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## Lynhurst Center International Festival

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LHC Orchestra

Lynhurst 7th/8th Grade Center (LHC) in the Metropolitan School District of Wayne Township held its 6th Annual International Festival: It's a Small World After All on Wednesday, May 16 from 4:30-8:00 p.m. The cost was \$3.00 per family and there were many activities to enjoy for admission cost, but some activities cost an additional fee. This festival was organized by ENL teachers Marina Veprinski and Nicholas Fine to celebrate the various cultures in the district.

Upon entering the festival attendees were greeted with the melodic music of the LHC Orchestra. Next to the orchestra performance area was an exhibit area filled with posters and pictures of various places around the world; it was an opportunity to learn about other countries. El Grupo provided live entertainment throughout the evening and there were many activities to enjoy and vendors to visit.



El Grupo

During the festival, WIMP (What is My Purpose) offered free haircuts, Imagination Jubilation painted faces, and the LHC Choir sang and danced. There was also a trivia table, cuisine from various cultures, basket raffles, and a soccer tournament. My boys and I didn't get to visit every table or participate in all of the activities, but we watched the choir and orchestra perform, participated in trivia, tried Japanese candy, viewed some manga comic books, learned about the International Marketplace Coalition, and watched part of the soccer tournament. My sons' favorite activity was taking a virtual reality tour of Jerusalem.



JJ taking a virtual reality tour of Jerusalem.

If you missed the festival this year, I highly suggest you stop by next year for the 7th annual festival. It is a great opportunity to learn about the different cultures and home countries of families on the west side of Indianapolis.