

St. Somewhere Times

Happy Thanksgiving!

Caseta Specials

by Sarah Axemaker

It's hard to believe it's already November, eh? If you're from the states you've probably already started thinking about what you'll be doing over the holidays or what you'll be preparing to make your contribution to the "Big Dinner". The sad thing is that many of us are probably just finishing up with burning off the calories from last Thanksgiving. Problem, you've finished just a hair too soon. It's time to put everything out on the table. Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, corn on the cob, and the list continues depending on the size of your table. And then it's turkey sandwiches for the next month 'til you cook the next turkey at Christmas. And all through the entire expedition, the calories are making their sums. So are the inches, if you know what I mean.

Well, I'm proud to say that us Gringos won't be forced to battle with the calories this year, at least not from Thanksgiving Dinner. Considering Thanksgiving has something to do with Pilgrims and Indians. You can see that Honduras doesn't have much need for it. However, it does give the students yet another reason to have a party. (I swear we celebrate every holiday in the world at school, even if the rest of the country doesn't even know it exists) It'll be interesting to see what the parents consider a Thanksgiving feast (Afterall, they are the ones bringing the food). But seriously, Honduras doesn't need Thanksgiving. I mean, these people like to eat. They aren't going to wait for one day of the year to break out the food. So, no we won't have to battle it out with the calories from Thanksgiving. "Do not envy" because every other day is a calorie battle. These people like to eat and therefore, can cook. Go figure!

The Top Ten Honduran Dishes

Many of us have sniffed out dishes and treats that are now becoming favorites. Below we have made a list of the grub that some of us are getting into the habit of treating ourselves to everyday. Check out the menu! We even provided a recipe for #1. Perhaps your holiday guests could use a little flare for their holiday meals this year.

1. Bolitas de queso (pastalitos)	7. arroz y pollo
2. baliadas	8. taquitos
3. papusas	9. platanos con chicharron
4. tostidos	10. sopa de caracol
5. homemade donuts	11. mondongo en sopa
6. arroz y frijoles	this last one literally means "guts in soup"

Teachers are Thankful

"I am grateful for the opportunity to make my dreams of teaching abroad come true with Bill, the most supportive person I know."

Aimee, first-grade

"I am grateful for my family, for the chance to begin a new life in S.P.S., and the challenge of a demanding job."

Adelaida, fifth-grade

"I am really thankful for having a beautiful and supportive family and also for having great times."

Denisa, third-grade

"I am really thankful for the grace and faith that God gives me each day. He abundantly showers his goodness, his kindness, and his love upon me and my loved ones.!"

Donna, fourth-grade

"I am really thankful for knowing Jesus Christ as my Savior and having eternal life."

Maria, Office

"I am most thankful for my family and friends. I thank God for being there for me-ALWAYS!"

Carolina, second-grade

"I am thankful for being a teacher and traveler. It is friends and family that make you a stronger person!"- Greg, fifth-grade

"I am thankful for all of the support and guidance we receive from our families. I am thankful for the most wonderful gifts of all- Joe and Shannon. Without them, I would be lost.-Brynn, Preschool Coordinator

" I am thankful for my family and friends. I am thankful for the lessons I've learned and the amazing opportunities that I've been blessed with.-Mike, High School Social Studies

Fall in Honduras

Yellow, orange, red?

The only thing falling here is a raindrop on my head.

Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes-oh so nice?

The only thing being eaten here is beans with rice.

Long pants, hats, sweaters made of wool?

The only thing being broken out here is my swimsuit for the pool.

*Leaf piles, raking and bagging until you're sore?
 The only thing being cleaned here is the muddy floor.
 "Happy Thanksgiving", "Play Outside", "In the leaves have a ball"?
 The only thing being said here is fall in Honduras is not fall at all.*

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Un Receta Favorita de una Cocina Hondurana

1	Libra de queso crema comun
3	paquetitioes de maicena (1/4 taza)
1	cucharadita de soda
3	huevos
3/4	libra de queso cheddar
Rallar los dos quesos. Agregar Maicena, los huevos batidos y por ultimo la soda. Se hacen pelotitas y se frien salen 80. Se sirven de boca	