

## Monticello Central School District

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# Celebrate Tolerance

# Celebrate Culture

# CELEBRATE Us

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For more information about the Culture and Diversity initiative in our schools, visit the Culture and Diversity section of the district website at [www.monticelloschools.net](http://www.monticelloschools.net).



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# Celebrating Culture and Diversity

Monticello Central School District

## 1st Annual Celebration

Thursday, April 14, 2011

6 p.m.

Monticello High School  
Auditorium and Dining Hall  
39 Breakey Ave., Monticello, NY



Sponsored by the Monticello Celebrates Culture and Diversity Committee

# Celebration Program

**MHS Hall Walkway and Auditorium**

## **Showcase of Fine Art and Music: 6-8 p.m.**

- Gallery Walk - 6-6:30 p.m. - music by Steven Wilbur
- Welcome - 6:30 p.m. .... Renee Wilson / Miriam McCallion
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Presentation of Proclamations by special guests
- Chase Elementary School Select Musical Group
  - Margo Leatham, Conductor
- "Slave Escape" theatrical dramatization
  - Brook Gianconne, Rachel Hernandez,  
Jalyne Massie, Kevin McCarthy, Taylor Nelson
- Grade 6 Strings
  - Karen Laufersweiler, Conductor
- Grade 6 Select Musical Group
  - Amy Phillips, Conductor
- Native American Storytelling with Cherise Barasch
- Poetry Reading with Renee Wilson
- Monticello High School Chamber Singers
  - Eric Rubinstein, Conductor
- Culture and Diversity Virtual Tour and Digital Photo Array
  - Robert Kerstner, Tim Mangiaracina and his students,  
Yesenia Kreeger, Shelley Rossitto, Renata Gittler
- Presentation of Certificates
  - Assistant Superintendent Kenneth W. Newman, Sr.

**MHS Dining Hall**

## **International Food Tasting: 8-9 p.m.**

- Sample ethnic specialties from a variety of countries and regions including France, Asia, Italy, Europe, Mexico, Germany, Caribbean and the United States.
  - Pamela Sussman and her Home and Careers students
  - Debra Donleavy, Food Service Director and her staff
  - Robin LaFountain, Jane Sorensen, EPIC Parent Center
  - Yan Lin, China City Restaurant



The Monticello School community is comprised of students and staff from many different cultural backgrounds.

Celebrating and embracing our different cultural experiences and heritages enriches our lives and unites us as a community.

Monticello School District administrators, teachers and staff work in our schools to design and implement programs that have positive cultural references and learning embedded within it.

We want to ensure that our children get exposed to the beauty, contributions and rich history of diverse cultures and learn tolerance and respect for others.

This goes beyond the standard national celebrations and includes literary works, bulletin board displays, events and classroom lessons.

# **CELEBRATE DIVERSITY**

"A house divided against itself cannot stand...I do not expect the house to fall - but I do expect it will cease to be divided." - Abraham Lincoln

**Special thanks to the members of the Culture and Diversity Committee for their hard work, passion and commitment to this initiative.**