

#### **MULTICULTURAL NIGHT AT RCF 2025**

Thursday, September 25, 2025; 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Rain Location: Inside Rock Creek Forest (Cafeteria & Gymnasium).

Sun Location: Behind Rock Creek Forest (Playground Blacktop)

Chair: Karen Santiago, multiculturalnight@rcfpta.org

Join us for this FREE & FUN tradition of honoring the cultures that make RCF One School.

## **PROGRAM**

Life happens, so please note this schedule is subject to change. This is a Rain or Shine event.

Multicultural Night 2025 Schedule	
5:00 PM	Doors Open
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	<ul> <li>Cultural Booths &amp; Ongoing Activities</li> <li>Grab a Passport and Explore the World by visiting the Cultural Booths!</li> <li>Contribute to the Community Art Mural</li> <li>Color the Parade Banner</li> <li>Get a Henna Hand Art</li> <li>Support our 5th Graders by Purchasing Pizza and Treats at the 5th Grade Promotion Booth</li> <li>GYMNASIUM + CAFETERIA</li> </ul>
5:00 PM - 5:15 PM	Welcome Performance Irish & Scottish Bagpipe and Drum Maryland Youth Pipe Band CAFETERIA (APR)
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM	Main Stage Performance #1 Brazilian Samba by Luy EducArte CAFETERIA (APR)
6:30 PM - 6:45 PM	Main Stage Performance #2 Chinese Lion Dance and Drumming University of Maryland Terp Lion Dance Group CAFETERIA (APR)
6:45 PM - 7:00 PM	Parade of Flags & Close

(See additional information below).



## WHAT IN THE WORLD?

#### A GUIDE TO MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

#### **DRESS TO IMPRESS:**

We encourage students and families to wear traditional clothing or RCF gear! The best accessory is a brilliant smile and welcoming attitude.

#### FOOD:

There will be some food samples provided at cultural booths (for free) courtesy of our amazing RCF families. Samples may not fill the belly, so please also stop by the 5th Grade Promotion booth where pizza will be sold by the slice along with snacks and drinks to support their fundraising.

#### **PASSPORT ACTIVITY:**

All children will receive a passport upon entry. As they go around the "world" and have new experiences, they can collect passport stamps.

#### **CULTURAL BOOTHS:**

This community has come up with an incredible lineup of booths with some very creative presentations. We are excited to welcome back our Henna artists again this year! Cultural booths will represent over 18 nations and cultural celebrations! Come early–food samples won't last the whole night!

#### LIVE PERFORMANCES:

Travel to Ireland, Scotland, Brazil and China through our fantastic lineup of performances. Our performers will play throughout the night on our Main Stage (see schedule above for times, and below for the artists' info). In between, DJ Chinzo will keep us moving and grooving with today's top international beats.

#### **COMMUNITY MURAL CRAFTS:**

Join RCFs very own mural artist, Kate Cummings, to add your piece to the community mural installation. Children will also get the opportunity to color the Parade Banner for later in the night. Some of our cultural booths will have traditional crafts as well.

#### **PARADE OF FLAGS:**

A Multicultural Night favorite, all kids grab a flag and march around the parade route. The parade will close out the night this year..

#### **GENERAL REMINDERS:**

- If attending MCN results in a change of dismissal for your child, please remember to contact your child's teacher and the office according to the dismissal requirements.
- Parking is generally tight at this event every year. We thank our neighbors for your patience as many families will park in the surrounding neighborhood.

# LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PERFORMERS:

#### **MARYLAND YOUTH & PIPE BAND**

https://sites.google.com/view/myouthpipeband/home



Based out of Rockville High School, the Maryland Youth Pipe Band (MYPB) has a mission to foster leadership, personal confidence, and appreciation of the arts by providing musical instruction and group performance opportunities to school-age youth. The MYPB musicians learn to play bagpipes and/or Scottish drums while they promote traditional bagpipe music and Celtic culture within the community. Originally formed in 1961, the band has participated in numerous local, regional and international performances and competitions. We are honored to have them join us this year!

https://www.educarteinc.org/

## Through Brazilian performing arts and culture, EducArte connects members of the local Brazilian community with

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Washington, D.C. region. Founded in 2015 by Brazilian musician and arts administrator Pablo de Oliveira and dancer/scholar and educator Kate Spanos, EducArte is fulfilling the local Brazilian community's needs by establishing creative cultural spaces for the education, preservation, and practice of our cultural traditions, as well as establishing Washington, DC, as an important destination for Brazilian artists to perform. Originally known as Samba Jiq Productions, EducArte was incorporated as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization in 2019.

#### UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND TERP LIONS

https://www.terplionsumd.com/



UMD Terp Lions is an entirely student-led club whose members comprise of undergraduates that express interest in lion dance. Many new members enter the club with little to no experience, but by the end of one semester most new members have enough knowledge to complete a full lion dance routine and perform with the troupe! Terp Lions was established for providing cultural enrichment to the University of Maryland by practicing, performing, and teaching the art of lion dancing.

## **HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

#### **PLANNING COMMITTEE & LEAD VOLUNTEERS**

2025 Chair: Karen Santiago Sandra Maldonado Ellen Mitchell Puja Das Praneetha Akula

#### **CULTURAL BOOTH FAMILIES**

**Cummings Family** Santucci Family Mihalcik Family Milfort Family Cincuir Family

Felix-Salgado Family Wilkerson Family O'Rourke Family Knollmueller Family Roche Family Ozger-Pascu Family Asta Family Das Family Rajkumar Family Giffa Family Abdelrahim Family Jones & Santiago Family DeClet Family Guzman-Salgado Family



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Rock Creek Forest Counseling <a href="https://www.rcfcounseling.com/">https://www.rcfcounseling.com/</a>
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Metropolitan Pediatric Dentistry <a href="https://www.metropediatricdentistry.com/">https://www.metropediatricdentistry.com/</a>

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## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PERFORMERS, VOLUNTEERS & ATTENDEES! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR