

April 7, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your seventh grade student is going to be participating in a cultural project next week during Spanish class. The students are going to be making cascarones, which are a traditional party and holiday favor in many Spanish-speaking countries. Cascarones are made from hollowed-out eggshells and are brightly colored and decorated. There are all different types of cascarones. They can be designed by children for holidays or celebrations, or they can be hand-painted masterpieces created by renowned artists. In Mexico, cascarones are very popular during the time of Carnival, but many Spanish-speaking people use them for any type of festivity. In the United States, many Spanish-speaking people design cascarones for various celebrations, typically around Easter.

In order to make these cascarones, the students will need to bring in 2-3 hollowed-out eggs in an egg carton **by Monday, April 10, 2017**. We are sending home step-by-step instructions on the back of this letter describing how to hollow out an egg. It is imperative that your student hollows out his/her eggs before he/she comes to school. No whole eggs are allowed in school. In class next week, the students will decorate and fill their hollowed-out eggshells with confetti. Once they finish making their cascarones, they will crack them above each other's heads for fun!

It is our hope that by doing this activity, the students will learn about traditional techniques of artistic expression and celebration in the Spanish-speaking world. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to your student's teacher.

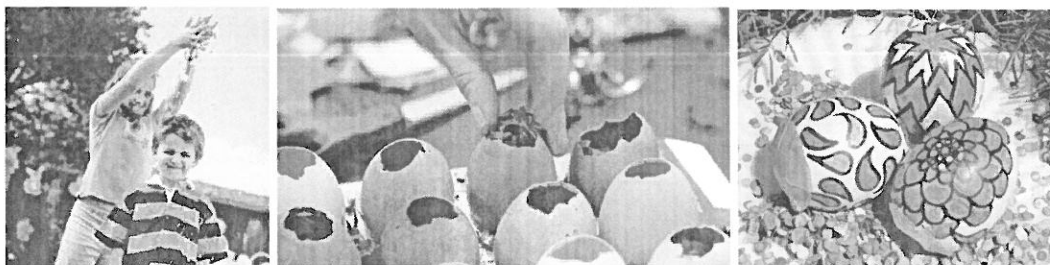
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¡Un Proyecto: Cascarones!

The week of April 10th-12th we will be making "Cascarones", a traditional party and holiday favor in many Spanish speaking countries. Some materials for the project your teacher will provide, some you will need to provide yourselves. Please plan to have your materials ready by Monday, April 10th. Come see your teacher if you have any troubles getting the materials!

Teacher provides:

- Paint
- Paint brushes
- Sponges
- Confetti

YOU provide:

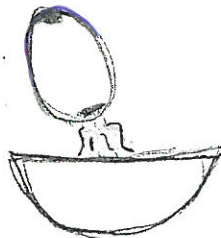
- **2-3 hollow eggs (directions below)**
- **Sponges, paintbrushes, glitter, sharpies, etc. (OPTIONAL)**
- **Empty Egg Carton**

To hollow out an egg at home, please do the following:

- 1). Using a small nail, ball point pen, tack, needle, etc. poke a small hole and a *slightly* larger hole in the top and bottom of your egg.



- 2). Shake your egg *gently* to break up the yolk. Blow into the smaller of the two holes, pushing the yolk and white out of your egg into a bowl.



- 3). Rinse your egg out with water and allow to dry
- 4). Transport your egg(s) to school using your empty egg carton, to keep them safe. Bring them straight to Spanish class where they will be safe!!