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Upcoming Event: Virtual Summer Fest!

This year’s Summer Fest will look a bit different. Understandably, COVID-19 has impacted the way we engage as a community. While concern for public health changes the way we interact, it does not change our interactions altogether. El Refugio is proud to announce that we will continue in our tradition of providing a fun series of workshops over the summer, this time in a virtual format. We are currently working to gauge the interests of our community to determine which workshops will be most beneficial, especially since Summer Fest will be streamed online, thus requiring some adjustments. We plan on offering these workshops over the course of two weeks at the end of July.

We have created a brief survey that will be extremely helpful for our team as we plan Summer Fest. Please complete it!

https://forms.gle/Y53zdzyTeCiZn62j8

Be sure not to miss out on this year's Summer Fest!
Spanish Classes

We have recently been able to offer Spanish classes in addition to our English class and we are pleased to say that virtual Spanish learning has been success! We would like to thank our wonderful instructor, Armando Espinoza, for putting together an amazing Spanish language semester, which ran from May 26th to June 25th. An announcement regarding the upcoming semester will be released soon.

Summer Fest Puzzle!

Just for Fun

ACROSS
2 practice meditation through mind and body
6 El Refugio’s best summer event
8 hottest season of the year
9 legal advice from a knowledgeable representative

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1 form of self defense
3 the process through which food is made
4 not physically but through software
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7 instrumental sounds
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