

LA SEMANA NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2011

NEWSLETTERS WILL BE POSTED DAILY ON THE LA SEMANA WEBSITE (WWW.LASEMANA.ORG). If you have any items for the newsletter, please drop them by the office area by noon.

Absences: Please report any absences, child or adult, to the Camp office located just inside the main school entrance.

Special Thanks to All Market Day Volunteers. You helped make Market Day a success!

Fiesta Update: Detailed Fiesta information is being sent home with your child today with the newsletter. The info can also be found on the website (www.lasemana.org) or at the office (located outside the main entrance). The Fiesta **begins at 5:30 p.m. We are asking for staggered arrival times starting at 4:30.** All dancers should arrive at the school no later than 5:00 p.m.

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

Specialty on Thursday: We will join Carmen in a Day of the Dead celebration where we will experience some art and artifacts that celebrate the tradition, learn some new spooky practices and try on different costumes including masks, hats and feather boas!

La Semana's Got Talent! Alumnos Giselle and Dario Mejia performed last night on America's Got Talent as part of the dance group iLuminate. The judges comments included, "By far the best thing I have ever seen on this show," "Best act tonight, best new act in America," and "World class act." Watch tonight at 7pm on channel 11 for the results.

Don't Miss Paul Anderson! The Minnesota Supreme Court Justice will speak to the Senior Teens on Thursday at 10:30 in the Senior Tent. He and his wife, who are adoptive parents, were involved in founding La Semana. Adults are welcome to come and listen to what he has to say.

***Beira Mar Brasil* performed today in Specialty!**

Beira Mar Brasil has been performing Brazilian music in the Twin Cities and surrounding area for over ten years at venues like the Walker Art Center, First Avenue, the Ordway, and the

annual Twin Cities Brazilian *Carnaval* celebration, organized by bandleader Robert Everest. Their last CD, "Sonho Meu," which has been featured on KBEM and KFAI radio, will be available for purchase at the market on Wednesday. The CD contains creative and diverse arrangements of some of the most popular Brazilian songs from several regions of the country, and kids love it! Your purchase helps to support Brazilian music and culture in the Twin Cities! See more at www.roberteverest.com

Class Photos: Yearbooks will be distributed on Friday and will include class photos.

Eat Well and Support Kids! Support this year's Service Project by purchasing delicious Latin American food in the cafeteria. Coffee, soda and sweet empanadas will be available throughout the day. For lunch, look for Argentinean empanadas, tamales, quesadillas, rice, beans, tortilla chips and a daily entrée. All profits will be donated to Common Hope to purchase playground equipment for children in Guatemala.

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

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. Questions? Call Barb Yates (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.

Volunteer for La Semana 2012! Sign up today for year-round jobs (Tier A and B) on the boards near the office. These roles enjoy lower fees and priority registration. Other jobs will be part of later registration.

Help Us Write a La Semana Mission Statement! We are also seeking input on our Code of Conduct for both youth and adults. Come by the office and share your ideas.

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 (located just inside the main school entrance).

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

Repayments: Bring reimbursement requests to the office; checks will be available the next day.

Lost & Found: Bring and pick up any lost-and-found items at the Camp office located inside the main school entrance.

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."**

SEE YOU TOMORROW!