

Elementary Equity Newsletter

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LATIN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Quote of the week: "If you have a chance to accomplish something that will make things better for people coming behind you, and you don't do that, you are wasting your time on this **earth**." –

Roberto Clemente

Latin Heritage Month Established in 1988 as Hispanic Heritage Week then it became, Hispanic Heritage Month (also known as Latino Heritage Month or Latinx Heritage Month). It recognizes the generations of Latinos who have positively influenced and enhanced our society.

Upcoming News

Most Influential Latinos Cont'd

- Jocelyn Ramirez
- Jorge Ramos
- Indya Moore
- Rita Moreno

Celebrations

- Día De Los Muertos

Latin Americans, some of the most influential people in the world (Time Magazine)



**Felipe
Neto
Rodriguez
Vieira**

is a Portuguese -
Brazilian manager,
vlogger, actor and
writer. He is a well-
known YouTuber in
Brazil with more than
37 million subscribers.
At 32 he is the most
significant digital
influencer in Brazil and
possibly the world.



**America
Ferrera**

"I am Latina, and this is what I sound like,"
America Ferrera
remembered thinking after
her first audition at 16.
Now 36, the actor says,
"That realization for me has
fueled me to create more
opportunity for little brown
girls to fulfill their talent and
their dream," During this
year's Emmy Awards, there
was only one Latinx or Latina
nominee in the major
categories: Alexis Bledel,
who was up for outstanding
guest actress in a drama
series for *The Handmaid's
Tale*. There must be more
representation.

Latin Americans,
some of the most
influential people in
the world (Time
Magazine) CONT'd

A Brief History of Latino Voting Rights Since the 1960s

While the Voting Rights Act of 1965 included a section that ensured that people educated in US schools that were predominately taught in a language other than English – for instance, island Puerto Ricans – could not be denied the right to vote because of their inability to read, write, understand, or interpret material in English, Spanish-speakers in the contiguous US, including mainland Boricuas, were often still discriminated against at the polls. This changed on August 6, 1975, exactly one decade after the Voting Rights Act of 1965, when, following several court battles on behalf of Latino-Americans, President Gerald Ford amended the act to also end discrimination against so-called “language minorities.” Protecting the voting rights of Latinos, as well as non-English-speaking Asian Americans and Native Americans, made it possible to translate registration materials into other languages and strengthened the political power of communities of color.



**Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
aka AOC**

This woman is the youngest person ever elected to Congress. In 2018 at the age of 29 she won the election and now serves as the U.S. Representative for New York's 14th congressional district. She is proud of her Puerto Rican heritage and advocates for all voices.

To learn more and to register to vote click here:

<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/>

<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/spanish>

Red Pandas

Red pandas are mammals and much smaller than giant pandas. They are about one or two feet tall and twelve to twenty pounds each. Red pandas live in Asian rainforests high up in the trees. Red pandas are nocturnal, which means they sleep in the day and are awake at night. Red pandas eat bamboo, fruit, roots, acorns, eggs, small birds and even rodents!



Red pandas have babies called cubs. These cubs usually have tan or gray fur and are born in litters and there are one to four cubs in a litter. Red pandas are full grown at eighteen months old, then they leave their family to make a new family.

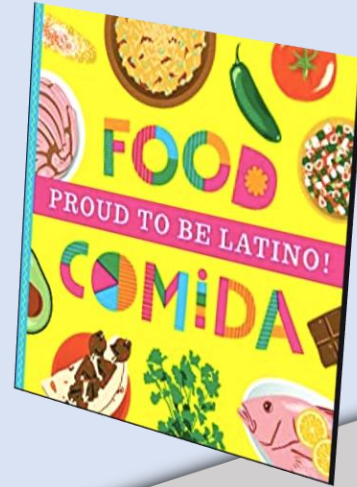
Red pandas are in danger of going extinct which means that they are dying out, like what happened to dinosaurs. We have to take care of red pandas both in the wild and in the zoo.

