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## Lafayette Elementary's International Night

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Stephanie Brannon wows the crowd with a Chinese Yo-Yo performance. Photo Matt Fabela

With the theme sporting Winter Olympics, Lafayette Elementary School Families gathered Wednesday night, January 27th to celebrate cultural and ethnic diversity in the community.

In the school's multipurpose room there was plenty to eat, see, and do. Especially popular was the potluck brought in by the school's families - featuring foods from all over the world. Entertainment was also diverse; including Reggae music by Asheba from Trinidad, a Chinese Yo-Yo performance by Stanley Middle School Student Stephanie Brannon and a Tae Kwon Do demonstration from Yu's Martial Arts. Also, not to be missed were the Olympic-themed crafts, games, and student artwork.

Local businesses that made donations to International Night were Handlebar Toys, Mangia Pizzeria, Powell's Sweet Shoppe, Ming's Chinese Restaurant, Popchips/Carrie Dove Catering and Whole Foods.

Paulie Proffett and Janet Chen co-chaired the event. Says Proffett, "The goal of International Night is to raise cultural awareness and celebrate the family heritage of Lafayette Elementary's students." The 8th annual event, sponsored by the Lafayette PTA, attracts more than 300 students and families each year.

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