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