

NEWS FROM LA ESCUELITA

FEBRUARY 2022

27th ANNUAL PROMOTION DAY

On December 6, 2021, La Escuelita celebrated its 27th Annual Promotion Day, sending 40 children off to public elementary school with the advantage of two years of preschool and a joyful experience that makes the children anxious to go to school instead of the fearfulness that sometimes comes with the new experience. Often the whole family comes to watch and participate in the Promotion activities. Besides the formalities, there are always games, a piñata, and food. Promotion Day is a celebration for the entire family, not just the child.



THE SCHOOL YEARS BEGINS

The 2022 school year began on January 24, 2022, a week earlier than usual with 80 children on the first day. This is a huge group for only two teachers. For this reason, the school has hired a third teacher part-time. The new teacher is really not new to La Escuelita. Joanna Muñoz is the same person who was hired as substitute when Alicia Narvaez, the lead teacher, was out for surgery last year. We are very happy to have Joanna back with us, and look forward to working with her further.



DONOR MATCHING GIFT

La Escuelita received an offer this year of a matching gift for all money donated between December 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022.

We are still waiting to give time for checks written in January to arrive. However, as of February 1, we have received donations of almost \$28,000 which will be **DOUBLED**.

We thank all of our donors.

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BREAK TIME IS NOT A BREAK FOR THE TEACHERS

In December and January, when there are no classes, there is still a lot of work going on at La Escuelita.



With the help of some parents, there is still a hot meal available five days a week for the children whose families need to send them. For many of the children this is sometimes the only cooked meal of the day, with just bread or snacks the rest of the day. The meals are carefully planned to provide a good protein combination as well as good taste.

The teachers have also been busy with continuing education workshops from the Ministry of Education. Nicaragua is making a strong effort to help teachers learn to recognize and deal with problems that the children may be having at home. There have been extensive workshops on teaching health and hygiene and also on recognizing and dealing with the effects of family and neighborhood violence on children.

Finally, when not cooking meals, attending continuing education workshops or preparing lesson plans, the teachers have been involved in planning and supervising the repairs that need to be done when there are no children in class, and the painting that needs to be retouched every year. Tables have been repaired, some of the chairs have been replaced, and backpacks of school supplies are ready for every child.



When classes started on January 24, 2022, the school and the teachers were ready for another exciting year of learning.

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