

Diversity Is Our Strength

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National Hispanic Heritage Month began on Sept. 15, and the celebration will run until Oct. 15. This time is set aside to explore, honor and highlight Latino culture and heritage. Congress has recognized Hispanic Heritage Month since 1968. Sept. 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on Sept. 16 and Sept. 18, respectively.

In Crowley ISD, we view diversity as a strength, and we recognize the significant contributions that all ethnicities have made to our country and the world. I encourage all teachers and campuses to be intentional in the recognition of Hispanic and Latino leaders and the contributions that have been made to strengthen our country.

Our vision is to provide all students with a world-class, high-quality education where students are inspired to succeed in the global community. In order for us to realize the vision, it is imperative that we are deliberate about developing an understanding and appreciation within our students of the different cultures and ethnicities that are present within our schools and society. By emphasizing, highlighting and acknowledging all, we are reinforcing our belief that all cultures, races and ethnicities have value and are worthy of respect.



I am proud to be a part of one of the most diverse school districts in Tarrant County. I believe our diversity and commitment to providing the very best for all students, regardless of their demographics, will set us apart and help us become the top educational choice in Tarrant County.



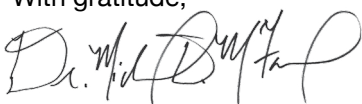
Thank you for acknowledging the contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans during this time and throughout the year. Your efforts will help build relevancy for some of our students and educate others on the value that people of all ethnicities bring to our country. The mission and vision of Crowley ISD were built on the foundational belief that diversity is a strength, and when we embrace it, our students will leave us with an appreciation for all ethnicities and equipped to become successful global citizens.

Do you need a spark to start this conversation? Check out the links below, or do a simple search to uncover many others.

- [National Education Association \(NEA\): National Hispanic Month](#)
- [Scholastic: 24 Great Ideas for Hispanic Heritage Month](#)
- [Spanish Mama: The Ultimate Guide for Hispanic Heritage Month Activities](#)
- [TeacherVision: Hispanic Heritage Month Teacher Resources](#)

For us to deliver on our mission and vision, our diversity must be an asset that is embraced by all.

With gratitude,



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