

Spanish Department Newsletter

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Día del Idioma 2010

On April 23, 2010, the Spanish Department hosted their annual event Día del Idioma. This day is celebrated in honor of Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, author of *Don Quixote*. For this year's Día del Idioma, the Spanish Department invited high school students to learn and practice their Spanish through a series of games and contests. In total, 78 students arrived from Virden High School, Northwester High School, and Lincolnwood-Raymond High School for a day of fun and learning.

The festivities began

with Country Sessions and a Vocabulary Builder which expanded the students' knowledge of both Spanish and the Spanish-speaking World. Next, Admissions took the students on a campus tour, allowing them to ask questions and become better acquainted with Blackburn. Finally, there was the Obstacle Course, an exciting event featuring toilet paper mummies, balloon popping, and a three-legged race. At the finish line of the Obstacle Course, the participants had to tell the definitions of words and phrases in Spanish. After the Obstacle Course,



Emily Brown, first place winner of La Carrera de Ranas, gladly presents her winning leap frog.

students participated in the Trivia Contest and then ate lunch in the Schmidt Commons (Ding), which was graciously paid for by the...

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Word of the Month

El filtro/bloqueador solar
Sunscreen/sun block



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Latin American News

Coast of Panama – When it comes to Global Warming, many Americans are skeptical about any changes happening to the planet. However, to the Kuna people of San Blas, Panama, the effects of global warming are all too real. The Kuna have lived on a chain of islands in the Caribbean for thousands of years. Thanks to rising sea levels, however, these indigenous com-



munities are on the search for new land to inhabit. The Kuna General Congress has come up with a plan that will relocate the island Kuna communities over a course of five to six years. Although the tribe can do nothing to change the environment to the way it used to be, they have resolved to learn to adapt to the changes.

— Nicole Eichelberger

Phrase of the Month

Algun día, ¡yo seré una estrella!
Someday, I'll be a star!

Día del Idioma (Continued)

...Admissions Office. During lunch, the students enjoyed making paper leap frogs, which they later raced in La Carrera de Ranas. After lunch and La Carrera de Ranas, the students played Bingo (in Spanish) and prepared to head over to Dawes Gym for the Talent Show.

For the Talent Show, Northwestern High School performed *La Cenicienta* (Cinderella), *En el nombre del amor*, *Rock 'N Roll en Español*, and *Las tentaciones de la joven*. Lincolnwood-Raymond High School performed *La Bamba*.

Those who helped with the judging of the Talent Show were Professor David

Sollish, Ms. Miriam Pride, Dr. Melba Buxbaum, Dr. Margaret Ekstrom, Dr. Elizabeth Zobel, and student Callie Cummings. The judges gave first place to Lincolnwood-Raymond High School for *La Bamba* and second place to Northwestern High School for *La Cenicienta* and *Rock 'N Roll en Español*.

The Spanish Department would like to thank community members Melba Buxbaum, Margaret Ekstrom, and alumnus Robert Card for their hard work during the event. The Department would also like to thank the many students who helped with set-up, registration, and much more. *¡Muchísimas gracias a ellos!*

— Nicole Eichelberger



The Spanish Department would like to say *Feliz Cumpleaños* to Bethany Flores and DJ Rudd. Bethany turned 20 on April 16 and DJ will turn 20 on the 8 of May. *¡Felicidades!*



Student Worker Spotlight

The Spanish Department is proud to announce Nicole Eichelberger as their Spotlight Worker of the Month.



Nicole is the Spanish Department Webmaster/Tutor. Her job tasks include maintaining the Spanish Department's section of the Blackburn website and producing the Spanish Department's monthly newsletter. She is from Madison, Illinois, and is studying for a major in Spanish. In her free time, Nicole likes to study the Bible, read, ride her bicycle, go for a walk, and attend Christian activities. Nicole would like to use her Spanish to minister abroad, translate documents, and serve as an interpreter.

— Nicole Eichelberger

Featured Recipe

Cachapas

(Venezuelan Pancakes)

Ingredients:

- 4 cup tender corn kernels*
- 3 tsp salt
- ¾ or up to 1 cup of water**
- ¾ cup sugar



1.) Mix all the ingredients in a blender. The mix should become thick and heavy. If not, add more corn or a few tablespoons of corn muffin mix.

2.) Shape the mix into small pancakes approximately 1/2 inch thick and about 5 inches in diameter. Let them cook on medium heat for about one minute on each side, or until small bubbles form on the top.

3.) Pancakes should be served hot, and may be accompanied with cheese (feta cheese is a good option).

1 serving = approximately 6- 8 cake.
Preparation time takes about 15 to 25 minutes.

*Canned corn may be used.

**Depending on how tender the corn is

Spanish Awards in 2009-2010

The Spanish Department would like to take the time to recognize the Spanish students who won awards for the 2009-2010 school year. At the 2010 Honors Banquet, Callie Cummings won the award for Excellence in 400-level Spanish. Katrina Werle won Excellence in 300-level Spanish, and Erin Bates won the award for Excellence in 200-level Spanish. Mariel Hildenbrand won the Worker of the Year Award for the Performing Arts Department. Lastly, Mikel Garrett was awarded the Mueller Humanities Fellowship Award. Mikel plans to use this scholarship to help pay for her study abroad trip to Ecuador this summer.

In November, Nicole Eichelberger was awarded November Honor Worker for the Work Program. In September 2009, Callie Cummings and Alisa Schrader both won the title of Spanish Department Honor Worker. In March 2010, Asia Steele won Honor Worker as well.

Once again, the Spanish Department would like to say *¡Felicidades!* to all the students who won awards this year. *¡Buen trabajo!*

— Nicole Eichelberger



Respectively from left to right, Mariel Hildrenbrand, Mikel Garret, Callie Cummings, and Nicole Eichelberger pose for the camera after Award Night 2010. Mariel, Mikel, and Callie all display their well-earned awards.

April Honor Workers

The Spanish Department would like to recognize Callie Cummings and Nicole Eichelberger as the Spanish Department Student Honor Workers for April 2010.

Cummings has put in hard work all year as the Spanish Department's Administrative Assistant/Tutor. In April alone, she was in charge of filing, coordinating Día del Idioma, sending letters to prospective students, and much more. In the fall of 2010, she will leave the Spanish Department to become a Resident Assistant. Eichelberger has served the department as the Webmaster/Tutor, editing the Spanish Department's section of the Blackburn website and producing the monthly Spanish Department Newsletter. She plans on returning to the Spanish Department in the fall.

¡Felicidades y buen trabajo!

— Nicole Eichelberger



Asia Steele (top left) won the Spanish Dept. Honor Worker award in March, 2010. Katrina Werle (top right) won the Award for Excellence in 300-level Spanish. Erin Bates (bottom right) won the award for Excellence in 200-level Spanish and Alisa Schrader (bottom left) won Spanish Dept. Honor Worker for September 2009.

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