HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

DAB/BAM ACTIVITIES

September 15-September 19

VISUAL ARTS

CULTURAL ART WALLS – CELEBRATING A COLLECTIVE HERITAGE

Student Artworks

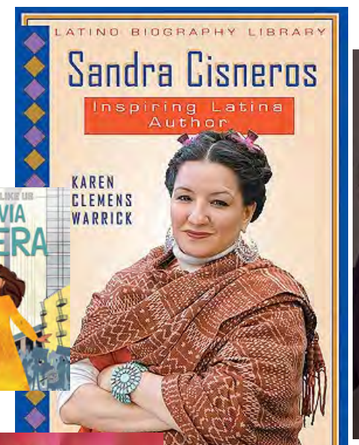
Aldine ISD art students will create cultural art walls that symbolize Hispanic pioneers' or *pioneros hispanos* rich history and contributions, and a testament to our shared heritage. These wall displays will be at the DAB and BAM buildings **until Wednesday, October 15**.

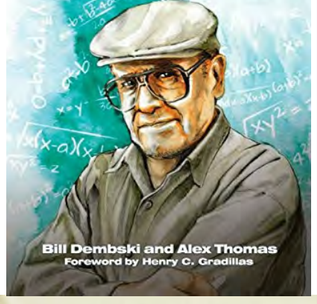
Staff Vote to Select Art Winners

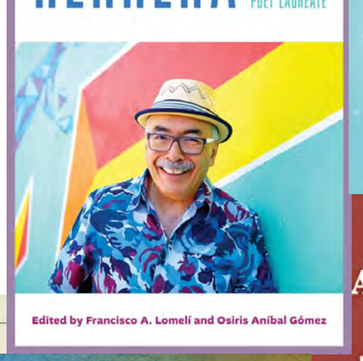
Staff at each building will select the best representation of Hispanic pioneers by voting through a Google form using a **QR code,** will be available on the displays. There is no need to email the form. The winners will receive a certificate and art materials.

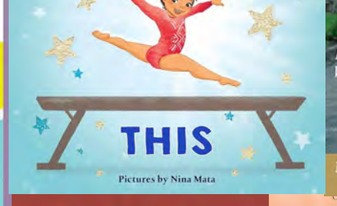
DRESS-UP DAY – WHO IS YOUR HISPANIC HERO?

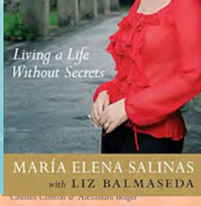
On **Friday, September 19,** wear your best outfit representing your *pionero hispano* to celebrate *nuestra cultura hispana*. A picture backdrop will be set up at the BAM and DAB.

