

ILE Update

November 2009

LEGO LEAGUE

We are still seeking adult volunteers to help with our afterschool Lego League. If you have expertise in this area and would like to help, please contact Wendy Shelton at wshelton@ysshools.org. Thanks!

SPELLING BEE

The Spelling Bee will be **December 16** during the school day. Prior to the Bee, teachers will select participants from the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades based on their spelling achievement in class. All other students are invited to watch the action!

SCIENCE NIGHT! DONATIONS NEEDED

The PTO is sponsoring a Science "LIGHT" Night on Friday, **January 15** with support from the ILE program. During the week of the event, all students will learn how to create a "light sculpture" that connects to their science curriculum and meets academic content standards at every grade level. Then, they will create their light sculptures during the day and keep them on display for science night.



Kindergartners celebrated Dia de Los Muertes.

Families are asked to donate materials that can be used in the sculptures. These include new or used flashlights with batteries and rolls of masking or duck tape along with the following recycled materials:

Beads

Foil

Tissue Paper

Colored, transparent pieces of plastic

Pieces of cellophane

Household objects that may cast interesting shadows, i.e. slotted spoon, hubcap, fly swatter.

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Shelton at wshelton@ysshools.org

GIFTED IDENTIFICATION

Nearly all of the testing is complete and you can expect a letter soon informing you of your child's gifted identification status. I will have two meetings for the parents of identified students during conference week **Nov. 13-16**. The first will be for parents of those identified as superior cognitive whose intervention will be provided across the curriculum. The second is for parents of those who are identified in one or more specific academic areas.

CONFERENCES

If your son or daughter has been in the ILE fifth or sixth grade math enrichment pull-out in the first nine weeks, I will also be available to conference with you. Letters were sent home the week of Nov. 5 with times from which you may choose. In the meantime, please call or email me with any questions or concerns at wshelton@ysschools.org or 767-7217.