



School District Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

The Palm Beach County School Board has proclaimed September 15-October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month. Throughout the month, the District's schools and departments will celebrate the unique diversity and contributions of Hispanic and Latino culture.

During Hispanic Heritage Month, the District celebrates the culture and traditions of students, teachers, staff, and community members who trace their roots to Spain and other Spanish-speaking

countries in North America, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean.

Hispanics are the fastest growing ethnic group in Palm Beach County, and the School District serves more than 65,000 Hispanic students, representing 21 Spanish-speaking countries. The District has continued to increase its Spanish Dual Language Program offerings to promote the language, culture, and traditions.

Several events and activities will take place

throughout the County to highlight the contributions of Hispanics to the nation and local community. The Palm Beach County Library System will be hosting events at several branches, and the Puerto Rican Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for Palm Beach County will hold the Hispanic Heritage Awards on September 20 (today). Each year, the Chamber recognizes a group of honorees across a variety of industries.

Hispanic Heritage Month has been celebrated

since 1988 when it was enacted into law by then-President Ronald Reagan. September 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. All declared independence in 1821.

On October 12, the District's Hispanic/Latino Studies Department will hold a Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration at the Fulton-Holland

Register to Vote at Your High School

On September 25, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., high schools throughout the District will host Voter Registration drives. The event is in collaboration with 21 non-partisan community organizations. Community volunteers will help register students to vote.

Students who will be 18 or older by Election Day may register to vote. Meantime, students, ages 16 and 17, may pre-register to vote. When those students

turn 18, they will receive their voter registration card in the mail.

Participation in the drive is voluntary for students. For questions contact Lori Dool, Secondary Social Studies Program Planner at 561-357-1118.

All the local high schools the area are participating: Park Vista, Boynton Beach, Forest Hill, Santaluces, John I. Leonard and Lake Worth.

Register and then vote!

Educational Services Center in West Palm Beach. Many schools will also be celebrating Hispanic

Heritage Month. Contact your school directly for information about their planned events.

2019 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

The Palm Beach County School District has 61 semifinalists for the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program. Being named a semifinalist will allow them to continue in the competition for approximately 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million that will be offered next spring.

About 1.6 million high school juniors entered the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2017 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which serves as the initial screen for program entrants. Semifinalists for the program include the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

To become a finalist for a National Merit Scholarship, semifinalists must submit a detailed application that includes their academic record, participation in school and community activities, employment, as

well as awards and honors received.

Students must also write an essay, have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, and submit a recommendation by a high school official. Winners of the 2019 National Merit Scholarships will be announced from April through July.

Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts
Summer Barrett
Seoyoung Kwon
Julia Nguyen
Shana Shravan
James Sun
Sophia Zheng
Lylybell Zhou

Atlantic Community High School
Winston Cheung
Chase Correia
Joy Quan
Raghu Radhakrishnan
Jake Watson
David Young

Boca Raton Community High School

Mathias Kohler
Jack Leland
Natalie Navarrete
Helen Samay

Jupiter Community High School
Noah Fletcher
David Jakubiak

Olympic Heights Community High School
Connor Murphy
Noah Towbin

Palm Beach Virtual School
Jordan Kalick

Park Vista Community High School
Joshua Siedman
Madison Weech

Seminole Ridge Community High School
Aneeshea Cason
Nicole Marvez
Immanuel Wilson

Spanish River Community High School
Sophia Athan
Ryan Chen
Eugenia Gomez
Michelle Huang

William Kridel
Julian Lichtenfeld
Brandon Morantz
Lillian Zhang

Suncoast Community High School
Jacob Anderson
Caleb Brown
Sarah Carlson
Eric Cohen
Siena DeFazio
Taylor Frederick
Matthew Hofmann
Mara Hubelbank
Isha Joshi
Brandon Lam
Kimberly Mace
Aqib Muhfuz
Philip Parel
Adeeb Rashid
Joshua Roemer
Andrew Sasser
Zachary Speaks
Nikita Thomas
Hannah Ye
Edward Zhang
Brinley Zhao

Wellington Community High School
Eric Burchill
Nathan Gonzalez

West Boca Community High School

Harrison Lessne
Chloe Libenthal

William T. Dwyer Com-

munity High School
John McCabe

Elementary School Menu

Monday, September 24

Cheezy Pizza Dunkers w/Marinara Dipping Cup
Mini Twin Cheeseburgers
Peanut Butter Platter w/Apple Slices
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
Potato Smiles
Fresh Baby Carrots

Tuesday, September 25

Cheese Lasagna w/Whole Grain Garlic Breadstick
Beef and Bean Burrito
PB&J Sandwich Platter
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
Steamed Broccoli

Wednesday, September 26

Johnny Applesed Day
Homestyle Chicken
Cheese Pizza
Mini Grilled Chicken Salad w/Savory Wheat Crackers
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
Baked Beans
Fresh Baby Carrots

Thursday, September 27

Chicken Sandwich
Mac & Cheese w/Whole Grain Dinner Roll
Chocolate Chip Muffin Platter
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
Green Beans

Friday, September 28

Fiesta Friday
Soft Turkey Taco w/Spanish Rice and Salsa
Cheese Quesadilla w/Spanish Rice and Salsa
Corndog
PB&J Sandwich Platter
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
Sliced Plantains
Fresh Cut Pineapple

Lunch Items Served Daily

1% Milk Unflavored 100% Fruit Juice (4 oz) Assorted
Apple & Pear Sauces Assorted Canned Fruit Assorted
Fresh Fruit Assorted Fruit Cups Assorted Seasonal
Florida Produce Fat Free Chocolate Milk Fat Free Milk
Unflavored Romaine Salad Cup Salad Dressings Assorted Flavors

Football Schedules/Results

LAKE WORTH

Friday, Aug. 31 - PB Lakes (Away) L - 34-6
Friday, Sept. 7 - PB Gardens (Away) L - 28-0
Friday, Sept. 14 - Park Vista (Home) L - 45-6
Friday, Sept. 21 - Spanish River (Away)
Friday, Sept. 28 - Santaluces (Away)
Friday, Oct. 5 - Glades Central (Home)
Friday, Oct. 12 - Boca Raton (Away)
Friday, Oct. 19 - Atlantic (Home)
Friday, Oct. 26 - John I. Leonard (Home)
Friday, Nov. 2 - Boynton Beach (Home)

PARK VISTA

Friday, Aug. 31 - W. Boca (Away) W - 31-0
Friday, Sept. 7 - Wellington (Home) L - 14-8
Friday, Sept. 14 - Lake Worth (Away) W - 45-6
Friday, Sept. 21 - Atlantic (Home)
Friday, Oct. 5 - Boca Raton (Away)
Friday, Oct. 12 - Spanish River (Away)
Friday, Oct. 26 - Santaluces (Home)
Friday, Nov. 2 - PB Gardens (Home)

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Dads Take Your Child To School Day Sept. 26

The School District of Palm Beach County, in collaboration with the Florida Department of Education, is recognizing Wednesday, Sept. 26 as "Dads Take Your Child to School Day."

Schools throughout the District encourage fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, foster fathers, and any other male role model to participate by taking their child to school. This is a great way for fathers and father figures to engage with their children and strengthen the con-

nection between fathers, children, and their schools.

You don't have to be a dad to make a positive influence in a child's life. Research shows that having a father or active male role model increases a child's self-esteem and academic success. Many schools in the District are planning gatherings for the fathers once they arrive to further foster involvement in a child's school. Check with your child's school for activities they may have planned.