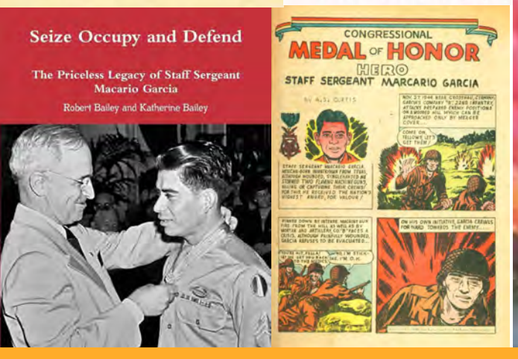


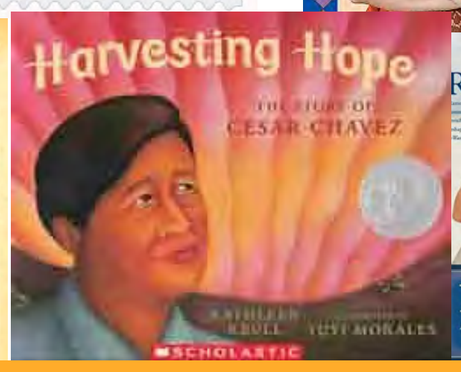


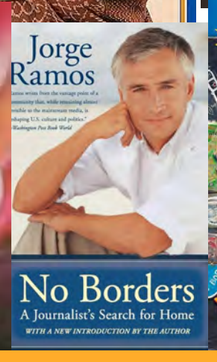


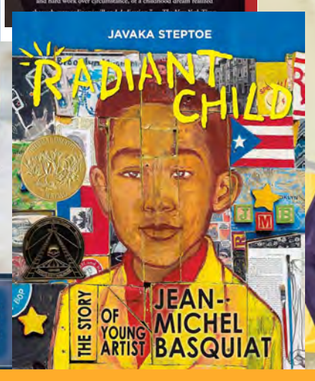


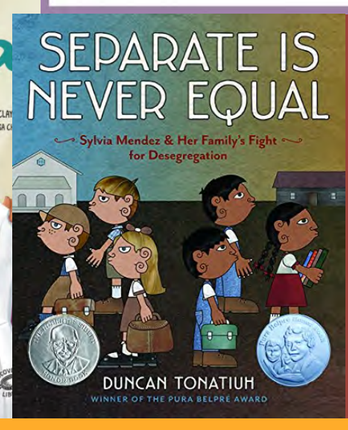


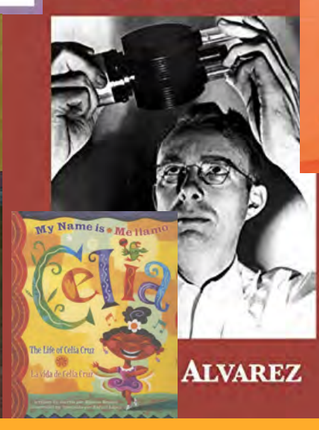


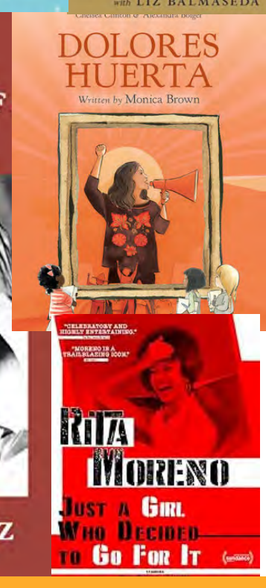












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LOTERÍA DE LECTURA/BOOK BINGO

September 15-October 15

Check with your school librarian, community library, or book store for more selections.

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LITERACY

LOTERÍA DE LECTURA: THE BOOK LOTERÍA IS BACK!

Our Version is a Book Bingo!

Since literature provides excellent examples of people's culture, we commit to completing even more boxes in this year's Book Lotería! **See below or click here to download the *lotería* card.**

BOOK LOTERÍA SEPT. 15-OCT. 14

Directions

1) Make a copy for yourself or click here to download the *lotería* card. 2) Add a title, author's name, a picture, or a quote from your selected book for each box. 3) All Lotería entries must be turned in to Aniyushka Martin, ASmartin@AldineISD.org, by **Tuesday, October 14**. The winner will be announced on **Wednesday, October 15**!

LOTERÍA 2025 BINGO CARD

Refugee or Immigrant Story	Afro-Latino or Indigenous Latin American Authors or Stories	Any Book by a Hispanic/Latino/ LatinX Author	
The Book is Written in or Includes Spanish	FREE CHOICE BOOK	Poetry	
Award-Winning Book by a Hispanic/Latino/ LatinX Author	Historical Fiction	Picture Book	

Ideas for Books

Check out this PDF, which is brimming with book ideas. During Hispanic Heritage Month, a number of sites offer book ideas, including the following. Click on the active links to visit the sites.

- American Library Association
- Penguin Random House
- Scholastic

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DAB/BAM ACTIVITIES

September 22-26

FOOD KNOWLEDGE

SABORES Y TRADICIONES

Importance of Family and Food in Hispanic Culture

Food is a cultural connection for Hispanics — especially WHEN IT'S HOMEMADE. Food is second only to family togetherness among the traditions Hispanics want to pass along to their children. Many Hispanic families' shared love is an essential ingredient in *comida latina* (Latin foods). Cooking is an important cultural connection and identity. Authentic recipes and dishes link to their countries of origin; cooking keeps Latinos connected to their culture. So bring a dish to share this week, or go out with friends and family and try the wide variety of Hispanic foods available around town!

Pan dulce con cafecito

On **Tuesday, September 23**, we welcome staff at the BAM and DAB to join us to enjoy some c*afecito y pan dulce* (coffee and sweet bread).

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September 29-October 3

STORYTELLING

NUESTRAS HISTORIAS / OUR STORIES – JOIN US VIRTUALLY!

Heritage months are about far more than acknowledgment or appreciation. They're an opportunity to open our hearts, broaden our perspectives, and push boldly out of our own comfort zones. In sharing people's stories, we hope to embrace others' cultures and experiences. Culture is what makes each of us unique. It's also what unites us and makes us stronger. Human stories connect members of communities and help us better understand ourselves and others, inspiring us to learn and grow from these shared experiences.

On **Friday, October 3, at 11:30 a.m.,** staff are invited to a virtual leadership panel where Hispanic/Latino leaders will discuss how their heritage has influenced their leadership in Aldine ISD.

A **virtual meeting link** will be shared closer to the date via email.

October 6-10* (During the Fall Holiday)

FALL HOLIDAY

Celebrate Around Town

Celebrate HHM around the Houston area! Click here for celebrations.

