

## **Spanish Newsletter Week 10**

***“The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living”***

*Marcus Tullius Cicero*

*October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017*

### ***Feliz Dia de los Muertos!!!***

The day is finally here! And we keep on celebrating this old tradition that has slowly made its way to reach the American culture. You can feel and see how much this celebration has grown, and it's getting stronger every year with events that you can find in museums and libraries all over the city of Chicago and the suburbs. Painting skulls has been a huge hit among Plato students in every presentation, drawings, games, masks, or candy; and it's been a great opportunity to teach a bigger lesson about cultural traditions, tolerance, respect, and even death.

Last Friday, we worked hard in the preparation of our classic “**Altar de Muertos**”, (if you are wondering what this is all about, refer to the last Spanish newsletter). Every student helped prepared our altar one way or another:

**Prek** --- painted **velas**/candles and a branch for hanging the **fotos**/pictures of our loved ones.

**Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade** --- made **flores**/flowers de **muchos colores**/many colors, and decorated Styrofoam Calaveras

**3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade** --- decorated styrofoam or clay **Calaveras**/ skeletons or skulls.

**6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade** ---cut **papel picado**/perforated paper, painted clay Calaveras. Also, students were asked to bring a mini **altar de muertos**

from home, containing all of the elements that an altar should have. (Thank you to Michael for bringing his Altar dedicated to his grandfather).

All of the items were organized and displayed on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> at the Des Plaines History Center (especial thanks to Michael's mom Lydia Cichanski, who helped with the display). Students and children from the neighborhood who attended had the opportunity to paint sugar skulls, cut papel picado, smash pumpkins, enjoy pumpkin races, face painting, and other fun activities.



We are happy to announce that this year we won **1<sup>st</sup> place** (woohoooo!!!) and we couldn't be prouder. Than you to the families who came and voted for our school!



You can still enjoy part of our Altar, it'll be displayed by our school entrance for a couple of days more.

We will dedicate one more class on Day of the dead activities, and we will also start preparing our songs for Christmas, so stay connected.

Have a great Wednesday and **Feliz día de los muertos!**

**Soraya Castro**







