

# Explore the Globe Through World Languages and Culture

Your PTA, in conjunction with Fairfax County Public Schools Adult and Community Education, is offering two **Spanish I Foreign Language Experience (FLEX) programs this Fall for First, Second, and Third Graders**. The cost is \$95.00 (\$15.00 materials fee included) for an 8 week program starting the week of October 18<sup>th</sup>.

As a student in the FLEX language program, your child will receive an introduction to the target language and culture. Utilizing their senses, the students will learn through dialogues, commands, pictures, stories, songs, games and foods of the target country. Due to the time limitations and the nature of the program, please do not expect fluency. Students will not receive grades. Instructors will send home a progress report at the end of the course.

In the beginning curriculum (initial year and second year), a typical course will include the following topics:

- Introductory social dialogue
- Animals
- Parts of the body
- Weather/climate, seasons, calendar
- Clothing
- Basic national culture: map location, flag, landmarks, songs, art, holiday customs
- Colors, numbers
- Foods
- Classroom objects
- Family

Instructors are employed by Fairfax County Public Schools Adult and Community Education. Instructors utilize the FLEX curriculum guide and program teaching materials. They are required to attend an orientation session, and additional training is provided annually.

Parents must provide before- or after-school transportation arrangements. Students are not permitted to walk home from an after-school program. *Students must be picked up promptly at the end of an afternoon class. Repeated situations where a child is not picked up on time will result in the child being withdrawn from the program. **There is no one to supervise the children before a morning class (before school) or after an afternoon class.*** Children's safety is our concern.

FLEX is committed to non-discrimination in its program, services, and activities. For special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, contact the FLEX program office at 703.658.1291 at least two weeks in advance of the registration deadline. FLEX staff will make every attempt to provide reasonable accommodations; however, failure to request an accommodation within the specified timeframe may limit the ability to fulfill this request.

Classes will be confirmed if a minimum of 8 children are enrolled. Online registrations are confirmed online and other class details (except room location) are available by clicking the online emergency form link <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OACE/flex.htm> and reading page 2.

Register for either **FP08108**, the morning class on Wednesdays from 7:25-8:25am, or for the afternoon class on Mondays from 12:50-1:50pm. Please remember to identify our school for the program. Thank you for your interest. You may send an email to Heidi Lackey at [hlackey@gmail.com](mailto:hlackey@gmail.com) with any questions or call the FLEX program office directly.