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Escuelita del Alma

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Teachers' Birthdays

- Mar. 4—Ms. Yolanda, Red Rm.
- Apr. 4—Ms. Alicia, Green Rm.
- Apr. 19—Ms. Maribel, Silver Rm.
- May 1—Ms. Gloria, Blue Rm.
- May 1—Ms. Dania, Substitute Tchr.
- May 3—Ms. Karla, Rainbow 2 Rm.
- May 15—Ms. Tania, Rainbow 1 Rm.
- May 20—Ms. Dora, Orange Rm.

Remember to Vote in the Texas Primary!

Please indulge me with this reminder. You can do early voting at any polling place up until Friday, February 28th. Take advantage and avoid the lines on Super Tuesday, March 3rd! By the way, José Garza, Martin and Sofia Garza's dad, is running for County District Attorney.

Spring/Easter Egg Hunts—Thursday, April 9th

Escuelita will host its annual Easter egg hunts in the playground of the main building on Thursday, April 9th. The children will be divided into three groups and will partake in the egg hunt along with other classes. The infants and toddlers will hunt first. When those groups return to their classrooms, the pre-school and school-age students will go out to the playground for their turn to look for eggs. Parents are invited to attend.

Due to the high number of children who will be out in the playground with each group, we request that as each group's time runs out, all the students return to their classrooms. This will alleviate the overcrowding outside.

As follows is the schedule for the egg hunts:

- 3:30-4:05 p.m.**—Gold, Silver, Bronze, White, Green, Red, Turquoise & Yellow Rooms
- 4:15-4:50 p.m.**—Purple, Pink, Orange, Blue & Copper Rooms
- 5:00-5:30 p.m.**—Rainbow I & Rainbow II Rooms

We are gladly accepting donations of egg fillers such as stickers, goldfish, pretzels, fruit gummies, etc., and plastic grass for the baskets. This year, we will not need donations of plastic eggs for we have plastic tubs full of recycled plastic eggs from previous years. We will simply reuse those. Please refrain from donating candy or sweets, and remember that we cannot accept anything that contains nuts of any kind for we have students who are allergic.

The teachers and students will prepare their own baskets in which to hold the found Easter eggs during class time, so it will not be necessary for you to provide a basket.

Escuelita Closed for Classes on Friday, April 10th for Teacher In-Service Day

As is done yearly, Escuelita will be closed for classes for a teacher in-service day on Friday, April 10th. The teachers will be in the building in training sessions and the school will be closed to students on that day. Please ensure to make other childcare arrangements for your child(ren) for Friday, April 10th.

Changes to Your Child's Enrollment?

If you need to make changes to your child(ren)'s attendance for the new school year that will start on August 18th, you must communicate with Ms. Dina, the director, via email as soon as possible.

She is starting work on the groupings and class assignments for the new school year. The attendance needs of our current students must be prioritized, therefore, Ms. Dina needs to hear from you regarding your plans as soon as possible. If only attending on a part-time basis now, you can plan to add more days when the new school year starts. Likewise, you can choose to cut back from full time to part-time enrollment at that time.

Only if you plan changes for the new school year, please ensure to send your request via email to dinaflores@escuelitadelalma.com by April 15th. Person to person or phone conversations about your attendance needs will make it hard for Ms. Dina to remember since we have over 230 students enrolled. A written message is highly preferred. If she does not hear from you, she will re-enroll your child for another year of attendance with the same number of days as you currently attend. She will be unable to honor your requests for additional days after that date since she must fill any vacancies with new students asap.

Important Dates

Please mark your calendar with these very important dates:

Friday, August 14th—**Graduation Recital** (all enrolled students perform on our stage)

Monday, August 17th—**Closed for Classes/Teacher Workday** to prepare classrooms for new school year

Tuesday, August 18th—**Escuelita's New School Year** starts (all children transition into new classrooms)

Tuesday, August 18th—Austin Independent School District **first day of classes**

Keeping Ourselves Healthy

There are lots of scary news out and about regarding the flu season, strep throat and the novel corona virus, which reminds us, to remind you, about the importance of constant hand washing

Please get into the habit of washing your hands and your child's hands in the classroom, when you first arrive every morning, to eliminate germs being brought into Escuelita from elsewhere. Do the same handwashing before you leave our building, at pick-up time, to keep you from taking germs from Escuelita to your home or other places you might visit at the end of the day. We also have hand sanitizer dispensers for your use just outside of each entrance to our buildings, as well as in each office area.

Cold Weather Attire

Warmer weather is right around the corner so your child will soon not be needing winter accessories such as jackets, sweaters, mittens, etc., Please remember to take home such items that may no longer be needed. Our Lost and Found box, that sits on a cabinet down the hall from the main office, is getting pretty full with this sort of item. If you are missing a winter item, you are welcome to check the box.