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# HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

SEPTEMBER 15TH – OCTOBER 15TH



PS 185 IDEA COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO TAKE A TOUR OF  
OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER/VIRTUAL CLASSROOM



## WHAT IS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH?



Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15.

Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the history, heritage and countless contributions that both Hispanic and Latinx Americans have made to the nation past and present.

Latinx people come from all different backgrounds and countries—Mexican, Peruvian, Dominican, Guatemalan, Puerto Rican, Argentinian, and Salvadorian, to name a few.

Hispanic influences are tightly woven into the fabric of American life — think music, food, art, cinema, politics, literature and so much more.



## How can you celebrate?

There are so many ways to celebrate Hispanic Month.



### PLAN A FIESTA

Plan a fiesta with tasty food, mariachi music, and decorations!



### INVOLVE THE KIDS IN FINE ARTS

Light up young minds by educating them about Hispanic arts. Frida Kahlo's paintings are a good start!



### TEACH AND LEARN SPANISH

The United States has over 41 million people aged five or older who speak Spanish at home, making Spanish the second most spoken language of the United States. Spanish is the most studied language other than English in the United States, with about six million students.



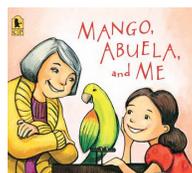
# Read books by or about Hispanic Americans



Turning Pages - My Life Story

By Sonia Sotomayor

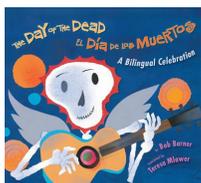
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Mango, Abuela and Me

by Meg Medina, illustrated by Angela Dominguez

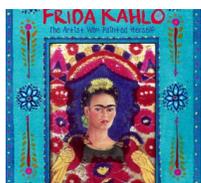
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The Day of the Dead / El Dia de Los Muertos

by Bob Barner

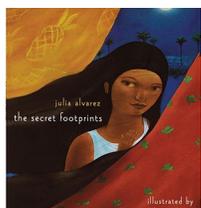
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Frida Kahlo, The Artist who Painted Herself

by Margaret Frith, Illustrated by Tomie dePaola

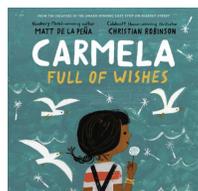
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The Secret Footprints

by Julia Alvarez, Illustrated by Fabian Negrin

<https://www.bookmarkshoppe.com/book/9780440417477>



Carmela Full of Wishes

by Matt de la Pena and Christian Robinson

<https://www.bookmarkshoppe.com/book/9780399549045>



Islandborn

by Junot Diaz / Leo Espinosa

<https://www.bookmarkshoppe.com/book/9780735229860>

## You want to read more?

Help your child learn more about the lives of Hispanic and Latino individuals who have changed history with these titles.

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/raise-a-reader-blog/share-hispanic-heritage-biographies-all-ages.html>

# Our Latinx Community is Creative!

## FINE ARTS

### Take a Virtual Tour

NYC is home to the most extensive collection of Hispanic art and artifacts outside of Spain! The Hispanic Society's Museum and Library is under renovations, but you can take a virtual tour that will keep you and your family interested and inspired for hours!

<https://hispanicsociety.org>

From the Baroque period to today, discover some of the most prolific Hispanic artists to influence Western culture.

<https://mymodernmet.com/famous-hispanic-artists/>



## MUSIC

### Take a Virtual Tour

Music is an international language. And there are all kinds of latin music. Chances are you have heard a few of them! Here's a primer on all the latin genre has to offer!

<https://www.trafalgar.com/real-word/types-latin-american-music-famous/>

Check out Miss Jessica's World – Where Kids Learn New Things's episode about Cuban Music!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=saXA6vx2OZA>





Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by Learning to Salsa!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=St7srbRbXGM>

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by Learning to Speak Spanish!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpLQSdu4V94>

Disney Kids Celebrate their Hispanic Heritage

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZqwAN60b8GY>

Take a trip around the globe!

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/geography/countries>



# Day Of The Dead



Want to learn more about Mexico's Day of the Dead (November 1 & 2). In this video, children explain Day of the Dead celebrations as they introduce the holiday's symbols, crafts and traditions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dgwyRaLG4qA&t=28s>

Length: 4 minutes 34 seconds

## Extension Activities

How to Celebrate Day of the Dead with Your Students

<https://www.teachervision.com/blog/morning-announcements/how-to-celebrate-day-of-the-dead-with-your-students>

Day of the Dead Reference

<https://www.teachervision.com/mexico/day-of-the-dead>

Easy-to-Make Fiesta Favorites

<https://www.teachervision.com/mexican-history-hispanic-heritage/easy-make-fiesta-favorites>

Day of the Dead Skull Decoration Printable

<https://www.teachervision.com/coloring-page/day-dead-skull-decoration>





## fiesta

[fee-es-tuh; Spanish fyes-tah]

*noun, plural fi-es-tas* [fee-es-tuhz; Spanish fyes-tahs].

**any festival or festive celebration.**

## What does Hispanic mean?

While many people use Latinx and Hispanic interchangeably these two words mean different things.

- Hispanic refers to a person who is from, or a descendant of someone who is from, a Spanish-speaking country.
- Latinx refers to a person who is from, or a descendant of someone who is from, a country in Latin America.

**Hispanic countries are:** Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Spain, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

**Latin American countries are:** Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Martinique, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Saint Barthélemy, Saint Martin, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

Still unsure? Watch to learn more

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gs2tdjzla8Y>

### Did you know?

Brooklyn has a large ethnic press that includes El Diario La Prensa, the oldest and largest Spanish-language daily newspaper in the country,





## **Inclusion, Diversity and Equity for All (IDEA) Committee**

The IDEA Committee will work with our school community to ensure that diversity, in its many forms, is understood, respected and valued. Our goal is to support meaningful inclusion of teachers, parents and students from all backgrounds to foster understanding and promote outreach to advance tolerance, and acceptance of differences in ethnicity, culture, religion, identity, and abilities. The committee will seek to develop new events and initiatives while also supporting existing PTA activities to promote inclusion and understanding of all members of our vibrant community.

For Teachers:

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/teaching-content/teaching-diversity-place-begin-0/>

**P. S. Some of the content from the newsletter can be found in our virtual classroom for you to explore with your child.**

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Vlxi43nyutzebPtaCLKKcoMaC7nI2tVvLvfcshzcXZ0/edit#slide=id.ga94048bb90\\_1\\_0](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Vlxi43nyutzebPtaCLKKcoMaC7nI2tVvLvfcshzcXZ0/edit#slide=id.ga94048bb90_1_0)

