



CELEBRATING HOLIDAYS

# Day of the Dead





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# Day of the Dead Is Here!

Skeletons and colorful  
**calaveras** smile out  
of windows.

calaveras





People wear face paint.  
They play music and  
dance in **cemeteries**.  
It is Day of the Dead!

# What Is Day of the Dead?



This holiday honors the dead. Families welcome spirits back home.

They celebrate death as a part of life. It is a happy time!

## How Do You Say?

### Word

### Pronunciation

*calaveras*

CAHL-uh-VARE-ahs

*Día de los Muertos*

DEE-ah dey loh  
MWARE-tohs

*ofrendas*

oh-FREN-dahs

*pan de muerto*

PAHN dey MWARE-toh

*papel picado*

PAH-pel pee-CAH-doh

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