



EL SEMANAL

3 de octubre 2014

Noticias de la semana

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**PTO Meeting NEXT WEEK:**

Join our PTO leaders for **the first meeting of the year, Tues., Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** We will discuss upcoming events, fundraising needs and volunteer opportunities. If you haven't already done so, please send in your PTO membership dues to help cover PTO administrative expenses such as insurance and banking fees, allowing us to reinvest event proceeds back into the school.

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**Volunteers needed** to help staff the HoLa table at the annual Hoboken Family Alliance All Schools Open House, this coming Mon., Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm in the Hoboken High School gym (Clinton Street between 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>). Volunteers will help greet prospective parents and answer questions, as well as help parents complete the online application on the spot. **Even one hour of help is much appreciated** – whatever time you can spare! Contact [jsargent@holahoboken.org](mailto:jsargent@holahoboken.org) to sign up to help.

**It's Kindergarten Class Coffee time!** Meet, greet and get to know your kindergarten parents and teachers in a relaxed and informal environment. Hosted by the Kindergarten class parents, Christine Brown, Zhiying Jiang, Melissa Levin Mahl and Erin Stehli. Friday, Oct. 10, 8am - meet in the cafeteria.

**Calendar change:** Please note that the 1<sup>st</sup> grade class coffee date has been changed to Thurs., Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**School Photo Day!** Mark your calendars! Dove photography will return again this year to take class photos and individual students portraits. They will photograph students in Grades K-2 on Thurs., Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, and students in Grades 3-6 on Fri., Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, with a make-up day for all grades on Tues., Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>.

**It's coming!** Mark your calendars for **Dia de los Muertos** on Saturday, November 1st for our annual celebration of the Mexican holiday to remember one's ancestors. This community event, held on the 100 block of Jefferson Street, will have bouncy houses, games, cultural activities, a bake sale and more! We'll be having a planning meeting and sending a separate email soon to let you know how you can get involved.

**Art Newsletter:** Attached you will find the **HoLa Art Newsletter for October** from Srta. Gaxiola – check out what our students have been working on during the month of September!



**From Tracey in the Business Office:** Our staff refrigerator has died and gone to its great reward. If anyone has a good used refrigerator (a full-size or a mini) that they are willing to donate, please contact [calvanico@holahoboken.org](mailto:calvanico@holahoboken.org). We will provide a donation letter for tax purposes.

**Request from Srta. Gaxiola:** If you use Goya products at home, please bring in your Goya boxes and cans for an upcoming event that the art and music teachers will be working on.

**New Website Launch:** If you haven't already done so, check out our new site at [www.holahoboken.org](http://www.holahoboken.org) with **a new platform, a new look and several new features**. Additional functionality coming soon.

**El Semanal:** Have something to share? Send a few lines of information and/or related materials, including dates, times, and contact information to PTO communications officer [fpalmer@holahoboken.org](mailto:fpalmer@holahoboken.org) by Wed. evening. If you do not have Internet access, please inform [Paola Verdejo](#) in the main office.

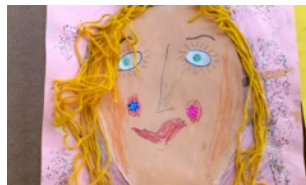
**Save Your Boxtops:** HoLa's PTO collects Box Tops throughout the school year. Start collecting now to help raise money for our school.

\*\*\*\*\***Community Events**\*\*\*\*\*

**Block Party in support of Hoboken American Legion Post 107.** Saturday, October 11th 2014, 12pm - 6pm at 2nd Street between Willow and Clinton. Free Bouncy House, food and live music. Rain or Shine.

**The American Legion, a small group of WW2 veterans, need our help.** Several HoLa moms have just joined The Rotary in town and are trying to help them. We are hoping for help in 3 ways. First, come have fun at the block party and second, consider donating something to the bake sale and email Shan or Lori at [shangettens@gmail.com](mailto:shangettens@gmail.com) or [lori@heidenry.com](mailto:lori@heidenry.com) for drop off times and location or three, donate financially.

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| <p><b>FECHAS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tues, Oct 7 — PTO meeting</b></li> <li>• Fri, Oct 10 - Kindergarten Class coffee</li> <li>• Mon, Oct 13 — NO SCHOOL/ Columbus Day</li> <li>• Weds, Oct 15 — Board of Directors meeting</li> <li>• Weds, Oct 15 - October Birthday celebration</li> <li>• Oct 23 - 1st Grade Class coffee</li> <li>• Fri, Oct 31 — NO ENRICHMENT</li> <li>• Fri, Oct 31 — 2nd Grade Class coffee</li> </ul> |
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**KINDERGARTEN**  
Self-Portraits



**1ST GRADE**  
"Ponchos"



**2ND GRADE**  
Cave art

# NEWSLETTER



## Babylonian Power Figures

This month sixth graders studied the Ishtar Gate. Built by Nebuchadnezzar II, this was a glazed-brick structure decorated with figures of bulls and dragons, symbols of Adad, the weather god, and Marduk. North of the gate the roadway was lined with glazed figures of striding lions; the animal associated with Ishtar, goddess of love and war, served to protect the street; its repeated design served as a guide to processions from the city to the temple.

**Bull from the Ishtar Gate by Omar Madrid.**

**Oil pastel**

# From dreams to ships...

Third and Fourth graders studied Surrealism. We had a very interesting discussion about dreams, as succession of images, ideas, emotions and sensations.

Third graders focused on “The False Mirror” by René Magritte. Students draw a big eye and inside, they draw their favorite dream. We had fun dreams, from Olympic medalists in gymnastics to playing soccer with Messi!

Fourth grade focused on the “Persistence of Memory” by Dalí. It was a fun activity, where we cut out melting clocks and stapled them on brilliant watercolor backgrounds.

Fifth grade worked hard drawing sailing ships inspired by the marine subjects of Winslow Homer. They’re still in process....

We have also been producing artwork based on the Hispanic Heritage Month. Kinder and 1st graders are making “ponchos” a typical outer garment designed to keep the body warm used by peoples of the Andes since pre-Hispanic times.

2nd graders are working on “La Canasta del Mercado” (The market basket) "*Lo recorrí por años enteros, de mercado a mercado, porque México está en los mercados*". (I went from market to market for years, because Mexico is in its markets.) Pablo Neruda. Open air markets, have been an important part of commerce since pre-Hispanic times.

3rd graders are working on “papel amate” a handmade paper with colorful suns, moons, birds, flowers, etc....

4th graders are having fun decorating “Sombreros Rancheros”.

5th and 6th graders will work drawing “casitas de adobe”. Adobe is the Spanish word for mud brick. Many countries in South America still use adobe as the main material to build their houses. Usually painted in bright colors.

*Friendly reminder, please send an apron, smock or an old oversized shirt for art class.*

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Each morning when I awake, I experience again a supreme pleasure - that of being Salvador Dali.

## Salvador Dali



From top to bottom:

Third graders capturing their dreams.

“Melting Clocks” by Amelie Baveja. Watercolor

“Sailing Ship” by Sophia Barere. Watercolor.