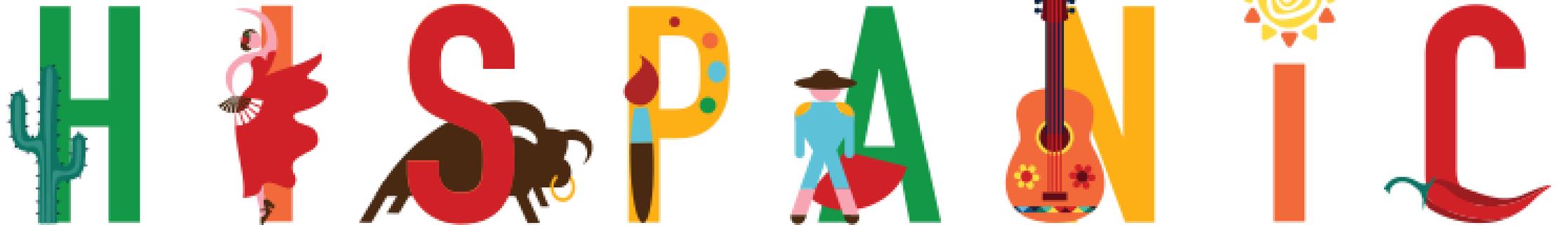


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H I S P A N I C



HERITAGE MONTH

Paul J. ... ©EBSCO



The Celebration of Hispanic culture began in 1968 and it was only a week long! In 1988, it was made into a month-long celebration.

Source:

http://www.softschools.com/facts/holidays/hispanic_heritage_month_facts/786/

A circular logo with a yellow border and a sunburst pattern of colorful triangles (red, blue, green, yellow) around the perimeter. The text "HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH" is written in a blue, serif font inside the circle.

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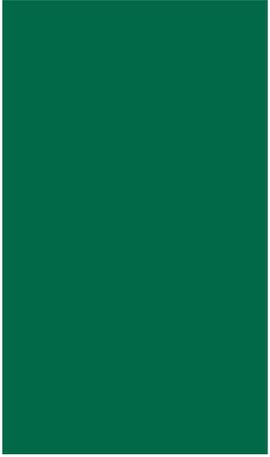
The term Hispanic or Latino/a refers to a person's culture or origin-- regardless of race. There are over 60 million Hispanics/Latinx people in the United States!

Source: <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US/RHI725219>



During Hispanic Heritage Month we would like to take time to spotlight some of our KP students and staff and learn about their heritage and culture!

Andrea Villarreal Yu



My father is from Mexico. I go to Monterrey, Mexico to celebrate Christmas with my grandmother, uncles, aunts, and cousins every year. Monterrey is in Northern Mexico and it has beautiful mountains.

In Mexico, on children's birthdays and Christmas, they often hit piñatas. I have done it a few times during holidays. But a long time ago, people made piñatas out of ceramic, and some kids would get cut when they broke a piñata. Now they make it out of paper.





**Felix and
Jacinda Keller**
2nd Grade
Ms. Simala



PERU

Our grandmother, AKA Mimi, is from Peru. She came to Washington, D.C. when she was only 25 years old and didn't speak any English. She became a US citizen in the nineties. We like to go to her apartment and have lunch with her and play games.



CUBA

Our grandfather, AKA Lilo, was from Cuba and his grandparents were from Spain. He came to the US right before the Cuban Revolution, first to NYC and then to DC, where he met Mimi. Lilo became a US citizen shortly after he arrived in the US and served in the US Air Force.

Bela Benitez-Young

I am in 2nd Grade in Mrs. Stiger's class. My mom is from Argentina and my grandparents are from Paraguay. I enjoy eating "medialunas" which is a pastry that looks like a croissant, but it tastes so sweet and soft. I also love eating "asados" which is grilled meat Argentines and Paraguayans eat Sunday afternoons.

I go to an Argentina school every Saturday where I learn about the language and its culture.

In this photo my parents and I are promoting organ donation to the Latino community in the DMV. You may have seen our commercial in the past month on NBC4 or Telemundo. It is so important for our community to register to be organ donors. It saves lives! It definitely saved my mom's life. She got a new kidney from my dad in 2007 and has been able to enjoy life since then.