Anja Gardner

Grade 5, Ms. Rogers, Sonnesyn Elementary

Click here to listen to: [Proud to be Latino: Food/Comida | Bilingual Books for Kids](#)

Proud to be Latino: Food/Comida is a read-aloud for children is an awesome bilingual book for kids to explore different Latin cultures through food!



Last Sunday

Last Sunday, I went to my parents' friend's house for dinner and he made really yummy ham. After we ate, my mom grabbed the china plates, which were given to her by her friend and were very important, and she reached over the table to give them to my dad and slips and hits the ground. His plates didn't break, they were fine, it was just very funny! I really wanted to shout out, "my mom went timber," but I didn't. It was very funny, and I hope you liked the story!



Savannah Rogers

Grade 5, Ms. Rogers, Sonnesyn Elementary

SHARE YOUR TALENTS: We're looking for somebody who wants to showcase their talents. What kind of talents do you ask? Literary talents! Do you have a poem you have written? Or a joke? What about a short story? Or an experience interesting to share, like climbing a mountain or visiting an interesting place? If you are interested, submit your piece to The Writing Corner Experience, please email it to salma_abdi@rdale.org by on Wednesdays by 12pm.

Family Resources

Clothing Resources:

<https://elimchurch.com/kidz-klozet/>

Need a winter coat? The Salvation Army Service Centers can provide coats to children in need. Call ahead to see what they have available.

Noble Worship and Service Center

10011 Noble Parkway, Brooklyn Park
763-425-0517

<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/northern/brooklynpark>

2024 Lyndale Avenue N., Minneapolis
612-522-4871

<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/northern/NorthMinneapolis/>

Food Resources

<http://www.nearfoodshelf.org/NEAR-Services.html>

- Individual or families in need may call (763) 533-2836 between 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F for an appointment.
- Food pickups are scheduled between 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (MTWF)
- 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

Mental Health Resources

Services to the Latino community:

mental health, chemical health and behavioral health, education programs for children, youth and adults, family, and economic advancement

Headway Emotional Health Services

Various locations

612-861-1675

Mental Health care professionals providing outpatient therapy, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, psychiatric series and in school therapy.

Northpoint Health and Wellness Center

1313 Penn Ave N. Minneapolis MN 55411

612-543-2500

Reduced fees for low income and uninsured.

Additional Support:

- [Kente Circle](#)

Teaching Resources

BRAIN BREAKS FOR STUDENTS!

Looking at a screen and trying to focus for a long period of time can be difficult! Check out this website for quick BRAIN BREAKS to help give your kids a boost!

<https://www.weareteachers.com/brain-breaks-for-kids/>

Reading Resources for Hispanic Heritage Month:

<https://www.readingrockets.org/booklists/books-hispanic-heritage-month>

<https://www.bankstreetbooks.com/national-hispanic-heritage-month>

Definitions of Race & Equity

The Critical Race Theory:

The Critical Race Theory movement considers many of the same issues that conventional civil rights and ethnic studies take up but places them in a broader perspective that includes economics, history, and even feelings and the unconscious.

Unlike traditional civil rights, which embraces incrementalism and step by step progress, critical race theory questions the very foundations of the liberal order, including equality theory, legal reasoning, Enlightenment rationalism and principles of constitutional law.

Discrimination

The unequal treatment of members of various groups based on race, gender, social class, sexual orientation, physical ability, religion and other categories.

Definitions of Race & Equity Cont'd

Diversity:

Diversity includes all the ways in which people differ, and it encompasses all the different characteristics that make one individual or group different from another. It is all-inclusive and recognizes everyone and every group as part of the diversity that should be valued. A broad definition includes not only race, ethnicity, and gender — the groups that most often come to mind when the term "diversity" is used — but also age, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, education, marital status, language, and physical appearance. It also involves different ideas, perspectives, and values.

- Achievement and Integration Manual

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