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# LAMP Press



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Thanksgiving celebrations  
around the world—

As researched  
by Paola Del Valle & Sofia  
Garcia

## How does your culture celebrate Thanksgiving ?

In Malaysia they have a saying: “Without rice there is no life.” They worship rice as an “extension” of their creator Bambaazon, for his generosity to them and the Earth. They hold buffalo races and even agricultural shows, all to give thanks to their creator who they believe provided them life.

On the other hand, Korea celebrates the Chuseok Harvest Festival. People gather on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month. The celebration emphasizes respect and commemoration of elders and ancestral roots. Aside from regular thanksgiving traditions, families return to their families’ hometowns and hold memorials at relatives’ gravesites. While this is a holiday that honors family ancestors, the festival is also a special time for spreading happiness amongst those you love.

Haynes, Kelsey. “7 Thanksgiving Traditions Around the World.” *GoAbroad.com*, 2016, [www.goabroad.com/articles/gobble-up-these-7-thanksgiving-traditions-around-the-world](http://www.goabroad.com/articles/gobble-up-these-7-thanksgiving-traditions-around-the-world).

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# Teacher Spotlight

## Ms. German



### What are you thankful for?

I am thankful for life, health, strength, my family, and things being as well as they are. I know life has been complicated this year, but it's important to remember it could always be worse.

### What was your childhood nickname?

Crys, Crys (pronounced Chris, Chris) my mom gave me that nickname and I hated it. Now I'm called Crys since I'm older, I guess.

### What made you want to teach here?

Years ago, I was a student here and while I was here I wasn't aware of how supportive and helpful this school was. I would say I took it for granted. As I got older I started to reflect on my past so that I could perfect my future, and while doing so I realized this school offered me more than I could have asked for. Free day care so I could get an education, patient teachers, parenting courses to help me become the best young parent that I could be, and additional resources to help better my life as a teenage mom. Once I realized that, I considered being an employee here a dream job. Not because of the pay, the location, or any other incentive that often determines jobs for most others. It was because I wanted to give back to students what was given to me and to be a part of an educational program that is supportive and encouraging for young girls who are now where I once was. It's an honor and I'm happy to be here.

### Was this your dream job?

Yes, to be employed here, however my dream job is to be a school psychologist, so that I can be a voice for kids who are struggling academically or need additional assistance meeting academic goals and deadlines. If that position became available here after I'm finished with my additional schooling, my dream job would be within reach.

### Have you ever broken someone's heart?

No, not that I'm aware of.

### What is your favorite birthday memory?

Some years ago, my boyfriend at the time took me on a trip for my birthday and invited all of my close friends and family. We all went to a nice restaurant and he proposed to me. I was extremely surprised and excited. That was the best birthday of all.

