



MVA Spotlight: Spanish Department



The Spanish Department at MVA is on its way to preparing the students for a more diverse education.

Our goal is to prepare our students to speak Spanish by educating them through culture and real life immersion which allows them to practice and prepares them to use their language skills in the future. We are exploring those possibilities for this year as well as planning for the next few years.

The Spanish Department has also started fund-raising this year, so we can participate in field trips and outings which will enhance our program.

This school year, the Spanish Department at MVA was assigned to speak at an assembly on Wednesday, September 26, 2007. The

Spanish 3 class was instructed to prepare a program to inform the students of the National Hispanic Awareness Month, which took place from September 15 through October 15. Each student was assigned a specific task to prepare and present.

Danika O. researched statistics and percentages for the demographics of Hispanics from around the world and at MVA.

Alia L. presented the facts and history behind Hispanic Awareness Month.

Soogie showed some typical dresses in the Mexican culture with the help of Jacqueline R, who wore her very own authentic dress for the demonstration.

Tearsa S. informed us about how Hispanic Awareness Month began and how it

is celebrated all over the nation.

Courtney W., along with volunteer Taea F., demonstrated some typical dances and explained about the differences in the music and its rhythms.

A slide-show exhibiting photos of Hispanic people around the campus and world was shown on the screen with the help of Mr. Dixon.

Information about Mexico and Mexican culture was shared by Karina S. while Domingo H. shared information about the Puerto Rican lifestyle.

Regardless of whether or not they are actively enrolled in a Spanish course this year, all MVA students have been able to learn more about Hispanic cultures.

SENIOR FUNDRAISER



Grab your family and join the Senior Class of 2008 for a night of fun on Saturday evening, November 17 at 7:00pm in the MVA Chapel. Admission is \$5.00 for adults.

Please note that **Senior Recognition** has been **rescheduled** to January 19, 2008.

FALL TIDBITS

Between classes, work and extracurricular activities, the MVA students have been busy during the last month.

The soccer and volleyball seasons have ended, and basketball tryouts are beginning.

Midterm exams and Fall OGT testing has been completed.

Most recently, the MVA music groups traveled to different parts of Ohio to share their talents. *Cascabel* traveled to Toledo for the annual Bell Festival while the Echoliers and band traveled to Dayton to perform with music groups from Spring Valley Academy and Andrews University.

Month at a Glance

Mid-Term Exams	Oct. 16-18
Ohio Teen Retreat	Oct. 19-21
Ohio Graduation Testing	Oct. 22-26
Hand Bell Festival—Toledo	Oct. 25-27
Parent Weekend—(Sunday parent conferences)	Nov. 2-4
Acrofest—Gymnastics	Nov. 7-11
Thanksgiving Break—starts at 1pm on Tues.	Nov. 18-25

Special points of interest:

- *Parent Weekend* is November 2-4. Contact Mrs. Soper to schedule your conferences and make meal reservations.
- *Italy Trip* will be leaving November 16.
- *Up-to-date MVA Calendar* information can be found on RenWeb or at www.mvacademy.org