



Hispanic Heritage MONTH



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What does celebrating Hispanic/Latine Heritage look like in the district?

As we look at the ways in which we celebrate, recognize, and highlight Hispanic/Latine Heritage Month within SPS, it is important that we keep at top of mind that we put into practice teaching, learning, and sharing the contributions of many cultures, races, genders, and ethnic groups; not just in word, but in deed, and not just during certain months, but the whole year through.

Here are some of the ways in which SPS celebrates, acknowledges, and highlights the contributions, beauty and importance of Hispanic and Latine people.



NEWSLETTERS

The Department of Equity & Excellence sends out a monthly newsletter that contains information and tools such as:

- Historical Facts
- Change-Makers, Heroines and Heroes
- Videos/Movies
- Books
- Activities
- Podcasts



The September Newsletter can be found [HERE](#) (page 5 has the Hispanic/Latine Heritage Month resources)

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EMAILS

The Department of Equity & Excellence sends out emails to all staff with reminders and tools to support and best guide the work of equity, acknowledgement and belonging.

These emails act as reminders and guides that provide supports, ideas and tools for all grade levels.

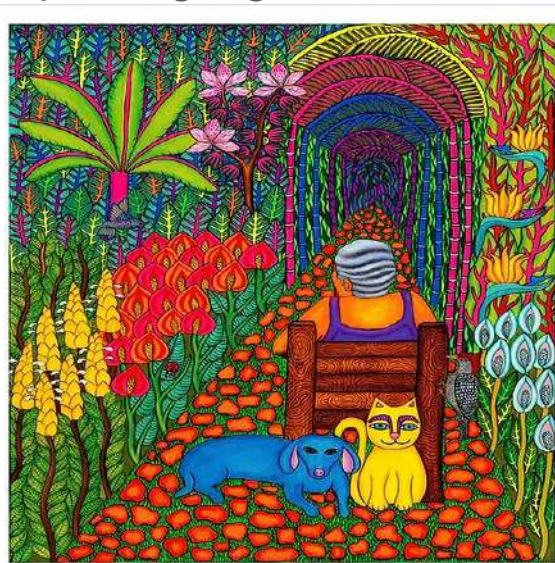
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What is going on in the schools?

Classrooms and schools are all doing a variety of things to highlight, celebrate, teach and learn about Hispanic/Latine Heritage Month.

School Administration works collaboratively with the Equity Specialists, Equity Teams, the Department of Equity & Excellence, and with educators in their building to share information and activities that help to highlight the month, as well as enrich the school communities.



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A look at equity work throughout the district...

The following slides will share what some of the schools are doing to highlight Hispanic/Latine Heritage Month



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ARGENZIANO

The Argenziano has an interactive Google Document that teaches 6th grade - and other grade level - students about Hispanic and Latin countries. Some of the countries in the document are:

Venezuela

Uruguay

Chile

El Salvador (upper grades)

El Salvador (lower grades)

Honduras

Cuba

Panama

Colombia

Guatemala

Mexico

Puerto Rico

Click for a sample of a few of the links in the Argenziano teaching tool; [VENEZUELA](#) and [HONDURAS](#)



HEALEY

- Principal Sarah Wahl, has been including facts about and quotes from important historical Hispanic/Latine figures on the announcements daily.
- In Spanish class, students have been learning about significant Latine individuals throughout history.
- The Healey created an Equity Library last year, complete with beautiful, rich, diverse, and inclusive books. The library team has assembled a list of books within the library (utilizing the Equity Library). Library staff created a display of the Hispanic/Latine Heritage books at the front of the library, and emailed teachers alerting them to the availability of the wonderful books.
- Some teachers have been reading a picture book a week to their homeroom students during morning meeting from this list/display and attaching the book(s) to a discussion question.



EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

HIGHLIGHTS!

Every morning, throughout the month, students highlight Hispanic and Latine Changemakers. What a beautiful way to start the day!



SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

SHS has a Latinx Student Union, co-led by Beatriz Thomas, 9th grade World History Teacher.

The LSU and the SHS Equity Department will be celebrating Hispanic/Latine Heritage Month with a series of events throughout the month:

- Friday September 15: Rep your Latinx culture!
- Tuesday September 19: Movie Night (after school in the Highlander Forum - we'll be watching In The Heights)
- Tuesday October 3: Veronica Robles will be performing!!
- Friday October 6 & 13: Spanish & Portuguese speaking staff panel
- Tuesday October 10: Final Celebration (lower cafe, @ 2:45)
- Thursday October 16: SHS Alumni Luncheon with students



The educators in this district are thoughtful, creative and invested. This month will be one of celebration, learning, teaching, belonging, and joy.

I encourage you all to check out the schools' libraries and attend some of the scheduled events.c

Happy Hispanic/Latine Heritage Month!