



# Beyond Learning Language Center ¡ Felices Pascuas !

April - May 2005

## ¡ Feliz Cumpleaños !

### Marzo

Jema Bravo	23
James Embro	26
Margaret Nickens	28

### Abril

Cameron Comrie	2
Justin Burrell	6
Christine Donehoo	10
Alexander Vaughan	11
Sofia Stafford	12
Vidu Roopan	15
Kaden Warner	23

### Mayo

Dallis Wesley	4
Jason Klein	6
Sarah Donehoo	21

## School Closing Dates:

We'll be closed from April 2 to April 10, 2005.



## Is it April already ???

Where does the time go?

Although the winter has not been so bad - it is hard to believe that spring is just here.

I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing spring break with your friends and families.

Thank you so much for all you do each and every day to support us here at the Center so

we can better serve you and your children!

We have been having so much fun, as you can see!



## Felices Pascuas

Please feel free to stop in anytime and visit us or

watch what we are doing, you are always welcome!

Our registration for pre-school has been going well.

If you know someone that might be interested, please share your experience and encourage them to visit us or set up an appointment with me.

I would be more that happy to meet with them and give a personal tour of our school.

Thank you,  
Mónica Velez

## Meet our Staff: Zuly Zapata Conoce a tu maestro

I was born in Colombia, South-America., traditionally known as Paisa's culture.

I am from a family of 7: two (2) brothers & four (4) sisters, I am the 6th of the family.

The fundamental's principles of my family have always been values: Respect,

Responsibilities, prudence, Love, Tolerance and Goodness which I not only project in my daily life but also teach to my students.

I have a master degree in Education with a specialty in Learning Disabilities.

I taught to children with learning disabilities for about 12 years in Colombia;

thanks to almighty god and you parents, who place your trust in my hands, by giving me the opportunity to continuing, in this country my vocation as an Educator.



Zuly Zapata

# Semana Santa

## Easter Celebration: Latin-American Countries

### México

Easter is a very important time in the lives of all Mexicans who profess the Catholic faith. The Easter celebration is honored at church and you won't find bunnies and jelly beans on Easter morning, because the holiday is a holy time.

The celebration of Easter actually begins with Lent. Lent is a time of penance, conversion, prayer and of living their baptism in true faith by the day-to-day deeds of their lives.

The celebration begins on Ash Wednesday, when many communities gather at the parish church to acknowledge their faith and repent of their sins.

On Ash Wednesday and all Fridays

throughout Lent, most people fast and abstain from eating meat.

On the Friday of passion Week, before Good Friday, people set up altars in their homes with the image

of "Our Lady of Sorrows", and decorate them with pinked tissue-paper cutout, plants, chamomile flowers, cala lilies, candles and diverse figures representing the story of Salvation. Fresh fruit drinks are offered to visitors this week.

Holy Week, or Major Week, when people live their faith with most intensity, begins on Palm Sunday.

Many cities have a procession through the main streets of town and with the blessing of the palms in the parish church.

One thing you will not find during the Easter celebration in Mexico will be bunnies and jelly beans. Some supermarkets may carry them, but most people stay away from the commercial trappings of the holiday.

### Colombia

In Colombia, the most famous Semana Santa celebrations take place in Popayán and Mompox, where the Spanish colonial forces built six churches and a chapel, all used in the Semana Santa observations. The events begin in Mompox the Thursday night before Palm Sunday, when celebrants, headed by Nazarenos dressed in turquoise robes, arrive at Inmaculada Concepción Church and throw stones or kick at the doors to gain entry. Once inside, their robes are blessed in a mass, after which the participants proceed to San Francisco Church. The next morning, the events begin at 4 AM with mass at Santo Domingo Church, followed by more rites at San Agustín and Inmaculada Concepción churches.

Palm Sunday begins with mass at several churches, blessing of the palms at Santa Bárbara, then a procession, commemorating Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, to Inmaculada Concepción.



Image of Semana Santa

San Miguel De Allende, Guanajuato Mexico

## Cinco de Mayo

**Cinco de Mayo** is often confused as Mexico's Independence Day. Cinco de Mayo commemorates an army victory in the "Batalla de Puebla" against the French in 1862, during the French occupation.

