



January 29, 2010

Queridos amigos/Chers amis:

On **Thursday evening, March 4 (snow date, March 11)**, from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., the Hillcrest Middle School World Language Department will sponsor its annual “Cultural Café” in the Hillcrest Cafetorium. We cordially invite students and their families to join us for dinner that evening and enjoy a buffet of international cuisine.

In order to be admitted to this event, we ask that you and your child **contribute any favorite, home-cooked ethnic dish**. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you and your child to share something personal with classmates and members of the community and to experience a variety of foods from around the world.

Please bring your dishes to the cafetorium, ready to be served, beginning at **5:45 p.m.** on the day of the event. We do prefer that you bring your food in a disposable serving dish with disposable serving utensils. In all cases, **please label your dish** (your name, name of dish and ethnic origin) and be sure to put your name on any item which you will need returned. If you wish to include copies of your recipes, they are also welcome!

Space is limited for this wonderful evening of food and entertainment by The Alturas Duo – Classical/Latin Group. They play South American folk rhythms as well as their own compositions. Their instrumentation includes classical guitar, viola, and a unique South American instrument called the charango. We recommend that you return your completed tear-off ticket to one of us as soon as possible to ensure your place on the smorgasbord line.

Wishing you a bon appétit, buen provecho, and a buon appetito, we are,

Sincerely yours,

Linda Goldin Philip Kennan Melissa Testani Joshua Watsky June VanSteinburgh

Please return by Friday, February 12, 2010. All places are reserved on a “first come first served” basis due to space limitations.

(Family name and # of people)_____ will attend the “**Cultural Café**” on **March 4, 2010 (snow date, March 11)**.

We will be bringing _____(name of dish) to participate in the event.

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