Lillian & Ross Stone



Puerto Rico is Spanish for "Rich Port"



Our Dad is Puerto Rican. This is a photo of us there last year! Lillian's favorite food is her Abuela's (Grandma's) rice and beans.

Ezekiel Gomez Oluwo



I am a Kindergartener in Ms. Levine's class. My mom's family is from Peru. Growing up she spent all her summers there. I haven't been able to go with her because of Zika and now Coronavirus but I hope to go soon! In the meantime, I enjoy video chatting with my cousins there and lots of Peruvian food. My favorite is tallarines verdes (green spaghetti). It's delicious!

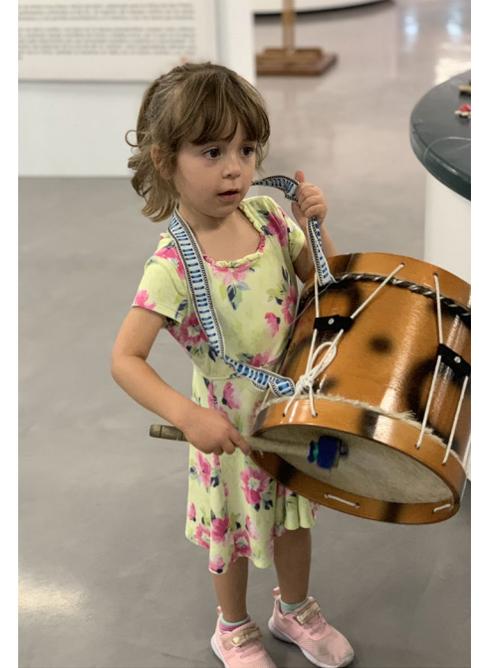


Interesting Facts about Peru:

Did you know Peru is home to 3,000 types of domesticated potato and almost 100 types of corn? Ireland might be famous for potatoes, but the crop is originally from the Andes mountains. No European, African, or Asian had seen or eaten a potato before the 16th century.

Machu Picchu is an ancient archaeological ruin and is one of the seven wonders of the world. The Incas built the city of Machu Picchu without the use of wheels or iron tools. They constructed more than 600 terraces to prevent the city from sliding down the mountain and even designed a water supply system about half a mile in length.

Isabella Fox



Isabella (a.k.a. Isa) is in Kindergarten. Her mom is from Ecuador and Brazil. We are including some fun photos from our trip last year to Ecuador.



One is in "La Mitad del Mundo" (the equator, which is an imaginary line that separates the Northern and Southern Hemispheres) in Quito-Ecuador. And the other one was her playing the tambor (drum) which is a typical instrument from the Andes.

Ms. Girón



Ms. Giron's parents are from Guatemala! Her Great Aunt immigrated to Maryland in the 1960s. Her mother came at the age of 19 in the 1980s for a visit but loved Maryland so much, she decided to stay. Her father came to Maryland afterwards and they've been here ever since!

Ms. Giron's childhood consisted of eating tamales for Christmas and listening to Marimba music on Saturdays. She visited Guatemala when she was a teenager and hopes to go back soon with her family to visit her cousins & aunts.

In this photo, Ms. Girón is wearing a blouse, called the Guatemalan huipils, which is a traditional piece of clothing from Guatemala that is hand loomed/embroidered. She is holding the Guatemalan flag, which features the Guatemalan National bird, the Quetzal. Lastly, her two dogs, Max (left) & Lola (right) are wearing a traditional Mayan embroidery collars made in Guatemala!

Additional Resources

If you are interested in resources and learning more about Hispanic Heritage Month, please see below.

<https://www.history.com/topics/hispanic-history/hispanic-heritage-month>

<https://www.parents.com/latina/how-to-celebrate-hispanic-heritage-month-with-kids/>

<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2020/09/10/key-facts-about-u-s-latinos-for-national-hispanic-heritage-month/>

<https://kidskonnnect.com/holidays-seasons/national-hispanic-heritage-month/>