

LA SEMANA NEWSLETTER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2010

Newsletters: Newsletters will be posted daily on the La Semana website (www.lasemana.org).

Absences: Please report any absences, child or adult, to the camp office (952-469-6464).

Classroom Snacks: A peanut-free snack will be delivered to each K-5 classroom this week. If you would like to provide your own snack because of food allergies, please inform your child's classroom facilitator each morning.

Do Your Part! You can contribute to this year's Service Project in a number of ways:

- **Bring old shoes!** Put them in the box in the cafeteria.
- **Buy food!** Empanadas, tamales and Latin American sodas are on sale in the lunchroom. Why not bring home a Latin American dinner tonight?
- **Write a check!** All proceeds will benefit **La Conexión Latina** a liaison to the Latino community in South Minneapolis.

Need your caffeine fix? Get your Latin American morning and break coffee (hot or iced!) in the cafeteria from 8:45-3:00. Also consider picking up some tamales for dinner! Proceeds support the service project.

Market Day: On Wednesday, August 4th from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., there will be a variety of vendors selling items for both kids and adults. Goods include crafts, clothing, greeting cards, books, musical instruments, CDs and adoption-related items. Campers will have opportunities during the day to see and buy the merchandise and there will be a number of inexpensive items for younger campers to purchase. Please remember to **send money with your child** if you will not be with them.

Camp Directory: Directories will be delivered today. The youngest child in each family will receive the directory. If your family does not receive a directory, please check with the office. **Alumni**, please pick up your directories in the camp office.

Directory Updates: If you have any changes to be made to the directory, please bring them to the office by the end of the camp day on Thursday. We will have an addendum on Friday.

Quince Años Parents: On Wednesday, there will be a parent education class on the cultural tradition of Quince Años (Coming of Age) rite of passage. 2:00-2:30 in the library.

Learn About Colombia: Stop by the specialty room on Tuesday and Wednesday to learn more about Colombian food products and where to find them in the Twin Cities. You can even place an order!

Parents of Fourth Graders: Please plan to attend the Life session with your 4th grader on Friday, August 6th from 11:10-12:10 in their classroom. With your help, your child will have a more successful experience completing their Life Booklet, "My Story." Alert your fellow La Semana teachers/workers that you will be gone during this time so they can plan accordingly. Any questions? Please call Barb Yates, Life Chair (651-231-0628).

Fiesta Update: The Fiesta will be at Lakeville South High School on Friday, August 6th at **5:30 p.m.** In order to seat all campers and their families, Fiesta is limited to immediate families – please no extended family or guests. For more information, **be sure to pick up the Fiesta 2010 Information Sheet on Wednesday** in your child’s classroom, or visit the website at www.lasemana.org.

Fiesta DVDs: You are strongly encouraged to order your Fiesta DVD before Friday evening. You can do so at any time by dropping by the office. The cost of the DVD is \$20 payable by cash or check.

Repayments: Please bring requests for reimbursement to the office; checks will be available the following day.

Garage Wanted: We need someone willing to store our Dance trailer. It will fit into a single garage stall, and must be stored inside in the Metro area where it will occasionally be accessed by the Corazon Latino Dance troupe. You must be able to transport the trailer to and from camp. If you’d like to measure the trailer, it is parked in the back by the Commons doors. The family that stores the trailer for La Semana will qualify for Registration Level A, meaning you will be the first to register and receive the lowest pricing for your entire family. Questions? See Jim Stromberg in the Camp office.

Three Is Key! Please remember our Buddy Policy. No volunteer should be alone with a camper that is not that volunteer’s child. If you are escorting a camper anywhere inside or outside the building, please be sure one of you **“TAKES A BUDDY.”** For more info, please see the handouts in each classroom.

Design Contest: In celebration of the 30th Anniversary of La Semana in 2011 we are having a contest to design a special cover for the yearbook and directory. ALL campers are encouraged to design and submit a drawing that represents their favorite part of La Semana. One design from each grade will be chosen for the back cover, and the top four designs will be incorporated into the front cover of both the yearbook and directory. The front cover design will also be printed on the camp T-shirt. So get your creative side thinking and submit your full color drawings with a brief statement of why this is your favorite camp activity. Include your name and current grade. They either turn in to the camp office before noon on Friday – OR – mail no later than September 30th to: Jaclyn Dvorak, 11583 Spruce Drive, Monticello, MN 55362.

La Semana 2011 needs a Webmaster and Secretary, and someone to do Data Base, the Directory and more. **PLAC needs** Board members. See Kathi Gallup for more info.

Volunteering for Our 30th Anniversary: Volunteer sign-ups will be done differently for La Semana in 2011. A sign up sheet will be in Murphy Hall. There will be 4 levels of volunteer commitment. Year round “Chair” positions will be Level A, and will qualify for earliest registration for camp 2011 and lowest per camper fee. Level B positions, those other than Chair positions that require significant time commitment away from camp, will qualify for second registration for camp 2011 and the second lowest per camper fee. Level C volunteers can register third and will qualify for the next lowest per camper fee. Level D volunteers, those who assume the least responsibility/time, will register last and pay the standard per camper fee. Fees and registration dates will be announced at a later time. For more information, or to sign up, call 612-208-7522.