

### ***Food for the Ancestors* Opt-out form**

As part of the curriculum to teach Hispanic culture in Spanish class, our class will be learning about a unique celebration called **Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos)**. The festival is very ancient, Prehispanic, but with Christian overtones. Each year, during the last week in October, Mexican communities everywhere begin preparations for this marvelous event. For each family, the holiday is a remembrance of a departed loved one. On a larger scale, it is also a remembrance of all ancestral Mexicans and of the gifts that they have passed on to their descendants, especially food and culture. For Mexicans, food is central to their culture, the key to their whole history.

As a preview of learning about this celebration, I will be showing ***Food for the Ancestors***. This video, from PBS, is an insightful look into one of Mexico's most elaborate and mysterious festivals. The program explores traditions and ancient ways of life that continue today, interpreted through Mexican cuisine, which is far different from North American tacos and salsa.

I do not give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to watch this movie.

Parent/Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_