



Clayton County Public Schools

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CCPS Observes Hispanic Heritage Month - Sept. 15-Oct. 15

JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is committed to establishing a creative district where scholars and the community have access to cultural experiences and resources that support collaborative and individual creativity. From September 15, 2023 - October 15, 2023, CCPS stakeholders will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month throughout the district. To celebrate this culture, the district's Department of Social Studies has compiled several resources that teachers and parents/guardians can utilize to learn more about and celebrate Hispanic culture with students at all grade levels in multiple subject areas. Several schools will be highlighted throughout the month for their Hispanic Heritage Celebrations.

In addition to the resources compiled, the Department of Social Studies has organized a student competition to highlight notable Hispanic Americans by reenacting their accomplishments or interviewing them about their experiences as Hispanic Americans. This competition, which will last **through October 15, 2023**, will allow our students to celebrate the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson. It was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover 30 days, beginning on September 15 and ending on October 15. September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of the independence of Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. - *Hispanic Heritage Month.gov*

For more information about the observance, please contact Ms. Monique Swinger, CCPS K-12 Academic Content Lead in the Department of Social Studies at monique.swinger@clayton.k12.ga.us or 678-687-7639.

To access all materials, please click the following link: [2023 CCPS Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration](#)

-An official document from the Clayton County Public School System-

About Clayton County Public Schools: Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia.

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