



Hispanic, Latine, & Caribbean Heritage Month

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September 15-October 15, 2024



NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

MES NACIONAL DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA





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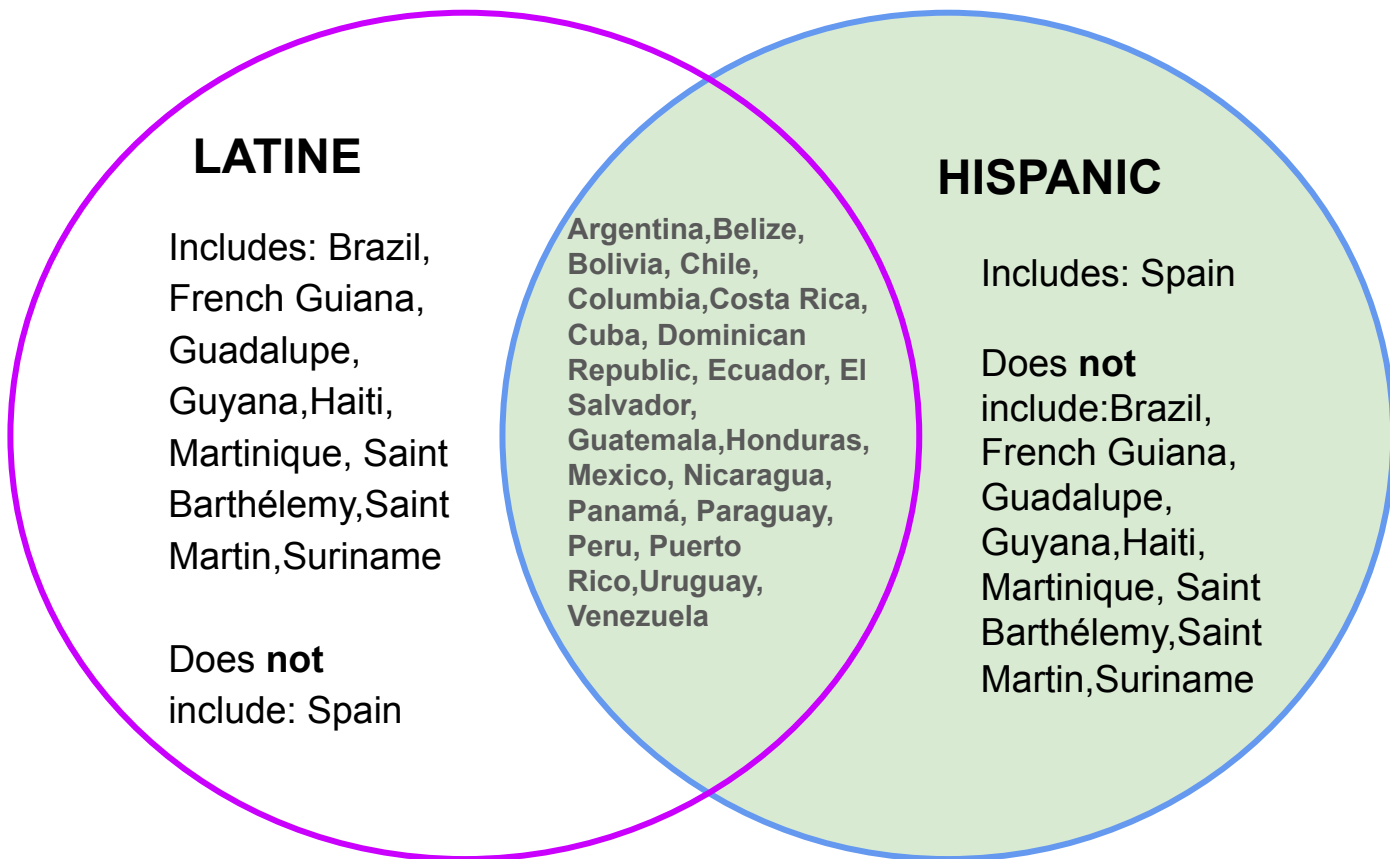
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Celebrating our Hispanic, Latine, and Caribbean Community



Early Childhood



- Highlights the richness of Somerville’s diversity throughout the early childhood *SEE* “Big ideas”
- Select and develop instructional materials
- read-aloud texts, vocabulary cards, visual supports that represent and affirm the cultural identities of our Hispanic, Latine, and Caribbean students.
- The work is anchored by texts that feature culturally, racially, and ethnically diverse characters, relatable plots, and promote children’s language development in both their home and school languages.
- Supports educators in partnering with families to leverage home language and cultural assets as bridges to new learning.

