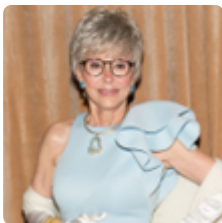




Wilson District Newsletter

October 2023



A message from Mr. Rose

Hello Wilson Wildcat Community,

I hope that everyone is having a great Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 to October 15 is National Hispanic American Heritage Month). During this time, we want to celebrate and pay tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans that have positively influenced our nation and the global society. I want to pay homage to one of the great Latina leaders who has influenced many and will have lasting effects on generations to come.

Rita Moreno is best known as Anita in West Side Story in 1961, a role that earned her an Oscar for Best Supporting Actress, making her the first Latina actress to win the honor. Moreno also appeared on the children's shows Sesame Street and The Electric Company and is one of only 11 people to have received the four major entertainment honors — Emmy, Oscar, Tony, and Grammy awards (EGOT). In 2019, she added another letter to her list of accolades when she became the first Latino honored with a Peabody Award, making her a PEGOT.

Born Rosa Dolores Alverio on December 11, 1931, in Humacao, Puerto Rico, Moreno has broken new ground for Latinos in the field of entertainment throughout her career. Moreno began her career in show business at early age. She appeared on Broadway and in her first film role in her early teens, and left school around the same time.

Moreno is perhaps best known for her work in West Side Story (1961), a modern musical inspired by Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. A versatile performer, she had to sing, dance, and manage dramatic scenes during the course of the film. She won an Academy Award for Best Supporting

Actress for her portrayal of Anita, the tough but vulnerable girlfriend to the Shark's gang leader — becoming the first Hispanic actress to win a Best Supporting Actress Oscar.

After her success with *West Side Story*, Moreno took on a range of interesting roles on stage and in films. She performed with the likes of Marlon Brando, Jack Nicholson and James Garner. Her career took another interesting turn in the 1970s, when joined the cast of *The Electric Company*, a children's television program. She stayed with the program for six seasons and became known for her trademark catchphrase: "Hey, you guys." She and the rest of the cast won a Grammy Award in 1972 for the show's soundtrack.

Only a few years later, Moreno won a Tony Award for Best Featured Actress in a Play for her work in Broadway's *The Ritz* (1975). Accolades did not stop there for Moreno. She went on to win two Emmy awards for guest appearances on *The Muppet Show* (1977) and *The Rockford Files* (1978). She is one of a handful of people to have received the four major entertainment honors — Emmy, Tony, Oscar, and Grammy awards (also known as the EGOT).

Moreno again impressed critics with her turn as a no-nonsense nun on the cable television series *Oz* from 1997 to 2003. Today, she continues to act in feature films, make guest appearances on television, and sing and perform in theatrical productions. She is also co-producing the 2021 remake of '*West Side Story*.'

In 2019, she was honored with a Peabody Career Achievement Award, making her the first Latino to receive the award and only second person ever. With the award, she became a PEGOT, an honor only held by two other people — director Mike Nichols and performer Barbra Streisand.

In Closing, please stay tuned to the many activities that we have planned for the month of October. It is our goal to engage our community in activities that will further assist us in achieving our goal of increased academic achievement for all. If you are a parent of students attending the Wilson School District and you would like to be a part of the Parent Advisory Council, please reach out to Mrs. Joyce at (602)681- 2200.



Wilson Primary School

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month! Many classes at the Primary School celebrated the Hispanic Heritage Month in variety of ways. Our PreK team decorated and made arts and crafts honoring the different countries in Mexico and South America. They used lots of colors and scissor skills to create these gorgeous pieces. They also invited parents to join the celebration by playing a variety of Hispanic songs. Our PreK team is planning more family engagement events with their parents throughout the year, so stay tuned!

During music class, 2nd and 3rd grade students have been learning the Mexican folk dance La Raspa! The 3rd graders will be presenting the Folk Dance Recital on Oct. 24th at 5:00pm in the Elementary gym. Parents are invited to dance with them at the event, so mark the date on your calendar. The other grade levels are preparing for the upcoming winter recital in December, and the younger groups will wait until the spring for their turn to perform! Our music program led by Ms. Womack is one of a kind!

