

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, & INCLUSION

Hispanic
Heritage Month
September 15-October 15



National Hispanic Latino Heritage Month is the period from September 15 to October 15 in the United States, when people recognize the contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans heritage. Mexico declared its independence from mother Spain, September 15, 1810, not the 5th of May (Cinco de Mayo). **Hispanic Heritage Month** is an official celebration of American citizens whose ancestry can be traced back to Spain, Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. “The festival now lasts from September 15 to October 15 every year, but it first started as just a week-long celebration of in 1968. Twenty years later, in 1988 it expanded to dedicate a whole four weeks for the celebration of being Hispanic. The celebration starts in the middle of the month, as opposed to the end, because the 15th marks the independence days of five Latin America countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico, Chile, and Belize follow shortly after, on the 16th, 18th and 21st.” Hispanic Heritage Month pays tribute to the generations of Hispanic, Latin, and Latina Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society.

Free class lessons, resources, and articles:

- Nearpod Library: Hispanic Heritage Month Collection
- <https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.org/classroom/articles>
- <https://www.nea.org/resource-library/hispanic-heritage-month>
- <https://www.factmonster.com/features/holidays/hispanic-heritage-month-3>

Note: The Hispanic, Latina/o, and Latin (Latinx) community is **32%** of the student population in Putnam City Schools. Learn more by immersing yourself in the culture. Check out the following events in Oklahoma and surrounding areas:

- <https://www.travelok.com/at/listings/view.profile/id.9610/event.26970>
- <https://scissortailpark.org/calendar/>