



# WHAT IS DIA DE LOS MUERTOS?



In towns /cities throughout Mexico, people hold parades and parties, sing and dance. It is a time to honor and make offerings to lost loved ones that have gone to the spirit world.

Celebrations are held on Nov. 1 and 2 which are two major Catholic holy days (that invaders brought over), All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

## What do sugar skulls represent?

Small skulls represent children who have passed away, while larger ones are for adults. The skull represents the person who passed away, while the colors celebrate their life



## Why yellow-orange marigolds?

They are also called cempasúchitl and are offered on Ofrendas because they represent life and hope. They are believed to attract the dead souls toward the gifts because of their strong fragrance

## Who is the Mictēcacihuātl?

Mictēcacihuātl watches over the bones of the dead and presides over their ancient festivals. The Aztecs recognised death as a natural part of the circle of life. Instead of insulting the dead with mourning or sadness, the lives of the deceased are honoured.



## What is an ofrenda and what do you offer?

The Ofrenda is where you place photos of your deceased loved ones and special items that remind you of them; like their favorite foods, drinks, perfumes, flowers, anything really that brings back their memory.

## Where did this holiday originate?

El Dia de los Muertos goes back to the Aztecs, who had not just a few days but an entire month dedicated to the dead. It is combined with all Souls' Day, a holiday that Spanish invaders brought to Mexico starting in the early 1500s. Festivities were presided over by the goddess of death, Mictecacihuath, and still are to this day.



# HOW TO ENTER THE PINTA RAFFLE

**Step 1:** Follow @UWREP insta

**Step 2:** Send @UWREP a photo of yourself with a yellow or orange flower (Bonus if its a marigold!)

**Step 3:** Comment DONE on our raffle post

**Step 4:** Come to the event!

**Step 5:** Check for winner on our instagram by 8:00pm on Nov.2nd