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Enjoy color, start of spring with Holi Colorfest
Fire Mountain School fundraiser celebrates end of winter

MANZANITA — Come celebrate spring with a blast of color and joy at the beach. Fire Mountain School and Moxie Fair Trade will host the second annual Holi Colorfest with a day of colorful activities from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 21.

Holi is a traditional holiday in India known as the festival of colors or the festival of love. During Holi, people throw colored powders and liquids at one another. An ancient Hindu festival, Holi has become popular with non-Hindus around the world. The festival signifies the victory of good over evil, the arrival of spring, the end of winter, and for many, a festive day to meet others, play and laugh, forget and forgive, and repair ruptured relationships.

Normally celebrated on the last full moon day of the lunar month of winter, Holi was celebrated March 6 in India. The event in Manzanita on Saturday will celebrate Holi on the spring equinox, which mixes the color-blasting joy of Holi with Oregon's spring break fun to signify the end of winter and the beginning of spring.

Registration and color pick up will be on the beach at the bottom of Laneda Avenue from 11 a.m. to noon.

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Holi Colorfest

Noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 21

Manzanita Beach

Laneda Avenue, Manzanita

www.eventbrite.com

\$25 per person

\$20 per person in a team of five or more

Live music by local drum troop the Tsunami Drummers will start at noon and count-down to 12:15 p.m. Then the beach will explode in color,

laughter, dance and play.

All of the colors are food and environment safe and easily removed from clothing. However, organizers recommend eyewear, such as goggles or sunglasses. Participants are encouraged to wear white, so that colors show better in the after pictures.

Tickets are \$25 per entry or \$20 per person for a team of five or more. Each ticket buys the bearer entry to the event plus a one-pound bag of Holi color with five color packages.

The event is a fundraiser for Fire Mountain School, a small, independent elemen-



Submitted photo

Celebrate the arrival of spring with the second annual Holi Colorfest in Manzanita on March 21.

tary school serving children from Clatsop and Tillamook Counties since 1983.

To buy tickets to the event, visit <https://2ndholicolorfest.eventbrite.com>

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