It helps make them understand they're not left behind.

Juncaj had two daughters, two nices and a brother take part in the entertainment part of the May 24 program.

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Farmington Public Schools and the Multicultural Community Council, made up of representa-tives from government, business and religious groups. co-hosted the program

Japanese, Albanian, Brazilian, Russian and Arabie students, under the direction of Jemil Metti, biliagual teacher. A display of international artifacts and ethnic foods followed in the school cafeteria.

Superintendent Michael Flanagan sees the celebration's value as "an awareness of the wonderful makeup of our community". District students speak at least 20 major languages.

Flanagan, who grew up in culturally rich New York City, says "We Are the World" is just the "beginning of some understanding" of white work the work of the



Harrison High 11th grader Violeta Vulaj (left) leads a troupe of Albanion teenagers, including schoolmates Vera Stanaj Fatmira Suleiman, in a traditional dance.



Bessis Pappas, mother of a Farmington High student, spent all day Thursday preparing Greek foods to be served. Pappas dishes spanakopita (spinach pie) over the American and Greek flags.



Bilingual students Mariko Ishikawa (left) and her sister, Yuka, Kazuyasa Ataka and Shinya Koto prepare for a Japa

Cops sponsor race to aid muscular dystrophy victims

As a prelude to its open house Sunday, the Farmington Hills Polleo Partment will host a 10K run open to law enforcement officers, civilian pollec employees and local government VIPs.

All proceeds will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.
Up to 200 runners, including teams representing pollec departments in Farmington Hills, Waterford, Monroe, Sterling Heights, Pontica, Ann Arbor, Novi, Detroit, Dearborn, Windsor and even Toronto are expected.

The run will begin at 11 a.m. at the Oakland Community College-Orchard Ridge Campus.

The route will loop toward the police department at 11 Mile and Ornard Lake Road. It also includes residential areas. The run will fluish at OCC, where refreshments will be served.

The \$12 entry fee (\$14 the day of the race) includes a T-shirt.

SWORN OFFICERS will compete in team competition. Others will compete in individual competition. Trophies and plaques will be awarded in both team and individual cate-

lar Dystrophy Association.

"Our hope is to promote camaraderie among different police departments while promoting a sporting event we all can participate in," said Farmington Hills officer Michael Farley, race director.

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"At the same time, we hope to raise some money for a charity. There's not a lot of fund-raising activity that police do out there off-duty that promotes charity.

"We'd like to show we do more for the commonity than just put in eight hours of work."

Farmington Hills police slate open house Sunday

There's a lot in store for partici-pants of the third annual Farming-ton Hills Police Department open house noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 3.

"We do this to get the community and the police together. We want to help the public understand what we do and how we do it," said Lt. Rich-ard Murphy of the Farmington Hills Police Department, 11 Mile and Ore-hard Lake Road.

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The four-hour event will feature
the Oakland County Sheriff's Mounted and Marine divisions and a U.S.
Coast Guard helicopter. Participants
will get a peek into real-life fire
equipment and an antique police car.

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Tours of the police facility will be
available, as will free child finger-printing, bleyele registration, a live
firearm demonstration, an electrical
safety magle show and blood pres-sure testing.

The North Farmington High School Jazz Band will perform 2-3 p.m., followed by the annual Tug-of-War at 3-4 p.m.

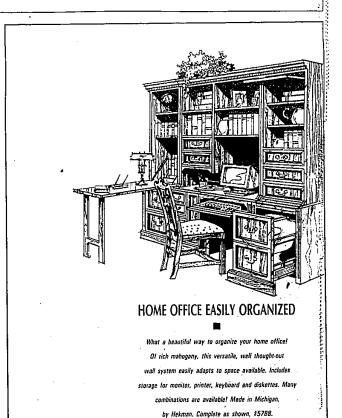
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Unlike past years, the Farmington
Hills Fire Department will not be
participating. Hills police will test
their muscles against the finest in
the Livonia Police Department and
Oakland County Sheriff's Depart-

ment.
Kids will be entertained by Ronald
McDonald and their chance at the
traditional Donut Hole game.
Admission is free.



Louie the Lightning Bug, Detroit Edison's safety mascot, teaches youngsters about electrical safety with the help of magician Doug Scheer (right). The safety magic show will be teatured at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Farmington Hills Police De-



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