**Cinco de Mayo** is more of a regional holiday in Mexico, celebrated in the state of Puebla. Commercial interests in the United States and Mexico have also been successful in promoting the holiday, with products and services focused on Mexican food, beverage and festive items. U.S. merchants identify this as a new venue in order to build and attract customers via this new theme. Cinco de Mayo is becoming increasingly popular due to several factors like 1) Retailer distribution of Mexican products 2) Mexican representation of retailers dollars and 3) Party time venues with Cinco de Mayo theme.

**History** - After the Mexican-American War ended in 1848, a devastated Mexico found itself owing other countries vast sums of money. In 1861, Mexican president Benito Juarez announced that Mexico would not pay its debts to other



nations for two years. England, Spain and France then invaded the country to get payment. The Spanish and English eventually left, but Napoleon III of France left his troops in Mexico in order create a French empire in the beleaguered country. In preparing to take over the country, the powerful French army advanced from Vera Cruz toward Mexico City, assuming that the Mexicans would give up without a fight. But on May 5, 1862, in the fortified city of Puebla, a poorly equipped army of 4,800 Mexicans defeated the overconfident French troops. Although this did not end the French occupation, the victory

came to symbolize the Mexican people's determination to remain free from foreign control. On May 5th. Share the food, music and Mexican heritage.

Puebla, Mexico was established by the Spanish in 1531 on the main route between the port of Veracruz (the most important port in Mexico) and Mexico City, Puebla was the principal city of colonial Mexico. Puebla's appearance is the most European of all the colonial cities, because it was planned from the ground up by a Spanish city designer rather than being built within an existing Indian community.

## Recipes

### Flan (pronounced [FLAHN])

1/2 cup Sugar  
 1 can Sweetened condensed milk  
 1 cup Milk  
 3 Eggs  
 3 Egg yolk  
 1/2 tsp Almond extract

1 tsp Vanilla extract

In a small saucepan melt sugar over moderate heat, stirring frequently, until sugar is a dark, caramel-colored liquid. Remove from heat and pour into a 4 cup metal ring mold or 8 individual molds. Quickly turn mold to

coat bottom and sides with the caramel. Let cool so caramel hardens.



# Nuestro Rincón: Actividades para Practicar el Español

## TRABALENGUAS

### Tongue Twisters

A fun way to practice pronunciation in Spanish

En un tosco plato  
comen tres tristes tigres trigo;  
un tigre, dos tigres, tres tigres.

### Inspirational Quote

"Give me a fish and I eat for a day.  
Teach me to fish and I eat for a lifetime."

Chinese Proverb

TEACHER: Why are you late?

WEBSTER: Because of the sign.

TEACHER: What sign?

WEBSTER: The one that says, "School Ahead, Go Slow."

## SOPA DE LETRAS: RESTAURANTE

### Alphabet soup: Restaurant

Q	D	Z	N	J	Y	G	T	P	T	A	U	M	L	Z
C	D	J	X	A	N	S	L	O	O	E	O	V	O	A
U	Q	G	P	W	E	K	T	O	O	S	H	S	L	Y
C	K	O	R	E	R	A	M	A	C	P	T	A	A	V
H	M	N	N	D	L	N	R	C	N	V	U	R	A	V
A	E	S	Z	P	F	C	R	Z	V	D	C	U	E	E
R	N	O	O	W	H	C	U	H	E	E	G	F	K	L
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Q	F	T	N	U	Y	S	S	S	A	E	O	H	U	C
K	Q	T	F	Q	B	A	P	E	W	L	R	V	V	E
P	A	J	L	T	R	L	H	C	D	K	L	T	X	O
A	L	U	H	O	I	B	P	I	V	J	Y	I	O	O
I	C	C	U	C	H	I	L	L	O	C	U	J	S	D
X	D	S	K	R	O	D	E	N	E	T	P	K	G	K

AGUA  
CAMARERO  
CHEF  
CUCHARA  
CUCHILLO  
CUBIERTO  
MESA  
PLATO  
TENEDOR  
VASO  
SOPA  
SILLA  
POSTRE  
CUENTA  
MENÚ