K-8 Curriculum and Instruction

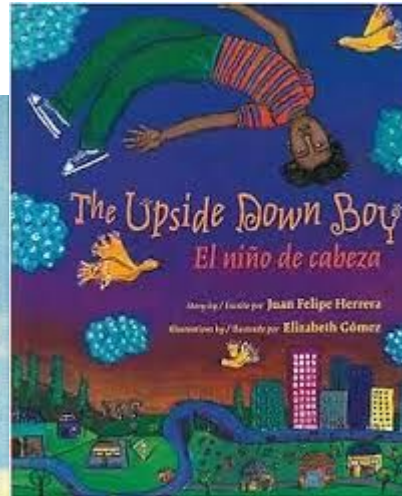
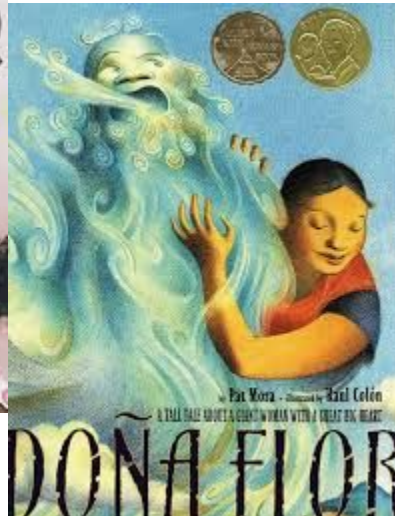
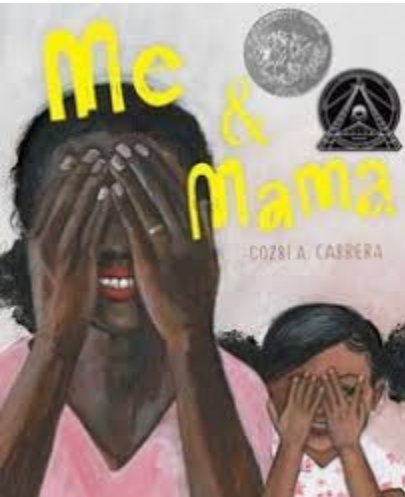
The K-8 ELA and Social Studies curriculum includes:

- Units and texts that prompt students to examine Hispanic, Latine, and Caribbean Culture
- Examining what it means to belong to a culture or community and understand the aspects of assimilation and acculturation
- Learning about social justice and injustice and the roles that race, gender, class and culture play how individuals experience the world
- Learning about the dangers of stereotypes
- Celebrating the experiences and contributions of Hispanic, Latine, and Caribbean people



Unidos

Unidos provides a curated list of books featuring Latinx authors, illustrators, and protagonists to celebrate Latinx Heritage Month



Some School Highlights:

Healey:

- Equity Corner in each classroom
- In Spanish class, students have been learning about significant Latine individuals throughout history.
- The Healey created an Equity Library last year, complete with beautiful, rich, diverse, and inclusive books. The library team has assembled a list of books within the library (utilizing the Equity Library). Library staff created a display of the Hispanic/Latine Heritage books at the front of the library, and emailed teachers alerting them to the availability of the wonderful books.
- Some teachers have been reading a picture book a week to their homeroom students during morning meeting from this list/display and attaching the book(s) to a discussion question.
- Quotes from Latinx leaders that align with SOAR: a way to connect the month with the vision, mission, and belief of the school

ESCS:

- Announcements: done by student government
- Highlighting important Latinx figures in English and in Spanish during announcements
- Library: Latine representation in library bins - special, highlighted book bins for each grade level
- Resources are shared through Phoenix newsletters - weekly updates in newsletter

Brown:

- Daily announcements with a spotlight on Hispanic, Latine, and Caribbean changemakers and events
- Teacher incorporating art and books into lessons and into instruction throughout the school

AFAS:

- 7th/8th they are doing a research project on important Latin members.
- Some teachers are also doing a read aloud in their classes

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Somerville High School

- **Tuesday, September 17** - represent your Latin American country (jerseys, flags, cultural dress, etc)
- **Thursday, September 26 (After School):** Movie night!
- **Wednesday, October 2 (X-Block): Salsa Lessons & Futsal Game**
- **Thursday, October 15 (After School):** Final Celebration!
 - Trivia (Introduction)
 - Dance or lip sync battle
 - Dance group ([Local dance groups](#)) ([Meta Movements](#))
 - Snacks and games
 - Mariachi band
 - Latino student performances - open to all students, LSU facilitates
 - Student artwork submissions (related to Latino identity)
 - Reach out to local Latin restaurants to see if they would donate any food



Community Partnerships: SPS & SomerViva

Department of Equity & Excellence, SFLC, SHS Art Department are partnered with SomerViva to have SPS student art displayed and highlighted at the SomerViva event



NEWSLETTERS & RESOURCES

The Department of Equity & Excellence sends out a monthly newsletter that contains information and tools such as:

- Historical Facts
- Change-Makers, Heroines and Heroes
- Videos/Movies
- Books
- Activities
- Podcasts
- Emails
 - to all staff with tangible materials and tools to support and best guide the work of equity, acknowledgement and belonging
 - reminders and guides that provide supports, ideas and tools for all grade levels.



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Looking Ahead



Flag raising....



The educators in this district are thoughtful, creative and invested. This month is one of celebration, learning, teaching, belonging, and joy.

Happy Hispanic, Latine, & Caribbean Heritage Month!