September 15–October 15

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Hispanic Heroes/Héroes Hispanos

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September 15-September 16



LITERACY — The Book Loteria is Back!

Since works of literature provide excellent examples of people's cultures, we are committing to completing even more boxes in this year's Book Lotería (link). Winners of the lotería will be announced on October 15. Send your completed card to Grace Delgado, ahdelgado@aldineisd.org

September 19-September 23

VISUAL ARTS

Cultural Art Walls

Celebrating our Hispanic Heroes, district art students will create cultural art walls representative of Héroes Hispanos. Represented will be the world of virtual and performing arts, science, literature, and sports. The cultural art wall displays will be at the DAB and BAM buildings until October 15.

Dress-Up Day — Who is Your Hispanic Hero?

On September 23, wear your best outfit representing your Hispanic Hero to celebrate our Héroes Hispanos.

September 26-September 30

STORIES

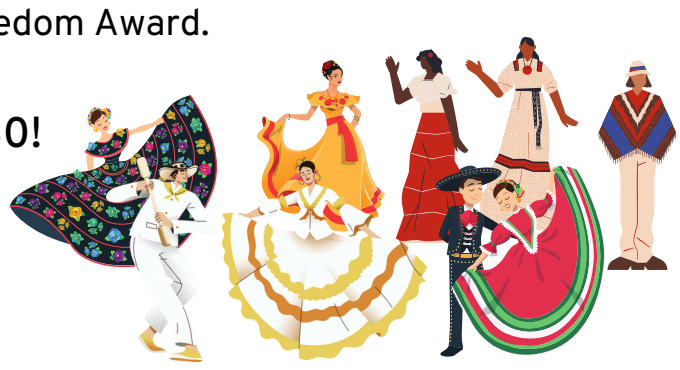


Virtual Lunch on September 30 at 11:30 a.m. — Keynote Speaker Matt de la Peña

Culture is what makes each of us unique. It's also what unites us and makes us stronger. The New York Times and Newbery Medal award winner Matt de la Peña will be our keynote speaker this year. He will talk about himself, his books, and how human stories connect members of communities and open us to understanding ourselves and others better. In addition to his many awards, Matt also received The NCTE Intellectual Freedom Award.

Share Your Hispanic Pride Day on September 30!

On Friday, September 30, wear Hispanic attire to celebrate and commemorate Hispanic culture and heritage. ¡Muestra tu orgullo!



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PERFORMANCE ART & FOOD



Food

Food, especially homemade, is a cultural connection for Hispanics, second only to family togetherness among the traditions Hispanics pass along to their children. Love is an essential ingredient in Latino foods. Cooking keeps Latinos connected to their culture and heritage.



Musical Performance – Aldine's Mariachi Acero

Hispanic food will be served during ILT on October 6. In addition, Aldine's Mariachi Acero will perform for ILT attendees.

October 10-October 14

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH BOOK CLUB LUNCH AND LEARN

Virtual Lunch on October 11 at 11:00 a.m.

The Hispanic Heritage Month Book Club's goal is to develop deep connections as we recognize, celebrate, and uphold diversity as the standard across our district.

Written with passion and a visceral commitment to her students, Emily Francis' "If You Only Knew: Letters From an Immigrant Teacher" reflects on her journey and experiences as an unaccompanied immigrant minor who traveled from Guatemala to the U.S. to become a teacher. Once in the classroom, as "Ms. Francis" learns about her students' stories and journeys and begins seeing her own life reflected in the lives of her students. Emily starts writing letters to her students in which her story is intertwined with theirs. This offers a unique expression of empathy, which helps them on their own personal journeys as immigrants living and learning in a new country.



Sign Up Now to Join!

Link to Sign-Up to Take Part: https://bit.ly/3qNAbpX

Each Book Club participant will receive a book copy and materials. Signed-up participants will receive a zoom link to join the chat on October 11 at 11 a.m.

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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

According to the Census Bureau, the U.S. Hispanic population is 62.1 million as of 2020, "making people of Hispanic origin the nation's largest ethnic or racial minority." Between 2010 and 2020, a little over half of the U.S. population growth stemmed from the increase in the Hispanic/Latino population. It's worth noting that these estimates are primarily based on the Census question that asks people to self-identify whether or not they are "of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin."

President Lyndon B. Johnson first introduced National Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968. In Presidential Proclamation 3869, available via the Library of Congress, President Johnson wrote, "Wishing to pay special tribute to the Hispanic tradition, and having in mind the fact that our five Central American neighbors celebrate their Independence Day on the 15th of September and the Republic of Mexico on the 16th, the Congress by House Joint Resolution 1299, has requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating the week including September 15 and 16 as National Hispanic Heritage Week."