Ms. Davidson's class in 3rd grade created postcards of Lucia Zenteno from The Woman Who Outshone the Sun, a folktale from Oaxaca, Mexico. A beautiful tale that teaches us a lesson about treating people and nature with kindness and acceptance. Look at how proud these 3rd graders are of their postcards!

We will continue to celebrate different cultures and traditions throughout the year to ensure that we embrace all the beauties we have in our world.

Happy fall everyone!



Login to your Parent Portal Account

If you need assistance logging into your parent portal account, please contact your child's school.

Wilson Elementary School

Hello Wonderful Wildcat Families,

We are looking into October with great anticipation. We are ever excited to usher in cooler temperatures and the holiday season.

We are beginning the implementation of our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Program. PBIS is an approach schools use to promote safety and good behavior. Students are taught about behavior expectations and strategies. Parents and guardians will hear about CLAWS – Collaboration, Leadership, Accountability, Willingness, and Success. These are the guiding principals of the PBIS Program at WES.

It is wonderful to Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month September 15- October 15. This year's theme is "Latinos: Driving Prosperity, Power, and Progress in America." The Hispanic and Latino community represents one of the fastest growing populations in America, with about 62 million living in the United States. With roots in the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America, South America,

Europe and North America, the diversity is robust. I encourage everyone to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month throughout the year and beyond.

We want to congratulate Mr. Alex Pina on receiving a \$500.00 Supply My Class Initiative Award from APS (Arizona Public Service Company) Presented by Karen E. Dolyniuk.

We want to welcome Mrs. Lami Mallick (Middle School ELA Teacher) and Mr. Darin Meyer (4th Grade Classroom Teacher) to the WES Family.

Save the date: Fall Festival will be November 3, 2023.

October 1-31 is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Bullying Prevention Month. Your child's teacher will have various activities throughout the month recognizing both.

The 21st CCLC after-school program has began, please contact Mrs. Holly Delano a hdelano@wsd7.org to received enrollment information.

Wilson Elementary School will continue to strive to give our students the best education possible – and we encourage all parents and community members to become involved in our school community.

Blessings,
Dr. Demetra Baxter-Oliver



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Event Information

Wilson Fall Festival

When?

Friday, Nov 3, 2023, 05:00 PM

Where?

Wilson Primary School, North 30th Street, Phoenix, AZ, USA



Human Resources

Hispanic Heritage Month in Greater Phoenix

By [Visit Phoenix](#) on Sep. 07, 2023

Less than 200 years ago, before Greater Phoenix was founded, this region was part of Mexico. Today, those roots have flourished in Greater Phoenix's communities and — in unison with the rest of the country — we honor the heritage of those who identify as Hispanic or Latino/a during National Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. Additionally, Sept. 15 marks the anniversary of independence of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico, Chile and Belize also observe independence days during this period.

To mark the celebration, various festivities take place throughout Greater Phoenix during Hispanic Heritage Month, including special events, dining, things to do and more.

[How to Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in Greater Phoenix | Events, Things to Do and More \(visitphoenix.com\)](https://www.visitphoenix.com)



Child Find

Child Find, a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), enables states to locate, identify, and evaluate all children with disabilities, aged birth through 21, who need early intervention or special education services. Special education services are available for children of any age (birth through 21 years). Wilson School District is responsible for locating, identifying, evaluating, and serving all children with disabilities (ages 3-21) and referring children ages 0-3 to AzEIP for evaluation and appropriate services. AzEIP is the Arizona Early Intervention Program for infants and toddlers. Wilson provides free and appropriate public education that includes special education and related services to children at public expense, under public supervision and direction without charge to parents. For all school-age students who are new to the district, the classroom teacher will complete screening activities within 45 days of enrollment. If any concerns are noted, the child will be referred for help. Parents who have concerns regarding their child's education may contact the Special Education Department at Wilson, (602) 683-2400, ext. 4205.

McKinney-Vento

Are you currently experiencing temporary living arrangements due to eviction, job loss or a traumatic event? Wilson School District offers services to families through the McKinney-Vento Assistance Act. Services such as enrollment and immunization assistance, uniforms or school supplies, community referrals and in some cases, transportation can be available. Your family may qualify due to living with another family or friend due to financial hardship or living in a shelter, transitional housing, or motel. Please contact your school office or Mariana Melendrez at 602-683-2515, ext 6002 for more information about this program.



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