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## Hispanic Heritage Month Message From Superintendent Rundle

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Dear Mercer Island Community,

Hispanic heritage is American heritage. Annually, our country observes Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of Hispanic Americans and their enduring successes and achievements.

Hispanic Heritage Month was originally observed as "Hispanic Heritage Week" under President Lyndon Johnson in 1968. In 1988 it was extended to a month by President Ronald Reagan. [President Biden has released a proclamation on 2022 National Hispanic Heritage Month.](#)

September 15 is a day of significance as it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile also celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively.

We are looking forward to how our schools will be celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. I saw an example from the [West Mercer PTA](#) just this week! Additionally, Sergio Ramos, a third grade teacher in California has created a ["On This Day: Hispanic History" slide deck](#) that highlights and recognizes significant events and people in Hispanic history, which third grade teachers at West Mercer are using as a guide for students to learn about Hispanic contributions to our shared history.

Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month brings awareness to the important impact made by Hispanic Americans on our community and country. Here are some links to other organizations and information celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.

[National Archives](#)

[United States Census Bureau](#)

[National Education Association](#)

[Library of Congress](#)

Respectfully,

Fred Rundle

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