



“Volcanes Community Education Project”

Newsletter October 2011

FREE PIZZA FOR THE KIDS

With the return of the “Snowbirds” and the opening of Café Roma on Saturdays, a van load of Volcanes kids returns to Fox’s to enjoy free pizza each Saturday afternoon around 3pm. The first load of hungry kids hit Café Roma on October 1 with 30 students from grade 5. Each week a different class is selected from the 300 students who attend the Volcanes Primary School. Volunteers help the Café Roma staff feed the kids. They also bring along entertainment and gifts for the kids. Two weeks ago an ex-pat brought along a friend in a clown suit and entertained the kids with balloons, tricks and candy. The children loved it.



Come and join the fun every Saturday, 3pm at Café Roma, or watch the kids on live video from the restaurant.

COSTCO

Donates Backpacks



COSTCO continues to support our program at Volcanes Primary School, this time with a donation of 100 backpacks. They also supply food for the students and their families as well as clothing from Costco Canada. Their support helps keep the kids in school and provides a secure family environment, necessary for the overall well being of the children.

Tour Volcanes and Visit Our Program

.We offer tours of the Volcanes area, our school and a visit with the students in our classes. We can take individuals and/or groups up to 12. The tours are generally in the morning from 9:30 to around 12. We can pick you up at your hotel in Puerto Vallarta or meet you at Sam's Club. Call Fox at Café Roma or Art at 322 158-8815 for information and reservations.



The Program Continues to Expand

When we began the program at Volcanes last March, we taught English initially to grades 5 and 6 in the morning session. We quickly added grades 3 and 4 to the English program. We trimmed the class size to 20 students who were selected by their regular school teachers. In May we added a combination of students from 5 and 6 in the afternoon session. We ended the school year in June with about 100 students taking English in our two sessions; 10 to 12 in the morning and 3:30 to 5:30 in the afternoon.

When School started this September we were able to add computer classes to our curriculum thanks to the donation of 10 laptops from Isa Mundo Foundation in Canada. We also expanded our program to include another 20 students from the grade 6 morning session and 20 students from grade 5, also in the mornings. We then talked to secondary students who had graduated from Volcanes Primary and were enrolled in the local secondary (Jr. High) School. We now have from 15 to 20 secondary students in our program, taking English in the afternoons and computer classes on Saturday mornings.

We have over 200 students now enrolled. That is our capacity given the number of classrooms and available funds. However, we plan to expand our Saturday sessions to include other subjects like arts and crafts and music for the enjoyment of the children.



Watch the kids in the classroom on live web cam.
<http://www.kids.romamexico.com/webcam-kids.html>

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