

SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY & PULLMAN PARKS & REC

SPANISH CLASSES

Dear Families,

Bienvenidos! We are very proud to have you take part in this incredible program. We hope that this program will teach children how much fun learning a second language can be. Along the way, they will learn about other cultures and open their minds to the many possibilities that speaking a secondary language will offer them. Some students will grow up to have careers which will be enriched by their knowledge of Spanish, and we are so excited to be at the inception of so many wonderful linguistic learning possibilities.

We are looking forward to your input and support as we try to overcome the many hurdles in providing you with a “World class face to face program”. Please review the information below and do not hesitate to contact Megan Vining with Parks and Recreation at megan.vining@pullman-wa.gov or the teachers directly with any comments or concerns.

Pick Up/Drop Off:

When picking up and dropping off your children, please be aware that *the children must be left under the direct supervision of their Spanish teacher.* Make sure that you establish contact with the teacher and not leave your child unattended. If you are late, you must escort your child to the Spanish classroom to ensure constant supervision. Children will be released only to their parents unless the teacher receives parental consent of alternate plans. *Pick-up and Drop-off times will be enforced and we ask you to abide by them to reduce disruptions to the classrooms.*

Morning classes: Your teacher will be in the main foyer to greet the students at 7:45 a.m. and will escort them to Spanish Class. Students will then be dismissed at 8:30 a.m. to join their normal morning schedules.

Afternoon Classes: Students are expected to meet their teachers in the Spanish classroom after school by 3:00 p.m. At 3:45 p.m., students will be escorted to the main foyer where they will be dismissed to their parent and/or their afterschool program. Please let the teacher know if your student needs to be dismissed to an afternoon daycare program.

Class Times and Schedule:

Monday and Wednesday Morning: Introductory
7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Monday and Wednesday After School : Beginner
3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday Morning: Intermediate/Advanced
7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday After School: Beginner
3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Classes will begin the week of January 23, 2012 and will end week of April 30, 2012. **Holidays and school closures will be in accordance with the Pullman School district calendar for this semester.** In addition, we will send home a more detailed schedule for each class once we have that finalized with our teachers.

Curriculum:

We are very lucky to be able to offer classes that are specific to both children's grade level and Spanish fluency. We have four beginner classes that will be taught by three student-teachers. These teachers have developed a curriculum that will be optimally suited for each grade level, while including a beginner standard that we would like to have all children learn by the end of the school year. We will fill you in on more curricular details as the class progresses.

Teachers will provide information with respect to what is being taught in the classrooms and other pertinent information by sending out newsletters but please feel free to contact them directly to ask any questions in this regard. By the end of the semester, we hope the teachers will have assessed each child's accomplishments and you will receive a report card at that time.

Snack Time:

As the classes are 45 minutes long and will usually interrupt what would be the children's snack time, we ask you **send in two healthy non-perishable snacks** to share with the class for the snack drawer. This will allow children to have some unstructured time during class and sharpen their conversational Spanish. The request for a snack is also listed in the supply list and should be enough for 15 children.

If your child has allergies, please let the teacher know in writing of that at your earliest convenience.

Absences:

Please advise the Spanish teacher of your child's absence prior to the commencement of class, so that they are not concerned about your child's whereabouts. There are no makeup sessions and so we ask that children attend all classes except if they are ill (in accordance to the School District Guidelines).

Classroom Behavior:

We hope to have all children come prepared, ready and eager to learn all that our program has to offer. Since this is an extra-curricular class, we do not want to focus our time on teaching children how to behave in a classroom environment. We expect that they are already acquiring these skills during their regular classes and want to concentrate more on the Spanish curriculum. If we find a child continues to show disruptive behavior we will notify the parents and together decide if continuing in this program is mutually suitable.

Contacts and Additional Information:

We are still working on updating our website and hope to get it up and running very soon. We hope to post more information about the program and links to resources on the web as well as upcoming events and schedules. Please check with us out from time to time on our website at <http://www.psd267.org>

We will be sending you information periodically through e-mail. Please ensure you have provided us with an e-mail address that you check regularly. This is especially important if we need to cancel a class.

You are welcome to visit our classes at any time but please realize that the teachers will be engaged in activities with the students and cannot devote extensive time to the parents. We would prefer that you speak to the teachers before or after class, or send them a note via e-mail. If you are visiting our class we would appreciate no more than one parent in the classroom at a time as this may also cause class disruptions. Thanks for your understanding!

Supply List:

Because of our small budget we request all students to bring some supplies from home to share with the class. To make this process easier, we will be sharing supplies between the 4 classrooms.

Please send in the requested supplies to your teacher at your earliest convenience.

All Children please bring the following .:

- A sturdy folder with **bottom pockets marked with your name** (if they did not bring one last semester)
- Two non-perishable healthy snacks to share for the class (15 servings). You are welcome to send in snack friendly fruits and they will be consumed during the week. (ie. Apples, oranges, etc..)
- 500 ct printer light colored paper (not white)

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