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King Elementary in Urbana Celebrates United Nations Day *School to Mark U.N. Day October 26, 2007*

Students, teachers, and staff at Martin Luther King Elementary School will celebrate their diversity and heritage during a United Nations Day assembly at 9:00 a.m., October 26, 2007, at King Elementary, 1108 West Fairview, Urbana. King Elementary has celebrated U.N. day for 30 years. This year's theme is "Peace in Many Languages."

During the assembly the oldest student from each nationality represented at King will march in carrying their country's flag. The flags will then be displayed on the stage for the rest of the assembly. In keeping with the theme of the day, many students will make peace quilts and those quilts will be displayed in the gym during ceremonies. "I look at it as a nice time to celebrate the ideals of the UN on a small scale. We learn to practice peace in school and in our neighborhoods as children so that we can work toward peace in the world as adults. It is also a time for reflection and celebration about the fact that we are a very diverse community at King and in our community at large," says District 116 Multicultural Program Director Jennifer Hixson. United Nations day is October 24, however King will mark the day on October 26.

Members of the media wishing to attend the United Nations Day assembly at King Elementary in Urbana, please contact Mark Schultz at 384-3650, or Principal Jennifer Ivory-Tatum at 384-3675.

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