

# Students mix it up!

## Day to create awareness

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Diversity Day was a day to celebrate and embrace who students were, despite their differences, no matter what race, religion, gender, age, nationality, or disability. It was a day to reflect on and learn about different cultures and ideologies, a day to vow acceptance and tolerance.

One of the most important things about Sycamore was its diversity. Workshops helped people learn about other ethnicities and cultures. Students became more respectful towards people of other races. 46 workshops were offered—the most ever presented.

Diversity Day hoped to enhance and enrich those students lives who may

have not fully seen the benefits of people whose backgrounds were different than their own.

"Diversity Day is really about helping students see how their own piece of the puzzle links to fit into the bigger picture of our Sycamore family," said Principal **Mr. Kenji Matsudo**.

By getting to know and understand other cultures, Sycamore became a greater place. Diversity Day prepared students in solving the one missing piece of the puzzle. Even though everyone came from different backgrounds and beliefs, students embrace the opportunity to learn about each other and had tons of fun at the same time.

"Diversity Day is about broadening our students' and staffs' minds about different cultures and world views."

-Mr. Kenji Matsudo

"We hope that students think about how diversity is a part of their everyday lives."

-Mr. Jim Skoog

"It was a great experience. It expanded my view on all different cultures."

-Kelsey Fairhurst, 11

"It was so much fun! I signed up for square dancing, which was by far the best!"

-Kelsey Tremblay, 11

Many other school districts' administration attended Diversity Day because they plan on making their own. City council members were also present. They were hoping to improve diversity within Cincinnati.



Some workshops used games, slideshows, posters, and even props, in order to give the students the true understanding of that culture. This workshop gave students a perspective of what goes on in a small town fiesta. Mrs. Doris DeVela was the instructor of this fun and diverse workshop.