Chill With a Book

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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Celebration and Identity

How Did Hispanic Heritage Month Begin?
As of 2023, the U.S. Hispanic population reached 66.35 million — making people of Hispanic origin the nation's largest ethnic minority. Between 2010 and 2020, more than half of the nation's population growth came from the Hispanic and Latino community.

The celebration began in 1968, when President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed National Hispanic Heritage Week to honor Hispanic traditions and to align with the independence days of several Latin American nations (September 15, 16, 16, and 21).

In 1988, Congress extended the observance to a whole month (September 15–October 15), and the first Hispanic Heritage Month was celebrated in 1989 under President Ronald Reagan.

Today, federal institutions such as the Library of Congress, Smithsonian Institution, National Archives, and National Park Service recognize the month with programs and exhibits.

Why September 15?

- **September 15:** Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua gained independence from Spain.
- **September 16:** Mexico's Independence Day
- **September 18:** Chile's Independence Day
- **September 21:** Belize's Independence Day

Who Is Honored?
Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the cultures and traditions of people with roots in Spain, Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean — from Argentina and Colombia to Puerto Rico and Venezuela.

Hispanic vs. Latino

- **Hispanic:** Refers to people from Spanish-speaking countries, including Spain.
- **Latino/Latina/Latinx:** Refers to people from Latin America, regardless of language.
  - **Example:** Brazilians are Latino but not Hispanic, as Portuguese is their national language.

How It's Celebrated
Across the U.S., the month is marked by concerts, festivals, parades, art exhibits, and family-friendly events — many free and open to the public.

Links to Additional Resources

Hispanic Heritage Month (.gov)
Smithsonian Museum

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A FEW FAMOUS HISPANICS TO KNOW

People

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

Elizabeth Acevedo
Isabel Allende
Pablo Alvarado
Julia Álvarez
Luis Walter Alvarez
José Andrés
María Aponte, Guanglou Cheng, and Carlos A. Ramírez
Miguel Asturias
Arturo Arias Suárez
Serena Auñón-Chancellor
Joan Báez
Jean-Michel Basquiat
M.D. Baruj Benacerraf
Jorge Luis Borges
Fernando Botero
Julia Constanza Burgos García
Berta Cáceres
Rosario Castellanos
Claudio Castillón Lévano
Richard Cavazos
José Celso Barbosa
César Chávez
Evelyn Cisneros
Sandra Cisneros
Roberto Clemente
José Clemente Orozco
Dr. Frances Colón
Celia Cruz
Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz
Graciela V.O. de Cuadros
William R. Cumpiano
Óscar de la Renta
PhD. Jane Delgado
Alfonso Cuarón
Rosario Dawson
Jaime Escalante
Laura Esquivel
Gloria Estefan
Lisa Fernández
Dolores Clara Fernández Huerta
Humberto Fernández-Morán Villalobos
Carlos Juan Finlay
Miguel Forero
Raffi Freedman-Gurspan
MD. Julio Frenk
Carlos Fuentes
Guy Gabaldon
Gabriel García Márquez
Guillermo González Camarena
Sabrina González Pasterski
Olga D. González-Sanabria
José M. Hernández
Laurie Hernández
Nicole Hernández Hammer
Carolina Herrera
Juan Felipe Herrera
María Hinojosa
MD. Bernardo Alberto Houssay
Jovita Idár
Gwen Ifill
Raúl Juliá
Frida Kahlo
Octaviano Ambrosio Larrazolo Corral
Eva Longoria
José Martí
Hoyma J. Mazara
Sylvia Méndez
Ynes Mexia
PhD. César Milstein
Lin-Manuel Miranda
Edgardo Miranda-Rodríguez
Las Hermanas Mirabel
Gabriela Mistral
Mario Molina
M.D. Salvador Moncada
Rita Moreno
Ildaura Murillo-Rohde
Pablo Neruda
Antonia Novello
Ellen Ochoa
Severo Ochoa
Miguel Ángel Ondetti
Julio Palmaz
Octavio Paz
Elena Poniatowska
Alfredo Quiñones-Hinojosa
Selena Quintanilla
Mónica Ramírez
Jorge Ramos
Diego Rivera
Sylvia Rivera
Dr. Helen Rodríguez Trías
Linda Ronstadt
Rubén Salazar
Pedro A. Sánchez
Jesús María Sánchez-Pérez
Arturo Alfonso Schomburg
Sonia Sotomayor
Fernando Torres
Richie Valens
Fernando Valenzuela
Mario Vargas Llosa
Lydia Villa-Komaroff
Albert Vinicio Báez
MD. Nora Volkow
Luis von Ahn
Alejandro Zaffaroni

AND MANY MORE!