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NEW Website and Blog!

For the latest news - check out our **NEW** website:

<http://flvsnap.weebly.com/>

Not Yet a Member!?!

If you are interested in becoming a club member, please visit this website and submit an application:

<http://flvs.net/myFLVS/get-involved/clubs/Pages/SpanishClub.aspx>

What's Snappin in February?

Happy Valentines to all our S.N.A.P. members! Check out this month's super fun club meetings:



Tuesday, Feb. 4th @ 12:00pm - Listen and Learn the Lyrics to a popular Spanish Love Song.

Thursday, Feb. 6th @ 6pm - Learn Valentine phrases in Spanish, and create Virtual Spanish Valentines to send to your family & friends!



To join the above meetings, simply click:

<https://sas.elluminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=679&password=M.25AFBFEB5BC5229407320067FC4E6>

Friday, Feb. 21st @ both 11am (homeschoolers) and @ 4pm (afterschoolers) - Meet & Greet Basic Conversational Spanish / Google Hangout. Please note that an Evite Invitation will be sent out prior to the Google Hangout session with instructions on how to join. See you there!



Friday, Feb. 14th - Happy Birthday Sra. Miller!!!

Show Your S.N.A.P. Love!

Now is the perfect time to display your S.N.A.P. love and expand your involvement in one or both of the following S.N.A.P. opportunities:

Editorial Board - Join the Editorial Board where you can contribute information to our meetings, newsletter, and blog! More information can be found in our application **towards the end** of the following link:

<http://flvsnap.weebly.com/spanish-nuts-estudiantes.html>

Get to Know Your Other S.N.A.P. Members! - Go to: <http://flvsnap.weebly.com/> and click 'Spanish Nuts: Estudiantes'. At the bottom of the page you will have a chance to write one paragraph about yourself and why you joined S.N.A.P.!

Congratulations to Our New Officers!

FELICIDADES! Congratulations to our Bilingual Communications Director **Talia** for stepping into the Vice President role!

BIENVENIDOS! Welcome **Abigail** to the officer team! She is our new Secretary and Activities Coordinator!

Valentine's Day in Latin America



In Latin America, Valentine's Day often serves as more of a celebration of both love and friendship. In Mexico for example, their 'Dia de San Valentin' is more commonly referred to as 'El Día del Amor y la Amistad' meaning 'day of love and friendship'.

As in the United States, Valentines is celebrated on February 14th, but the 'red rain' begins virtually as soon as Christmas ends. Mexicans shower flowers, chocolates, balloons and anything red or heart-shaped on romantic partners, and will also show affection and appreciation to friends and those they care for.



In Guatemala the celebrations similarly take place on February 14th, but here it is known as 'El Día del Cariño', meaning 'day of love' or 'day of affection'. They exchange flowers, chocolates and cards, and similar to in Mexico show fondness to friends and colleagues.



In Colombia, Valentine's Day is celebrated on the third Saturday of September in conjunction with their Student's Day, Children's Day and Day of Spring, and it is known as 'El Día del Amor y la Amistad' ('day of love and friendship') as in Mexico. There they have a tradition known as 'amigo secreto' ('secret friend') whereby participants are assigned a friend to be the recipient of an anonymous gift, much like the 'secret Santa' that occurs at Christmas in the UK.

Bolivians also celebrate their 'Día del Amor' ('day of love') in September, in conjunction with Student's Day, Children's Day and Day of Spring.



Argentina and Chile both share the same tradition of celebrating 'El Dia de los Enamorados', 'the day of those in love', where partners declare their love for one another and celebrate their union.



In Peru, a common gift exchanged on Valentine's Day is a bunch of beautiful native orchids. Here, Valentine's Day occurs at the same time as Carnival and various other festivals going on throughout the country which led the government to declare February 13th and 14th as public holidays, making it an even more special occasion.



