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Design encourages cultural awareness, acceptance at CG-B



When the Sikh temple shooting in Oak Creek took place on Aug. 5, 2012, Cedar Grove-Belgium High School student Kiran Sehgal felt “frustrated” but couldn’t relate her feelings to others at the school.

So Sehgal, who’s father Vijay is from

India but not Sikh, started the Multicultural Awareness Club at the school.

Now in its second year, the club is putting the finishing touches on a mural on the first floor of the school that features national flags on leaves of a tree surrounded by monuments around the world.

“After the shooting happened, I thought the group would kind of be a neat thing to do in response,” Sehgal said. “I wanted to help people understand that there are other cultures and ideas and to take them into consideration.

“I wanted to do a mural for awhile now and saw the wall that it’s now on and thought, ‘This is a good spot.’ Hopefully it helps people see that there is a whole world outside and a lot of cool places.”

The club has grown to almost 20 members and includes students from a range of nationalities.

The mural shows flags of foreign exchange students who have attended the school, as well as the flags of Luxembourg and Holland, which dominate the population at the high school.

There are flags from Greece, Germany, Italy, Switzerland Israel and many other countries.

The club started work on the mural in January and hope to add handprints and initials of those who worked on it by March.

The goal is to add onto the mural in the future, by adding more flags or extending the landscape and monuments around the tree.

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