

# TIMES-CALL

Dancers perform in a dragon costume during a Chinese New Year celebration at Silver Creek High School recently.

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## Who needs groundhogs?

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Who shows up to high school after a huge snowstorm just for a taste of the food — particularly on a Saturday?

If the kitchen is staffed by restaurants like Eggloo Delights, Sakura Japanese Cuisine, Fong Garden Asian Restaurant, Lee Yuan Chinese Cuisine, Five Spice Asian Cuisine and China Buffet, school is suddenly the most popular place in town.

Silver Creek High School and its Leadership Academy are proud to have

nored the weather on a recent Saturday afternoon and came to school not just for the great food, but to share in the many great traditions and customs on display during the Longmont Chinese New Year Celebration. Activity booths offered hands-on activities like origami and paper cutting and chopsticks lessons, along with several other crafts and popular facets of Asian culture.

The celebration, chaired by Rita Liu and featuring Bobby King as a witty master of ceremonies, started with stage performances ranging from folk songs to tai chi, from ballet to kung fu, from the subtle expressions of a Lion

picted by the Tree Leaf Fairies, to the tenacious discipline merging spirit and force on display in the determination of a kung fu master sandwiched between a bed of sharp nails and concrete slabs, waiting for a sledge hammer to pulverize the hefty blocks against his stomach.

Silver Creek High School's three-time state-champion Drumline provided its own precise echoes to fill and resolve the vast space between dance and martial art. And if the point of the Chinese Lunar New Year celebration is to usher in a season of change and hope through such a spirited and state-ly Spring Festival, well, who wouldn't

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