On August 17, 1988, Congress passed a law to extend it into a monthlong holiday during Ronald Reagan's presidency. The first Hispanic Heritage Month was celebrated in 1989.

The following government institutions honor Hispanic Heritage Month: The Library of Congress, National Gallery of Art, Smithsonian Institution, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, and the National Park Service.

As cited in President Johnson's 1968 Proclamation, September 15 is when five Latin American countries — Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua — earned their independence from Spain in 1821. Mexico, Chile, and Belize became independent on September 16, September 18, and September 21 from Spain and the United Kingdom, respectively.

Thus, the mid-September date held firm when it was extended from a week to a month.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the month honors "the culture and traditions of those who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America, and the Caribbean." Those countries include Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

While Hispanic and Latino are used interchangeably by many, Hispanic is used to describe someone of Spanish-speaking origin. In contrast, Latino, Latina, and Latinx describe a person of Latin American origin. According to the official description, the month recognizes those whose roots are from a country that speaks Spanish as the primary language. For example, a person from the Latin American country of Brazil may consider themselves Latino but not Hispanic since Brazilians speak Portuguese and not Spanish.

The official government website typically keeps a calendar of highlighted activities throughout the U.S., from concerts to art festivals and parades. Most of the festivities held throughout the U.S. are family-friendly. They occur at the local level, and many are free.

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A Few Hispanic Heroes to Know
Many Hispanics have contributed to the arts, the sciences, medicine, and social justice. Below are just a few to learn about and celebrate.

Jovita Idár
José Andrés
Sylvia Rivera
Octaviano Larrazola
Sylvia Mendez
Joan Baez
Julia Constanza Burgos García
Raffi Freedman-Gurspan
Sor Juana Inês de la Cruz
Arturo Alfonso Schomburg
Cesar Chavez
Sonia Sotomayor
Roberto Clemente
Ellen Ochoa
Juan Felipe Herrera
Sylvia Mendez
Jorge Ramos
Sandra Cisneros
Pablo Alvarado
Las Hermanas Mirabel
Dolores Clara Fernández Huerta
Berta Cáceres
Raul Julià
Mario Molina
Alfonso Cuarón
Rosario Dawson
Laurie Hernandez
Lin-Manuel Miranda
Celia Cruz
Mónica Ramírez
Jean-Michel Basquiat
Edgardo Miranda-Rodríguez
Elizabeth Acevedo
Evelyn Cisneros
Lisa Fernandez
Oscar de la Renta
Selena

Frida Kahlo
Antonia Novello
Maria Hinojosa
Fernando Valenzuela
Eva Longoria
Julia Alvarez
Gloria Estefan
Richie Valens
Gwen Ifill
Guy Gabaldon
Linda Ronstadt
Richard Cavazos
Rita Moreno
Carolina Herrera
Ruben Salazar
Gabriela Mistral
Jaime Escalante
Guillermo González Camarena
Carlos Juan Finlay
José Celso Barbosa
Ildaura Murillo-Rohde
Julio Frenk
Jane Delgado
Nora Volkow
Serena Auñón-Chancellor
MD. Bernardo Alberto Houssay
PhD. César Milstein
M.D. Salvador Moncada
MD. Julio Frenk
PhD. Jane Delgado
MD. Nora Volkow
Arturo Arias Suárez
Luis von Ahn
Julio Palmaz
Albert Vinicio Báez
Miguel Angel Ondetti
Claudio Castillón Lévano

William R. Cumpiano
Hoyma J. Mazara
Olga D. González-Sanabria
Graciela V.O. de Cuadros
Guanglou Cheng, Carlos A. Ramirez, and María Aponte
Julio C. Palmaz
Miguel Forero
Jesus Maria Sanchez-Pérez
Alejandro Zaffaroni
Lydia Villa-Komaroff
Fernando Torres
Humberto Fernandez-Moran Villalobos
Severo Ochoa
Luis Walter Alvarez
Dr. Helen Rodriguez Trías
Sabrina Gonzalez Pasterski
Alfredo Quiñones-Hinojosa
César Milstein
Nicole Hernandez Hammer
Pedro A. Sanchez
Dr. Frances Colón
Ynes Mexia
M.D. Baruj Benacerraf
Gabriel García Marquez
Carlos Fuentes
Pablo Neruda
Jorge Luis Borges
Isabel Allende
Octavio Paz
José Martí
Mario Vargas Llosa
Miguel Asturias
Rosario Castellanos
Elena Poniatowska
Laura Esquivel
Diego Rivera
José Clemente Orozco
Fernando Botero

And many more!

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