



## Celebrating Hispanic Heritage

Hillsborough County Public Schools is honored to recognize National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 through October 15. With over 80,000 students in our district identifying as Hispanic, our district believes that the cultures of all students and their families are important. Therefore, this month, we give tribute to Hispanic Americans who have made major positive contributions to the United States, our local communities, and the world. We value the multicultural, multinational attributes of our Latinx/ Hispanic students, families and community and look forward to celebrating the richness and diversity in our schools and classrooms through learning, professional development, recognitions and partnerships.

Schools can participate using a diverse suite of learning resources, contests, and spotlights available on the Hispanic Heritage web page. <https://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/departments/217/hispanic-heritage> .

*To participate in events, click on links below.*

### Hispanic Heritage District Calendar of Events

#### Hispanic Heritage Month School Board Proclamation

Bilingual Pledge of Allegiance, Dual Language Program Students, Crestwood Elementary  
September 8

*The proclamation recognizing September 15- October 15 as Hispanic Heritage is adopted and Dual Language students at Crestwood Elementary honor the month with a Bilingual Pledge of Allegiance.*

#### Hispanic Heritage Kickoff: Student & Educator Spotlights

September 15

*Students and educators who identify as Latinx/ Hispanic have the opportunity to be a "spotlight" to celebrate the uniqueness and diversity of all of the nationalities represented. Via a "I AM POEM" format. To participate fill out the office form to create your I AM poem and upload a horizontal video reciting your poem. Your spotlight will be featured weekly on the district webpage and can be submitted through October 15.*

[Student spotlight submission](#)

[Educator spotlight submission](#)

#### Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with Myon Readin Challenge

September 15-October 15

*Hillsborough County Public Schools is hosting a special reading challenge designed to celebrate the contributions and history of Hispanics in America. Curated lists of age-appropriate myON titles are available. All students are encouraged to participate by reading as many books on myON.*

### **Florida Hispanic Heritage Essay and Art Contest, Excellence in Education Award**

September 25 Deadline

*In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Governor Ron DeSantis and First Lady Casey DeSantis invite all Florida students to participate in the 2020 Hispanic Heritage Month art and essay contests with the theme of “Celebrating Untold Stories and Contributions of Hispanic Americans in Florida.” Students in grades K-3 have a chance to win a cash prize by submitting their original artwork, and students in grades 4-12 can earn a 4-year Florida Prepaid Scholarship through the essay contest. In addition, students, parents, teachers and principals are invited to nominate full-time educators in elementary, middle and high schools for the Hispanic Heritage Month Excellence in Education Award.*

#### **Florida Hispanic Heritage Contests and Award Nominations**

### **PBS History of Latinos in America Documentary Screening: A six-week study**

Launches September 25

*Educators, students and community members can participate in this six-week study of the history of Latinos in America. Using the landmark PBS produced documentary, join us as we explore the rich contributions’ Latinos have made to America. Educators may receive in-service credit for participation. Schedule for screenings and reflections available when you register.*

**[Click here to register.](#)**

### **Abriendo el Camino a la Tecnología: Opening the way to Technology**

September 28

*COVID-19’s impact on the learning experiences of our most vulnerable students has created a digital divide. In partnership with the Sheriff’s Hispanic Advisory Council, Dover Elementary students will receive access to technology to ensure equitable e-learning experience.*

### **Latinx/ Hispanic Education Lecture Series**

October 20, October 27

*Connecting the multinational identities and cultural capital of Latinx/ Hispanic students to learning can enhance school belonging and student outcomes. Teachers and community have the opportunity to participate in this lecture series to build their capacity to engage and integrate the cultural diversity of Latinx/ Hispanic via culturally relevant teaching. Educators may earn in-service credit for participation.*

***Click on the title you are interested in below to register.***

- ❖ [Capitalizing Latinx Cultural Assets to Transform Learning](#)
- ❖ [The Latino Education Pipeline](#)

### **Latinx/ Hispanic Culture Tour Showcase**

September 22, October 6

*Join us at the school district board meetings on the patio to experience a showcase of the contributions made locally and across the globe by the Latinx/ Hispanic community during Hispanic Heritage Month in partnership with local Hispanic Organizations.*

**Telemundo Bilingual Literacy Read in**

September 30, October 14

*Reading Dreamers and Separate but not Equal, the Telemundo Network of News Anchors and Reporters join our Spanish-speaking students in the discovery of the role of immigrant and Hispanic contributions to education.*

**Pasos al Futuro: El Camino a la Universidad: Family College Awareness Series**

October 1, October 8, October 15, October 22

*Spanish-Speaking families, students and community can join our District Bilingual School Counselors on the journey to university and beyond via a four-part series in Spanish learning how to navigate the US education system and the college going process.*

**[Click here for more information.](#)**

**Path to the Stars: Sylvia Acevedo, CEO Girl Scouts Memoir Student Book Study**

October 30

*In partnership with Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Council, students can participate in a book club to read Path to the Stars at select schools to learn about the extraordinary journey of Sylvia Acevedo, the Mexican American CEO of Girls Scouts of America.*

**D.evelopment A.cceleration for L.atinos' E.ducation (D.A.L.E.) Virtual Career Discovery Day**

**In partnership with Mayors Hispanic Advisory Council**

October TBD

*The Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Council is committed to increasing the representation of Latinos in executive level positions and providing Latinx youth with exposure to professionals in this field. Students can participate in Discover Data day, a presentation focused on real-world applications of data and the professionals using that data to innovate the future.*