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A Message from Haley

Hispanic Heritage Month

Here at SSCPS, we are proud to recognize and celebrate Hispanic Heritage month from September 15 to October 15 each year. This observance is a time to celebrate the achievements, histories, traditions and cultural diversity of Hispanic/Latino/Latinx Americans whose heritage is rooted in 20 Latin American countries and territories: Spain,

Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic. This year's Hispanic Heritage Month theme is Unidos: Inclusivity for a stronger nation. Hispanic Heritage month is an opportunity to honor the rich Hispanic culture in our communities. It is also a time to remind students and children of all ages the value of diversity.

Levels I and II



Bulletin Board Created by June and Nikki's Class about Notable Hispanic People and their Countries of Origin



Variety of Children's Books Read to Levels I & II

On Levels I & II, students have explored a variety of famous Hispanic Americans and their contributions to the arts, sciences, music, sports, and more. They have read poems and children's books that highlight notable people of Hispanic descent, such as Frida Kahlo, Pablo Neruda, Sandra Cisneros and Rita Morena. As they learned about their origins, students were excited to talk about their own families, the countries they are from, and their heritage. Levels I & II Spanish teacher Marion Whalen Finn noted, "It was such a delight to go into the classroom and have students eager to tell me all they are learning about with Hispanic Heritage month from their primary teacher." In Spanish lessons, there was a focus on student voice and how you can say something in many different ways. This transitioned to talking about Hispanic people who use or used their voice to change the world.

Levels III and IV



Level IV Spanish-Speaking Countries Bulletin Board



Level III Students Displaying their Bottle People

Level III Students Participating in a Gallery Walk



On Level III, students dove into the history of Hispanic Heritage month and how it is observed across the country. Students chose a famous Hispanic American and presented background information as well as the ways they positively influenced and enriched our nation. As part of this project, students created bottle people that were representative of these Hispanic Americans. Teachers used authentic materials written by authors and poets such as Mario Vargas Llosa and Sandra Cisernos to teach interpretive reading skills to their classes. Gallery walks allowed students to expand their knowledge of many more influential Hispanic figures. On Level IV, students dug deep into the history and rich cultures of Hispanic countries and created group projects. These presentations shared pertinent information about each country and included hand-illustrated maps.

High School

Hispanic Heritage Month High School Bulletin Board



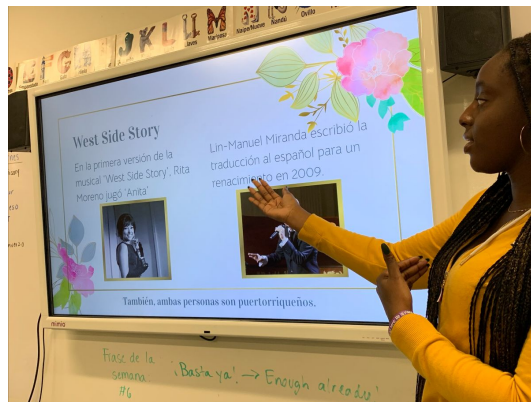
Spanish I Hispanic Heritage Research Posters



Cultural Diversity Workshop with their Hispanic Heritage Poetry Wall



Spanish 5 Student Presenting on the Connection between Lin Manuel Miranda and Rita Moreno



Students Researching Influential Hispanic Writers



In our high school, Hispanic Heritage decor and music filled the halls. Students researched and presented on famous artists, athletes, politicians, writers, scientists and other influential figures. In Spanish classes, students participated in gallery walks and analyzed a variety of poems by Pablo Neruda and Julia Alvarez and artwork by Pablo Picasso and Frida Kahlo. Others researched labor leaders and civil rights activists Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta alongside Nobel Peace Prize laureate Rigoberto Menchú. The Cultural Diversity Workshop wrote poems highlighting famous Hispanic Americans' contributions to society and created crafts to display on the walls. On Fridays, students were exposed to different genres of Latin music and dance such as Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Samba and Tango. During breaks, students had fun following along with video tutorials and picking up a few new steps.

Hispanic Heritage Month is an important opportunity for students to not only learn about history and culture, but also to celebrate diversity in the classroom and our school community.

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Haley Edmondson

World Language Curriculum Coordinator

STORY OF US SPEAKER SERIES

South Shore Public
Charter School
Presents:




Diana Solares

Story of Us Virtual Speaker Series

"Finding your Voice" will dive deep into Diana's journey of becoming self-aware, finding a community, and coming to appreciate the diversity that everyone brings to the table.



