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**Students to honor cultures and share STEM learning at Spring Fair**

Hundreds of students in kindergarten through grade 12 will participate in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Showcase and the 12th Annual Honoring Cultures Diversity Celebration during the Washington State Spring Fair.

Events and exhibits will be featured in conjunction with the Spring Fair Thursday, April 16 through Sunday, April 19 at the Washington State Fair and Events Center in downtown Puyallup.

STEM projects may be viewed all day on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday, as well as after judging has concluded on Saturday morning, on the second floor of the Pavilion. An awards ceremony to recognize winning STEM exhibits will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 18.

The following day, April 19, the community is invited to a variety of STEM activities including hands-on projects throughout the day, robotics demonstrations from 10 to 11 a.m., a straw tower contest at 11 a.m., and a building boxes competition at 2 p.m.

In addition to the STEM Showcase in the Pavilion, students and community members will share music, dance, visual art, and other artistic talents during the Honoring Cultures Diversity Celebration in the Showplex Exhibition Hall.

Artwork, essays, poems, and other student work based on culturally-relevant curriculum and projects will be on display throughout the Spring Fair in the Exhibition Hall's South Foyer and Pioneer Room.

More than 500 pieces of student work will be on display, and many students will be on hand on Saturday, April 18 to discuss their work.

Performances will take place that same day between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on the Coca-Cola Stage, located between the Hobby Hall and the Grand Marketplace.

More than 600 students from throughout the school district are scheduled to perform during the Honoring Cultures Diversity Celebration, including singers, dancers, drummers, and step teams.

Visit the Puyallup School District website at [www.puyallup.k12.wa.us](http://www.puyallup.k12.wa.us) to see a schedule of events and performances for both the STEM Showcase and Honoring Cultures Diversity Celebration.