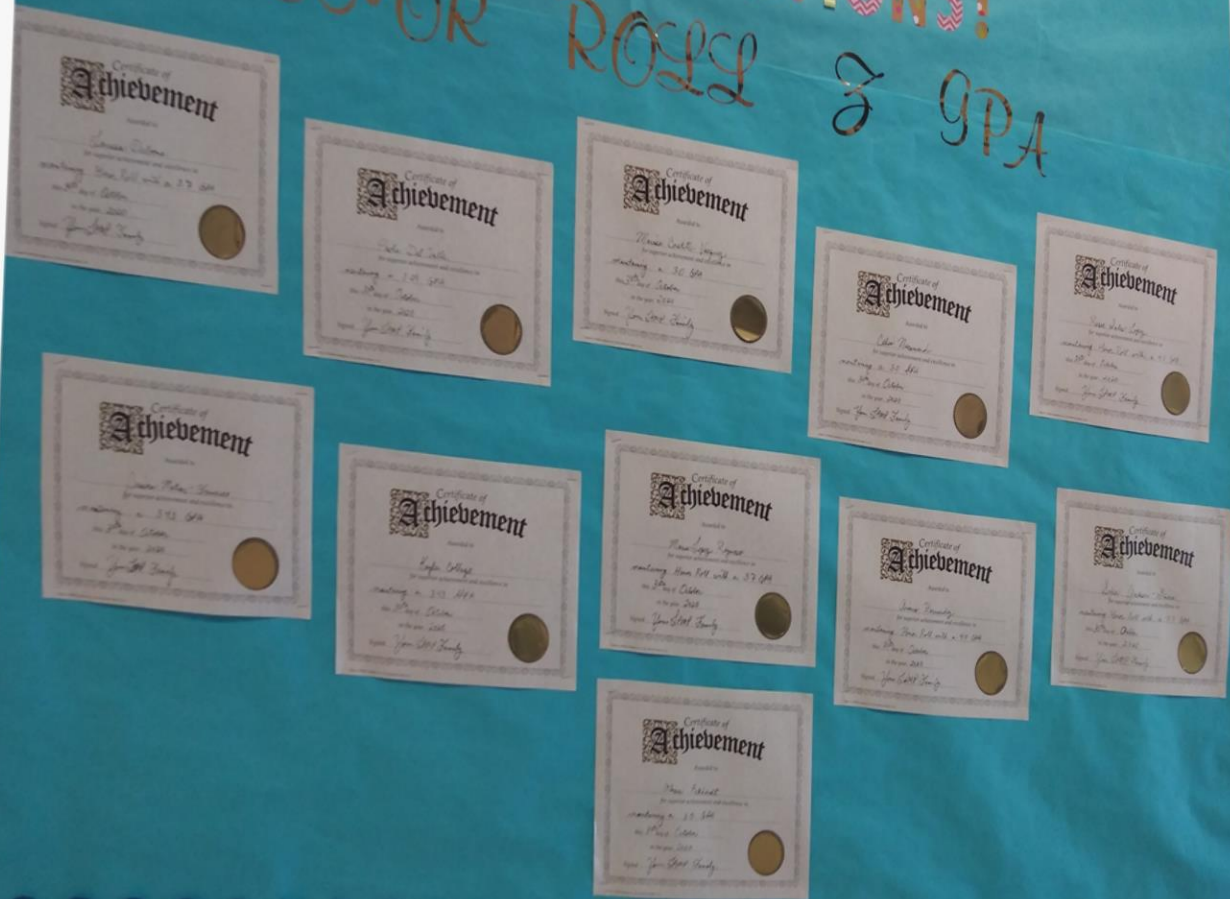
### What is the weirdest thing you've ever eaten?

Nothing to my knowledge. I'm a very picky eater and I'm scared to try weird food. However, I love seafood.

### You have been given an elephant. You cannot sell it or give it away. What will you do with it?

I would host birthday parties for kids and the main event would involve the elephant. I would at least make money since I would have to store it.

# Q1 RECOGNITIONS! HONOR ROLL & GPA



## Quarter 1 Honorees Honor Roll and 3.0 GPA

Larissa Debona  
Jessica Matias-Francisco  
Paola Del Valle  
Kaylee Collazo  
Marisa Castillo-Vasquez  
Maria Lopez Reynoso  
Alexis Eckhardt  
Celia Nucamendi  
Ariana Hernandez  
Rosio Sales-Lopez  
Sofia Garcia



# Holiday Yum!

## **Homemade Cornbread Recipe:**

Serves 8 people

### **Ingredients:**

1 cup yellow cornmeal  
1 cup all-purpose flour  
0.25 cup sugar  
4 tsp baking powder  
0.5 tsp salt  
1 cup milk  
1 large egg  
0.25 cup cooking oil

### **Instructions-(Step by Step):**

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees and coat the inside of a 9-inch pie plate or 8x8 inch casserole dish with non-stick spray. In a large bowl, stir together 1 cup yellow cornmeal, 1 cup all-purpose flour, 1/4 cup sugar, 4 tsp baking powder, and 1/2 tsp salt. Make sure these are really well stirred together. In a separate bowl, whisk together 1 cup milk, 1 large egg, and 1/4 cup cooking oil.

Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients...

And stir just until everything is moistened. You don't want to over stir the batter because that can develop the gluten in the flour and make the end product a little rubbery, so it's okay if there are a few lumps. No need to stir until everything is completely smooth.

Spread the batter into your prepared dish and bake for about 20 minutes, or until the top and edges are golden brown. The exact baking time may vary slightly based on your dish and your oven.

The top will crack a little and look all delicious.

Or you can pour the batter into an oiled muffin tin, filling each well about 3/4 full. You'll get about 10 corn muffins.

Bake the muffins at the same temperature, for 16-18 minutes, or until they're golden brown on top.

