



Japanese: Takashi Maeda of Eagle Elementary does a Japanese dance called Kurodabushi.



African American: Performing a contemporary pop number are (from left) Jason Kirkpatrick, Dedrick Harrington, Tim Amayo, William Sistrunk and Harvey Hicks. Harrington is from Harrison High; the others are from Farmington High.

# Melting pot

Food-wise, there was a potpourri of dishes to tempt the palate, most of which were prepared by parents.

Dinner plates could spin around the globe in a few short steps in the school gymnasium. Japanese cuisine included behun, which is a pork and vegetable dish.

Nearby, there was East Indian curry and rice provided by Shalimar Restaurant in Farmington Hills.

Lebanese dishes available included fattoush, which is made up of toasted pita bread, cucumber, green onions, red cabbage and a touch of olive oil.

Those people whose appetites didn't wish to travel cross-continent found 400 hamburgers provided by McDonald's.

International eaters were serenaded by the North Farmington Brass Band.

Several merchants donated food and materials, including an ornate fruit centerpiece prepared by Salvaggio's Strawberry Hill. Randazzo's Fruit Market also contributed fruit and floral items.

The multicultural program started out in 1979 with 35 people attending at Kenbrook Elementary and has evolved into the largest of its kind in the state.



Arabic: Wasan Salem of Harrison High displays a costume native to the Arab world.



Indian: Natasha Hingorani (left) of North Farmington; and Anandini Sekhar and Sharmila Paul, both of Mercy, dance the Giddha, native to the state of Punjab, India.

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