

LA SEMANA NEWSLETTER

MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2011

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL THINGS LA SEMANA!

You can find Dance costume requirements, listen to our La Semana Camp song, see a copy of the daily newsletter or find the answers to most of your questions at www.lasemana.org.

No Parking: For the safety of the children, please do not park in the area by the playground beyond the gate. Thank you.

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."**

Health Concerns: If your child has a life-threatening allergy or other health concerns, please discuss with his/her Classroom Facilitator at drop-off. Facilitators received health information provided at registration, but please provide them with any additional details or instructions as needed. Ensure that accurate contact information is on hand. 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 send one to camp with your child.

Attention K-7 Facilitators: Please report any absences - child or adult - each day to the camp office (located just inside the main entrance). Also, the lunchroom will be especially full this year; please take advantage of the lunch tent outside. Or, consider scheduling playtime before lunch, if you find lunchroom seats at a premium when you arrive. Thanks for all your hard work!

Specialty: **Vamos Juntos a Celebrar!** The 30th anniversary of La Semana will be highlighted in Specialty with a series of Latin American celebrations. Throughout the

week, campers will have an opportunity to help us fill the giant piñata time capsule with their La Semana memories marking the 30th anniversary of camp.

On Tuesday, Specialty will focus on the most popular holidays in Latin America featuring an oversized map where the kids can place a sticker on their birth country and take a trip through the calendar year of celebrations. We will highlight kite festivals with an original giant Guatemalan kite, sample a taste of Kings' cake to celebrate Christmas, learn the art of making Alfombra carpets for the Lenten holiday of Semana Santa and hear from our own teens about the coming-of-age celebration called Quince Años.

Eat Well and Make a Difference! Buy delicious Latin American food for lunch today and support Common Hope, the Saint Paul-based organization that sponsors Guatemalan children and their families.

Parents of Fourth Graders: Please plan to attend the Life session with your 4th grader on Friday, August 5th from 12:35-1:20 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).

7th grade graduation: Parents be sure to come celebrate your graduating camper on Friday, August 5th from 1:15-2:15 in the Specialty Room.

Dance Costumes: Please check the website (www.lasemana.org) for information on this year's dance costume requirements.

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? Please leave word at the Camp office (located just inside the main entrance).

Check out our new Camp structure: Poster boards across from the office detail La Semana's overall structure. This is our second year of this new system, which has been a great success. Do you know who is the chair of your committee? Check the boards!

Remember to Recycle: Please use the recycling containers found around the campus.

Think ahead to Camp 2012: Be prepared to sign up at camp for year-round jobs (Tier A and B), which enjoy lower fees and priority registration. Other jobs will be part of a later registration process.

¡Muchas Gracias, Alumni! We have 62 alumni this year that have taken time out of their busy lives to join us at La Semana. Look for them in the baseball jerseys and say thanks.

SEE YOU TOMORROW AT CAMP!