

# Day of Dead

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political science major and internal co-director for MEChA. Llamas plans to put up pictures of her grandparents on the altar, which is covered with bright colored tissue paper, candles and calaveras, colorful skulls made from sugar. She will bring food and a craft she made for her grandfather when she was a little girl and a miniature motorcycle for her uncle. People usually offer their relatives alcohol, something MEChA members cannot do on the University campus.

Every item on the altar has its meaning and place. Traditionally three important colors of tissue paper used to decorate the altar are purple, white and pink. Purple represents pain, white stands for hope and pink represents celebration. Other items represent the gods of wind, fire, water and earth.

"It's very spiritual," Llamas said.

The traditional Day of the Dead bread students will offer their relatives on the altar, takes the shape of bones and is prepared only once a year for this special celebration.

Gil will remember her idol, Cesar Chavez, who was an organizer in the national farmworker movement, on Dia de los Muer-

“*Dia de los Muertos is really important for us to remember in terms of our culture and our heritage.*”

**Sylvia Gil**  
Internal co-director for MEChA

tos. She said the celebration is not limited to deceased relatives, but includes "anybody who you think is important." Gil said the holiday is one of those typical celebrations students studying Spanish frequently encounter in their text books.

Llamas said MEChA's Dia de los Muertos celebration, which is the biggest of its kind in the Northwest, will include remembering those who died while trying to cross the border separating the United States from Mexico.

The group invited a special guest speaker, Guadalupe Quinn, for Tuesday's main celebration to help students remember those victims and give the holiday and broader social context.

"We just want to remember the spirits of the people who have died crossing the border," Llamas said.

For more information about Tuesday's festivities, contact MEChA representatives at 346-3508.

# First Step

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red on the other, which means the student should stop and think about what they are doing. Prizes will be given out to the whole class if the student finishes his or her work and listens to directions. Students become involved in the program when a teacher, administrator or parent requests intervention, said Debbie Kimball, program facilitator who works with parents and students.

The color-coded cards eliminate verbal recognition of negative behavior, which may in fact en-

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courage acting out, she said. It is about impulse control. The cards are also taken home so parents can become involved in the program. Walker said he believes it will

take three to four years before the institute, along with the Oregon Commission on Children and Families, can implement the program in all 36 Oregon counties.

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**Tuesday, Nov. 2**  
International Film Series: "Viagem a Lisboa (Lisbon Story)." 7-9 p.m. Room 122, Pacific Hall, 1210 Franklin Blvd. Admission is free. For information, browse <http://babel.uoregon.edu/ylc/Filmseries/filmseries.html> or call the Yamada Language Center at (541) 346-4319.

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