

32nd annual International Festival 2008

Breaking Barriers Building Bridges

Preparations as of April 7, 2008

Where: Mankato East High School

When: April 20th, 2008 from 11:00- 4:00

Tentative Schedule

- ☆ 11:00 Doors open at East for the Festival
- ☆ 11:15 Flag parade Processional: with American Indian students leading, Mankato dignitaries, followed by international students representing their countries
- ☆ 11:20 Smudging (which is a purification ceremony) performed in the auditorium stage. Dave Larsen, MSU Assistant Director for American Indian Affairs, will also provide a traditional Dakota Prayer Song
- ☆ 11:30 The Lion Dance Group from the Ha Family in St. Paul opens the entertainment.
- ☆ 11:45 Mankato Dignitaries provide a formal welcome to the event
- ☆ 3:30 Flag Parade Recessional

Events and Activities Under Construction Include...

International Bazaar featuring items for sale from 14 vendors from around the world as well as a silent auction.

Cultural displays including information from various countries and international non-profit agencies. Learn more about other cultures and find ways to get globally involved within the Mankato Community

Featuring an array of **food** with authentic tastes from various parts of the world.

Demonstrations to involve audience members in a Lion dance, Tae Kwando lessons, and more!

Entertainment with over 25 singers, performers, groups, etc.

Children's Worlds with crafts and activities