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**Marysville School District Equity, Diversity and Indigenous Education presents the Second Annual
*Festival of World Cultures***

MARYSVILLE, WA – The Marysville School District Equity, Diversity, and Indigenous Education Department invite families, students, staff and the community to an evening of cultural exploration and discovery through food, music, dance, and art. The Festival of World Cultures, taking place on Friday, May 17 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm will feature booths and entertainment from the wealth of cultural backgrounds that form the local Marysville and Tulalip community.

At this family engagement event, guests will have an opportunity to sample food from different cultures and from around the world. Participants will also get to experience a variety of cultural dance and musical performances, learn words in Lushootseed, the language of several Coastal Salish Native American tribes of modern-day Washington state, and other languages spoken in the District including Spanish, Russian and Tagalog.

“The English Language Learner Program in the District serves more than 1500 multilingual students and families who speak more than 37 languages,” said Deborah Parker, Director of Equity, Diversity and Indigenous Education. “Events like this help us celebrate the many contributions that make our community strong and united, and help us all understand the importance of respecting and honoring our diverse cultural backgrounds.”

Many community organizations and groups contributed to the event. If you are interested in hosting a booth, volunteering, or making a donation, contact Wendy Messarina, email wendy_messarina@msd25.org, or call (360) 965-0054. This event is being made possible from the support of the Marysville School District Foundation: <https://www.foundationmsd.org>

WHAT: Festival of World Cultures

WHEN: May 17, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

WHERE: Cedarcrest Middle School | 6400 88th St NE, Marysville, WA 98270

WHO: All students, families, staff, and community members in the Marysville School District and the Marysville and Tulalip Community

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