



Make a Monarch Butterfly for our SPN Ofrenda

Every year for Dia de Los Muertos we make an ofrenda, an offering table for spirits of our loved ones who have passed away. Usually this is in the office lobby at SPN but this year, due to Covid, we are making our ofrenda outdoors on the corner fence near the SPN office.

Please decorate a beautiful monarch butterfly to put on our outdoor ofrenda. Cut out your butterfly and use the adhesive to attach it to the fence. Please put your initials and grade on the back of your butterfly if you want to get it back later. Please no full names on your butterfly. Come by any time to put your butterfly on the fence.

Copies of pictures of loved ones who have passed away are also welcome. Please bring copies only as we don't know what the weather will bring. We are hoping to grow our SPN Ofrenda through October so it is full and beautiful in time for Dia de Los Muertos on November 1st and 2nd.

Dia de Los Muertos and Monarch Butterflies

Monarch butterflies are closely related to Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) because it is believed that they are the spirits of our ancestors. Every year, great migrations of up to 500,000 monarch butterflies arrive in Mexico and sites along the California coast just in time for Dia de Los Muertos. They stay there over the winter months and begin their return north in March. It takes four generations of monarch butterflies to make the round trip migration.

You may have seen monarchs flying around lately! Keep your eyes out for them and, if you see them, never touch them or trap them. They are very fragile and must remain free to finish their migration.

