

# What is the Festival of Cultures all about?

The International Club is sponsoring the **Festival of Cultures**, which will take place at **Smith on Tuesday, March 26th from 6:30-8:00**. Its goal is to make Smith community members feel closer together, more interested in the world, proud of their heritage, and at the same time appreciative toward all cultures. We want to repeat the success of our festivals that have gathered over 400 people to enjoy delicious food, amazing, colorful displays from various cultures, and interesting activities such as games and henna painting, as well as origami and chopstick challenge. \* We collected over \$500 for a local charity. Everybody had fun, learned about several cultures, and wanted more. Here we come again!

Students interested in presenting a culture should pick up a form in their social studies rooms, fill it out, and return it by Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> to Mrs. Ostrowski (room 35). Students request more variety of cultures presented at the festival, Thus, we agreed to have no more than three groups presenting the same country. However, each group can have up to four members. (We already have two groups for South Korea, and one for Egypt, Mexico, Germany, and China.) The form can be also found on the Smith page. Open the Students link, and then Clubs/Activities, and your will see the Festival of Cultures link.)

Students can get more details from their social studies teacher, Mrs. Ostrowski at [eostrowski@troy.k12.mi.us](mailto:eostrowski@troy.k12.mi.us) or Mrs. Zastrow at [mzastrow@troy.k12.mi.us](mailto:mzastrow@troy.k12.mi.us).

\*All festival participants need to respect Smith behavior expectations for safety, responsibility, and respect. We are all responsible for clean-up after the event. All planned activities need Mrs. Ostrowski's and Mrs. Zastrow's approval prior to the festival night.