Event Info:

 Oct. 12, 2022	 Webinar	 6.00 PM - 7.15 PM
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Story of Us

Join us on a year long journey through the stories and perspectives that reflect and represent our diverse community.

Here at SSCPS we are made up of many distinct identities. These differences are what make us unique and special. When placed together it creates a magnificent story.

The story of us!

Be Seen / Be Heard / Be Valued.

About Me

Global Supply Chain Consultant

Diana Solares grew up in Guatemala, Guatemala City and currently lives in Boston, MA working as a Global Supply Chain Consultant at Slalom Consulting. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Supply Chain with a minor in Computer Information Systems from Bentley University. Outside of work, she spends her time working out at a CrossFit gym, reading, cooking, and traveling!

Click on the image above to join the Zoom Webinar!

FROM THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION



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2022-2023 Parent Association Election for SSCPS!

Survey Closes: 10/13/2022 – Click the link below to cast your vote:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SSCPS_PA_Level1_Gr12

New PA will be announced in Weekly on Oct 19

Thank you all for coming to cast a ballot for open Parents Association positions. Only SSCPS Parents and Guardians may cast votes.

As your appointed Election Team, we are committed to ensuring the process is efficient, fair, measurable, and accessible to all parents.

- Only current SSCPS Parents or Guardians may vote in this election,
- One vote per parent/guardian will be allowed,
- You may make one selection for each position,
- You are given the option to abstain from voting for a particular position if, for any reason, you choose not to (via an "*I choose not to cast a vote for this position*" option),
- Results will **ONLY** be shared on an aggregate level (e.g. # of total voters, # of votes per nominee, # that chose not to vote for a position, etc.)
- If there is a tie for a position, a second survey will be sent out only for those who need a tie-breaker,
- If you would like to self-nominate for a position that has no nominees, please insert your name with brief intro.
- If there is a dispute or demand for a recount, at least one member of the Election Team and one school administrator will be engaged to review or re-count parent/guardian submissions.

The Election Team remains committed and unbiased throughout its work on this process, and we're committed to the integrity of the SSCPS Parent Association.

Thank you for carefully considering the nominees who have stepped up to represent us.

The Parents Association is working to ensure teachers can fill their classrooms with the items they need. To help support our teachers and their classrooms, please view the wishlists below.

Thank you!

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help our teachers!

[VIEW WISHLISTS](#)

PA Meeting Schedule | 2022-2023 School Year

Below you will find the meeting dates for the 2022-2023 school year:

- September 21, 2022
- October 19, 2022
- November 16, 2022
- December 21, 2022
- January 18, 2023
- February 15, 2023
- March 15, 2023
- April 26, 2023
- May 17, 2023
- June 14, 2023 (Transition Meeting)

Be on the lookout for upcoming volunteer opportunities. Information on the

Back to School Picnic will be coming soon as well.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out. Our website can be found [here](#).

Cindy Lyons
Parent Council Chair
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From the Health Office

All 4th, 7th and 11th graders should have a current physical (within the last 12 months) on file in the appropriate health office. All students playing sports must have a current physical in order to play.

With the colder weather coming there has been an increase in illnesses at school. Please keep your child home if they are not feeling well. Students must stay home if they have a fever, vomiting/diarrhea, uncontrollable cough or runny nose or just not feeling well enough to stay at school for a full day.

Make sure you have emergency contacts listed (other than a parent). If your child needs to go home sick, please make sure to have a plan to have yourself or someone else pick them up within 30 minutes.

As a reminder, the students go outside in all kinds of weather unless below 20 degrees or heavy rain. It is important to have a change of clothes at school and come dressed in appropriate clothing for all weather.

This Week | Up and Coming

Thursday	10/13	Title I Parent Information Session	
Thursday	10/13	Board of Trustees	7:30pm
		Development Committee	5:30pm
		Governance Committee	6:00pm
		Finance Committee	6:30pm

		All meetings held at 700 Longwater Drive and available via Zoom	
Wednesday	10/19	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony	6:00pm
Wednesday	10/19	Parents Association Meeting at 100 Longwater Circle and via Zoom	6:30pm
Thursday	10/20	School Council Meeting	4:30pm
Friday	10/21	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm

IMPORTANT LINKS

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website www.sscps.org every Wednesday.

- [Back-to-School Information](#)
- [Food Services](#)
- [Health Office](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance](#)
- **Visit the [Parents Association Website](#)**

Here are links to upcoming events and other items of interest. Please contact Pam Algera at palgera@sscps.org to submit SSCPS items for publication.

School Documents:

[2022-23 School Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[Arrival and Dismissal Procedures](#)

[SSCPS By-Laws](#)





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