My favorite holiday is New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day. We celebrate this holiday on December 31 at midnight and January 1. Family assembles at the big dinner table to watch TV, have a good dinner, and say, “Goodbye old year. Hello new year.” For all people who like walking, celebrate this holiday outdoors on central square. People have wonderful entertainment: concerts, dancing, fireworks, and for children, carnivals.

-Gennadiy Stryzhak

I don’t like to celebrate special days or holidays, but my birthday is special for me. July 6 is my birthday. I try to be happy all day. I stay at home with my family and we eat “pozole verde” (Mexican food), and I receive some gifts.

-Ysias Lopez
My favorite holiday is New Year’s Day. Of course, the holiday is January 1\textsuperscript{st}. All people say, “Happy New Year.” Parents and relatives give money to children within small envelopes. We eat special food. These foods will keep for a long time (3-4 days) because this holiday is kind of a no-cook day.

-Takao Okuda

Diwali is my favorite holiday. We celebrate it in India. We celebrate this festival on calendar years sometimes in October or November. This festival is up to 15 days. We used a lot of lights and candles to decorate our house. We use a lot of fireworks in front of our house. We celebrate this day with our family and relatives and friends. This day we eat a lot of variety of food. We eat (cook) a lot of varieties of sweets and also snacks and other varieties of foods. We get and give lots of gifts to our family members and friends. We use new clothes on that day and go to temple and also go to family parties with relatives.

-Vidya Adake
Diwale is our favorite special holiday. We celebrate Diwali in October and sometimes in November. We wear special new clothes, light the candles, and say the prayer to the God. We cook a lot of variety of food and there are fireworks at night. We celebrate this festival up to 15 days. We meet together and celebrate with a lot of fun. We give or receive gifts on this holiday.

-Sarala Sonavane

My favorite day is February 25, my anniversary. We celebrate it by doing something special. All my family is together this day. Sometimes we cook in the house and sometimes we go to eat outside, but always we get cake. We don’t wear special clothes, but I like to give or receive gifts.

-Susana Guerrero

My favorite holiday is New Year’s Day. I celebrate it on January 1. We appreciate each other. I eat a feast and go the shrine with family. Adults give gifts to children. It is usually money. Some people wear special clothes.

-Emiko Takemoto
My favorite special day is Persian New Year and that is on the first day of spring (March 19). On this day, all the family is waiting to change the season. We watch TV or listen to the radio and after we change the time and season, everybody kisses together and gets gifts and listens to music. Special food (lunch or dinner) is rice and vegetables with fish. This celebration is very old, about 2500 years old, and makes Iranian people come together every year.

- Hamidreza Biavar

My favorite holiday is Christmas. I celebrate it on December 25. I celebrate with my parents. I eat potatoes and chicken.

- Santos Cuaquetzale

My favorite holiday is Christmas. I celebrate on December 25. My mom cooks special food. We decorate our house and we put up a Christmas tree. I celebrate with all my family. We eat chicken with different salads. I wear special clothes and receive gifts.

- Maria F. Sanchez
April 30th is “el dia del niño” or children’s day. Everybody gives presents to children who are 1-9 years old and the children walking in the streets. This holiday does not have special food and the presents are cars for boys and dolls for girls. All adults give gifts to children.

-Yovany Arias

We celebrate San Juan on June 24. Some people celebrate on the streets for three days. Everybody makes bread. My family eats bread with relatives and friends. We have no special clothes. We don’t receive gifts.

-Juan López

My favorite holiday is Christmas because I am with all my family and we give and we receive gifts. We always have a big dinner and we eat turkey and other things, such as buñuelos, natilla, and other typical food. This day is celebrated at night on December 25.

-Vladimiro Garzón