

**POLYGLOT****Pinellas County Schools Office of ESOL and World Languages**

Volume XXIV, Issue 3

December, 2009



SPHS Participates in Dalí Museum Teen Docent Program

A group of dedicated St. Petersburg High School I.B. Spanish students took part in a Teen Docent Program at the Dalí Museum that culminated in a gallery tour and reception November 17. The purpose of the program is to increase cultural awareness by creating an interest in the art works of Salvador Dalí. The goals are to draw more diverse community members to the downtown sector of St. Petersburg and to create a community service project for SPHS students. The collaboration began with a summer Surreal Dalí Program during which students learned about Dalí's diverse body of work and then selected one work for extended research. Some students also participated in a related summer study abroad program in Spain during which their exposure to the artist's life and work broadened. The November-tour and reception were organized by teachers, Gisela Torres and Aixa Ruch along with museum staff, Peter Tush, Curator of Education and Bethany Mead, Education Coordinator. During the tour, students shared with guests a detailed account of their chosen work of art and its significance to the life of the artist. They used intriguing details to draw guests into the work while confidently expressing a deep understanding of Dalí, the man and Dalí, the artist. The 18 pieces selected covered more than 50 years of

Salvador Dalí's life as an artist. Participating students were: Sidney Howard, Corey Kimer, Ryan Husselbaugh, Marcus Carter, Will Keyes, Katy Pelton, Joseph Furlott, Kristen Bramlet, Michael Fears, Avery Moore, Wren Eber, Nina Chalama, Cody Phillips, Zoe Green, Maxwell Gough, Savannah Dearden, Joseph Frieler, and Preet Patel. These students will be presenting a workshop at the 2010 International Day March 6, at Meadowlawn MS.

Clearwater Fundamental

The Great American Teach-in at Clearwater Fundamental MS was a great success due largely to the efforts of CFMS's Principal's Multicultural Committee, which sponsored an all-day presentation in the gym presented by Steve Turner and Giving Tree Music. Students, faculty and staff experienced fun team building activities through the use of 120 conga drums and 80 other percussion instruments resulting in a group rhythm experience. Congratulations to Pat D'Andrea, the schools PMAC Liaison. CHMS also

celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with a number of activities, including a Hispanic American Achievers bulletin board, television interviews of Hispanic students, Latin American lunches in the cafeteria on "Fiestas Fridays", and Merengue and Salsa dancing in the courtyard.

Seminole High School

Great things are happening in world languages classes, clubs and honor societies. Spanish 1 students practiced describing themselves using acrostic poems. An array of "ofrendas", sugar skulls and other projects connected to the "Day of the Dead" classroom celebrations is on display in the main school hallway. Spanish Honor Society members were treated to a lovely presentation on the "Language of the Fan", the secret manner in which Spanish girls communicate with gentlemen while under the supervision of a chaperone. French Club members, led by their officers, meet twice a month for games and cultural experiences, such as the "crepe" party held recently.



Here's to a refreshing winter holiday!

Special points of interest:

- **International Day - March 6, 2010 at Meadowlawn MS**
- **ID Workshop presenters are needed! Please contact Pam Benton, workshop chair.**
- **ID Packets will be e-mailed and posted in Public folders and on Moodle**
- **WL Banquet—May 14 Feather Sound Country Club**
- **Please participate in the forums and surveys posted on Moodle...your input is needed!**

Congratulations to....

Esther González-Wright, who successfully completed her National Board certification this year.

Annette Collier and world language contributors to the World Languages PEAK Example book, published by PEAK Learning Systems.

Maryoris Noa, BPMS "Cold Turkey Winner". Participants pledged to get rid of a bad habit. However, Maryoris, a first-year Spanish teacher, wrote about improving her professionalism.

All World Languages **Smart-board recipients!!!**

Radmila Spiric, ESOL Family Outreach Coordinator, on her very successful digital camera project for ESOL students.

Maureen Howarth, ESOL clerk specialist, who retired recently after 26 years of service to PCS in ESOL and world languages.