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**McKinley Elementary School  
Hosts Third Annual Multi-Cultural Fair  
Friday, May 20, 2011**

*Davenport, Iowa* –McKinley Elementary School is hosting its third annual Multi-Cultural Fair from 8:40 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20, 2011 at the school, 1716 Kenwood Avenue, Davenport, Iowa.

"Our student population is diverse," said Patty Wells, McKinley ESL teacher and coordinator of the event. "We currently have students at McKinley from Japan, Albania, Mexico, Ukraine, Nigeria, and Australia. Our goal each year is to represent a variety of cultures and, especially, to incorporate the cultures represented by our students."

The day will begin with a play "A Thousand Miles to Freedom and a Boy Named Abe," presented by the fifth grade students. Following the play, students of all grade levels will participate in Native American arts and crafts in the school Media Center, where they will have the opportunity to make a talking stick, attend a Ukrainian Pysanky demonstration in the community room, and explore the multi-cultural stages in the school gym which will feature displays, make and take activities, and foods representing a variety of cultures.

A picnic lunch will follow with entertainment by the Sudlow Intermediate School jazz band, *Sugar Rush*. A variety of performances will take place between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. (schedule attached), including a sitar player, Native American drummers, and Irish dancers.

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