Slice it into 8 portions and serve! YUM! Never underestimate simplicity.

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Enjoy! \_\_\_\_\_



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## Upcoming...



Through December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sign-ups for student Secret Santa (See information in your Google Classroom Streams for Mr. Staesser's Class)
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Vision Van is on campus
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interims</li><li>• Zoom Parent Involvement Event (Time TBD)</li></ul>
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	ECC Infant/Toddler Parent Zoom Meeting- 2:00
December 14 <sup>th</sup> through the 18 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Spirit Week for Students and Staff (Read Below!)

## Holiday Spirit Week December 14th—18th



Monday- Wear your holiday colors.



Tuesday- Dress like your favorite holiday character.



Wednesday- Silly Holiday Socks!



Thursday- Come as you are and enjoy holiday cookies.



Friday- If you have one, wear an ugly holiday sweater.

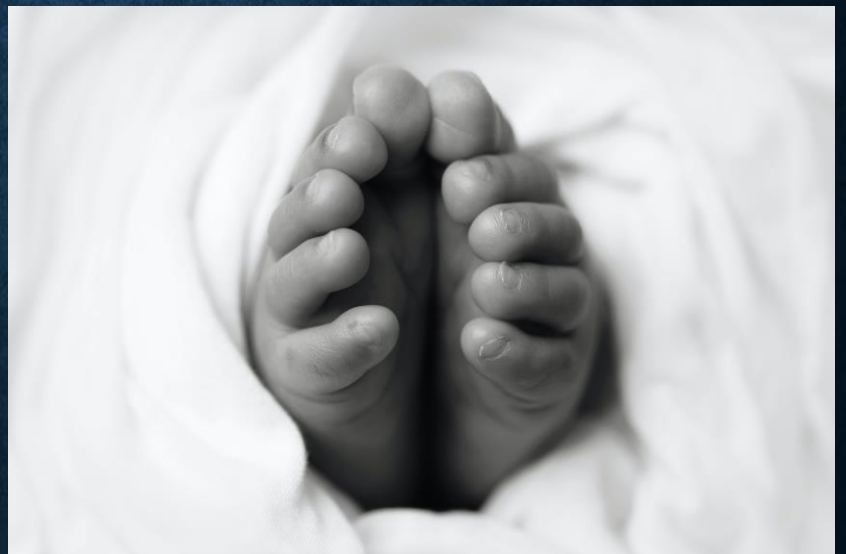
*Congratulations,  
Marisa!*



*Congratulations,  
Mommies and  
Babies!*

*Nicolasa Cardona had her 6 lb. 3 oz.  
baby girl, Maria, on October 18<sup>th</sup>.*

*Cassandra Arias gave birth to her 6 lb.  
3 oz. baby girl, Yvonne, on November  
22<sup>nd</sup>.*



# LAMP SCRAMBLER

## Newsletter

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ANDREW  
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PEDRAJA  
SECRET SANTA  
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MS JESSICA  
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NURSE KAY  
GERMAN  
MYRIE  
PATTILLO

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/1709801/>

*Lee Adolescent Mothers Program is a proud Title I school*

Dear Parent or Guardian:

In an effort to ensure that all students in the School District of Lee County are provided the highest quality education by effective and skilled teachers, we are continually working to make sure all teachers of core academic subjects meet the definition of "State Certified" under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Core academic subjects include English, reading, language arts, mathematics, civics/government, economics, geography, history, science, foreign languages, and the arts.

In order for a teacher to meet the definition of "State Certified," they must have:

- a Bachelor's degree or higher;
- full State certification; AND
- demonstrate knowledge of the academic subject area(s) in which they teach.

Although the District makes every effort to hire teachers that meet ESSA's demanding highly qualified teacher requirements, we would like to inform you that your child's teacher, Ms. Leonard Alejo, is presently non-state certified for Biology. Ms. Leonard Alejo is currently working to meet this requirement, and the School District of Lee County has full confidence in her ability to teach your child effectively.

In addition, LAMP is providing on-going assistance to Ms. Leonard Alejo that her extensive experience and certifications continue to support student achievement in your child's school.

If you have any questions regarding Ms. Leonard Alejo's qualifications, please feel free to contact Ms. Rebecca Andrew, Assistant Principal at 239-332-2526.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Andrew

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