Gazpacho Soup

Cold Gazpacho Soup was originally eaten by peasants in hot southern Spain. Today It is eaten in Spain, Portugal and many Latin America countries.

Dating back to Roman times, it is thought that the Moors introduced this soup to Andalusia and Portugal. Originally, the soup was made of bread, olive oil, water and vegetables such as tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers.

Today, there are many variations of the soup that substitute avocados, grapes or watermelon for the traditional tomato base. Yummy!



Fun Vocabulary from our Recipe

Soup	La sopa
Tomatoes	Los tomates
Cucumbers	Los pepinos
Red peppers	Los pimientos rojos
Onions	Las cebollas
Bread	El pan
Olive oil	El aceite de olive
Salt	La sal
Pepper	El pimiento
To cook	Cocinar
To eat	Comer
I am hungry	Tengo hambre
Breakfast	El desayuno
Lunch	El amuerzo
Dinner	La cena

The Ingredients:

For the Soup:

8 large beefsteak tomatoes
2 small peeled cucumbers
1 red pepper seeded & chopped
1 diced small onion
1 Tbsp. olive oil
1 slice of bread with crusts removed
Salt and pepper to taste

For the Garnish:

Handful of croutons
Diced red peppers
Diced tomatoes
Diced cucumbers
Diced onions

The Steps:

- ⇒ Cut tomatoes into chunks and liquefy in a blender. Add, in batches as space allows, the cucumbers, pepper, onion, oil and bread.
- ⇒ Pour the mixture in batches through a sieve to remove seeds and pulp. It should be smooth. Add salt and pepper to taste and then chill in the refrigerator for at least two hours.
- ⇒ Serve in soup bowls. It is nice to serve the garnishes in small separate bowls and let each person choose their own 'toppings'. **Enjoy!**



Just For Fun: Important Dates in February



Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo - February 2nd

The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ended the 1846-1848 U.S. - Mexican War. The treaty was signed on February 2, 1848 and is the oldest treaty still in force between the United States and Mexico. As a result of the treaty, the United States acquired more than 500,000 square miles of valuable territory including California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and parts of Colorado and New Mexico.

Constitution Day (Mexico) - February 5th

Constitution Day is a national holiday in Mexico that celebrates the latest constitution signed into law on February 5th, 1917 by then President Venustiano Carranza. It was in 1910 that the people of Mexico became restless with their old constitution leading to the Mexican Revolution which resulted in the ousting of General Diaz, who was known to be an oppressive ruler.

In 1913 Pancho Villa formed a huge army which fought inside forces on the side of those in favor of a new constitution, namely Venustiano Carranza. After a long struggle, Pancho Villa was successful in ousting the rebellion forces and Venustiano Carranza was sworn to presidency. It was in 1917 that Carranza signed an important convention which resulted in the formation of the new constitution. The new Mexican constitution laid emphasis on land reforms and fair land distribution among the poor. The constitution is still in effect today.



Mexico's Constitution Day is one of the major public holidays in Mexico. All the offices, schools and most businesses are closed on this day. The day is celebrated with grand parades across the nation, music concerts and other festivities. Mexican people can be seen enjoying the day with great pride and honor.

Dominican Republic Independence Day - February 27th

The Dominican Republic is a country which has from the beginning fought for its' freedom. Originally, it was colonized by Spain, then invaded by France and then ruled by Haiti. On February 27, 1844 the Dominican Republic finally gained their Independence officially becoming the Dominican Republic. Every year during the entire month of February, the Dominican Republic Carnival is celebrated which culminates with the largest celebration on Independence Day, February 27!



Fun Spanish Videos
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Here are some great Spanish videos to check out!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DsRkoZGaoEM> - Colors and jobs

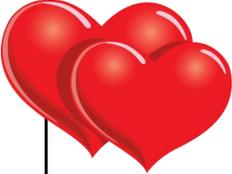
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xQySL95OizM> - Food

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOg6y-Q59eM> - Body parts



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