

BE HAPPY
FOR THIS
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IS YOUR
LIFE



Latin American Traditions

Latin Americans celebrate the "Day of the Dead" by taking the time to visit their deceased loved ones and celebrate life. Each country provides a special touch to it, here are some examples. **Mexico:** Usually people go to the cemetery at night and decorate the graves. They also construct altars in honor of their dead relatives, where they place pictures of them, food and drinks believing the spirits will come at night to remember the tastes of their worldly life. **Guatemala:** Many believers claim they have seen visions of the deceased and... they've also heard strange things signaling their presence. **Peru:** Peruvians have believed faithfully that the souls of the dead enjoy

preparing altars in their homes; tradition includes leaving overnight offerings. **El Salvador:** Celebrated on November 2, Salvadorians visit the graves and leave flowers for their dead relatives. It's also a day that celebrates the lives of those who are still here. **Nicaragua:** sleeping with the dead. The Nicaraguans celebrate by going to the cemetery at night and sleeping next to the graves. Spooky! **Honduras, Costa Rica and Colombia:** the religious festival. *People* go to cemeteries and attend "pilgrimages of love", where they demonstrate gratitude for favors for their loved ones that have been granted by the saints.

-Adriana Rodríguez, Gabriela Ríos and

PAES 2011

"I can do this, I can do this, I've studied and it's not going to be bad... I can do this!" That's what I kept repeating to myself before the PAES. Completing a four-hour test was not an easy task. Math, Science, Language and Social St. are fun but, having them all together in a test is overwhelming. That's when I figured out how helpful staying at school until 5pm every day for PAES reinforcement had been. Once you are done with it, a feeling of satisfaction fills you up. Don't panic... you just do it once in a lifetime and you have to stay positive and confident about it. Here are some tips for you to do great and even enjoy your exam:

- Do not get frustrated.
- Study beforehand.
- Make sure to clear all your doubts before the test.
- Start with the math section because your brain is alert and fresh.
- Solve everything. Do not leave blank answers.
- Relax, you can do it!

- Cristina Santos



"Ignorance is the curse of God; knowledge is the wing wherewith we fly to heaven."-
William Shakespeare.

As you probably know, the AASCA Knowledge Bowl 2011 is an event scheduled for the month of November. The Knowledge Bowl consists of two competitions in which teams of different schools try their best at answering questions about Literature, World History, Science, Math, among others. Coached by Mr. Allen Jones, this year, our school's team is formed by: Marco Viéytez, Jael Geffeney, Michelle Handal, Alejandra Fonseca, and ME, Lizz. We're attending the National competition on November 10th, and the International one, (which will take place in San Pedro Sula, Honduras) from November 16th-20th. I encourage all of you to support us! GO KNIGHTS!

- Lizz Trujillo



Black Friday is one of the busiest days in the U.S and it marks the beginning of the Christmas shopping season. It is said the term "Black Friday" was first used by the Philadelphia Police Department because it represented how they felt about the horrible traffic jams during that day.

Why is it so popular? Well, you can basically get a 60 inch LED 3D TV without having to actually sell your car. Many retailers open their shops very early and offer crazy sales for the whole day. However, Black Friday shopping is not all rainbows and smiles. People are so excited about the prices that they practically do anything to get what they want. The expression "shop 'til you drop" became a reality for New York Wal-Mart's 34-year old employee when he was trampled to death by anxious costumers. Separately from the side effects Black Friday offers, it is definitely the best day to shop both online and at the stores!

-Alejandra Fonseca

Disaster in El Salvador

Our country was severely affected by last month's storms. It poured down rain for about 11 days nonstop. A lot of people suffered and lost everything, but the policemen and firemen helped the country to start healing. This is why we should be grateful for everything we have and help those in need.

- Jorge Daboub



fashion corner

If we think about November, the idea of home-made pumpkin pie or a juicy and exquisite turkey probably comes to our minds. However, it is good to know that Thanksgiving is more than a dinner and a holiday- it's an opportunity to be grateful for the things we have been rewarded with. Since we have to express our gratitude towards fashion as well, Fashion Corner wants to say "au revoir" to autumn with two trendy colors: black and brown. Throughout history, they have been "enemies;" now that they are "allies" be careful how you combine them ... not every fusion works. Happy Holidays Fashionistas!

- Camila Suárez



Reasons To Be Thankful For

"Gratitude is living life as if everything was a miracle"

When we hear the word "thank you", we don't pay attention to its meaning and we think of it being "just another word".

However, gratitude (simply giving thanks) is one of the biggest qualities in a person. Being grateful for even the smallest things makes you happier. You never know when life will take an unexpected twist, so be grateful for your family and friends; enjoy the time you spend with them. Above all, be thankful to God, for He has given us everything.

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