

~Spanish News~

Dear Parents,

In Spanish class, your child will be learning about the Day of the Dead holiday which is celebrated in parts of Mexico and Latin America at the end of October through the beginning of November. We will read stories about the celebration, and each grade level will produce traditional artwork that is typically associated with this holiday. The students will discover that the Day of the Dead celebration is a jubilant and festive tradition that unites families and establishes a sense of identity. It is a time for happy memories of loved ones, not scary stories! Families make special foods and picnic at the graves of their loved ones. In this way, the festival is similar to the manner Memorial Day is celebrated in the United States. By studying the art and culture of Mexico as part of our curriculum and learning about this celebration, I hope to create an exciting cultural experience for your child.

Please consider attending Cheekwood's annual "Día de los Muertos" celebration which will be held on Saturday, October 28 - Sunday, October 29 from 9:00am - 5:00pm. It is a fun celebration with entertainment, art activities, exhibits, vendors, food and more! They often sell out so reservations are highly recommended. You can click on the following link for more information or to purchase tickets: <https://cheekwood.org/calendar-events/el-dia-de-los-muertos/>

You may also be interested in visiting the First Museum between October 20 and January 28 to see the exhibit, Art and Imagination in Spanish America, 1500-1800. The museum will hold a weekend-long Frist Arts Fest on November 4-5. On Sunday the 5th, there will be a traditional folkloric dance performance by the Ballet Folklórico Sol de México. There will also be a traditional Mexican Ofrenda on view, guided exhibition tours and art-making activities presented by Casa de la Cultura along with other sponsors.

If you have any questions about the Day of the Dead celebration, please feel free to email me at lisa.trujillo@mnp.org. Thank you for taking the time to appreciate what your child is learning and creating in Spanish class.

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