

Spanish A2
IB Networking Session
Washington Lee High School
November 17, 2004

On November 17, 2004 a group of IB teachers gathered to share ideas and concerns about Spanish A2. This meeting was sponsored by the Foreign Language Department of Washington Lee HS in Arlington County, VA.

Our gracious hostess Marilyn Leeb provided a display of cheeses, fruits, bakery treats as well as hot and cold drinks. There is nothing as a good breakfast to start the day.

Participants from Arlington County, City of Falls Church and Fairfax County engaged in an animated conversation that touched a variety of issues, including:

- Reading materials,
- Teaching strategies,
- Methods of Assessments,
- Clarification of IB guidelines and expectations,
- Music and songs as introduction to IB Themes.

The conversation was amenable; all participants contributed to our pool of expertise and everybody extracted and gained something from that source of experience.

The discussion was always kept on practical terms. We considered and shared real life experiences in the classroom. We openly discussed the unique, social, legal and ethnic concerns that affect our Spanish A2 student population.

The session was scheduled to end at 1 pm. However, by 2 pm. we were still exchanging ideas. We ended feeling invigorated and empowered by this meeting.

I have to mention that around noon we were again “**agasajados**” with a delicious lunch. The kindness and grace of our hostess transformed a working session into a most enjoyable event.

Sincerely,

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