



“Un Caleidoscopio de Culturas”

July 29, 2015

Dear Friend,

The 2015 Helms Elementary PTA Auction “Un Caleidoscopio de Culturas” will be held Friday, October 2, 2015 at MECA (Multicultural Education and Counseling through the Arts). The theme of our event spotlights Día de los Muertos as it is traditionally celebrated in Mexico, and the purpose of the event is to support the PTA and our school’s new Hispanic Art and Culture ancillary program. Joining us to celebrate bilingual and multi-cultural education is our honorary chairperson The Honorable Jessica Farrar.

Helms is an HISD Pre-K – 5th Elementary school located in the historic Houston Heights. Helms offers a Dual-Language Magnet program that integrates native English-speaking students and native Spanish-speaking students in the same classroom, allowing all students to become bi-lingual and bi-literate by 5th grade. **Helms is a Title I school, providing free breakfast and lunch for all students; approximately 75% of our students are economically disadvantaged, and over 40% are English Language Learners.**

Beginning in the 2015-16 school year, Helms’s Hispanic Art and Culture ancillary program introduces students to countries, cultures, and concepts that are part of the Spanish-speaking world, and complements our Spanish/English Dual Language Magnet Program. Students will explore the history and geography of Spanish-speaking countries through music, art, and core learning opportunities.

We invite you to join us for “Un Caleidoscopio de Culturas” at MECA, 1900 Kane Street (77007), from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Enjoy excellent food and music, and participate in our silent and live auctions. If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities or donating items to our auction, please see and return the attached forms.

Your support enriches the lives of all Helms students and is an investment in a bilingual and multi-cultural future, and all donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Thank you for your involvement!

Sincerely,

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