

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT FORD MORTHEL: FILIPINA/X/O AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH



Dear BUSD Community,

Part of our BUSD vision is that “Our schools are vital centers of community life enriched by the diversity of our city and welcoming to all families. Each classroom offers engaging and culturally-relevant curriculum that builds on students’ interests and abilities.”

As part of our work to offer culturally-relevant curriculum, we celebrate and uplift heritage and history months such as October’s Filipina/x/o American History Month. Additionally, in 2021, our district made a commitment via our [Resolution Denouncing Hate Crimes and Bigotry Targeting Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders](#), to actively counter racist and harmful ideology against the AAPI community with our greatest tool: education.

This month of October, we honor the over four hundred years of history of Filipina/x/o Americans in this country. Since 2009, U.S. Congress has recognized October as Filipino American History Month and our district joins the many communities and organizations that are celebrating the fact that Filipino/x American history is American history.

While months like this are one way for students and families to see themselves reflected in our community, we are committed to this work being embedded in culturally-relevant curriculums throughout the academic year.

In the words inspired by Larry Itliong, celebrated Filipino farmworker activist:

Isang bagsak! We rise and fall together!

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BUSD FILIPINA/X/O AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH TK-8 TEACHING RESOURCE GUIDE

Compiled by Joemy Ito-Gates, Ethnic Studies TSA for Berkeley Unified School District in collaboration with Filipina/x/o Community Members and Library Services

GET INTERSECTIONAL*

- ARTICLE "Are you Filipino or Filipinx?"
- LIST of LGBTQ+ Filipinx Americans to celebrate
- VIDEO "How do we Unlearn Anti-Blackness in Filipino Culture?"
- VIDEO about Indigenous people of the Philippines
- PODCAST interview with Berkeley-based, Nikki Brown Booker, racial and disability justice advocate
- VIDEO Filipino American and Muslim
- VIDEO The Filipino Jewish Rock Star, Mike Hanopol



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EXPAND KNOWLEDGE

- READ about the origins of Filipina/x/o American History Month, which was recognized by the U.S. Congress in 2009
- SHORT VIDEO about why it is called a History Month and not a Heritage Month
- SHORT VIDEO of 15 Facts about Fil-Am History
- READ about the history of the San Francisco I-Hotel
- READ/WATCH about Filipina/x/o contributions to the Farm Labor Movement
- LISTEN to the podcast, Long Distance Radio
- READ 10 Ways to Celebrate Filipino American History Month
- ARTICLE A New Generation of Filipino Hip-Hop Builds On a Deep Bay Area Legacy



Rachael Romero

BAY AREA ORGS TO SUPPORT

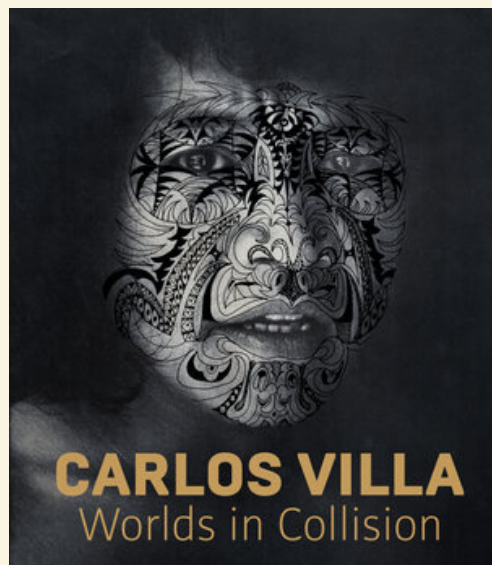
- Sama Sama Summer Camp
- FACES Coalition
- Bindlestiff Studio
- Bayanihan Equity Center
- Filipino Advocates for Justice
- Filipino Community Center
- Soma Pilipinas

FilAm Hist Month Posters

- 8.5x11 Posters
- 11x17 Posters

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*Intersectional is a term coined by Kimberlé Crenshaw



FILIPINA/X/O PEOPLE TO KNOW

- Victoria Manalo Draves, Bay Area Olympic Gold medal winner
 - [VIDEO](#)
- DJ Kuttin Kandy, community activist and DJ
 - [BIO](#)
- Rabbi Mira Rivera, first Filipina-American Rabbi to be ordained at The Jewish Theological Seminary
 - [BIO](#) and [VIDEO](#) of Sukkot action at Trump Tower
- Kristy Drutman, Browngirl Green, environmental activist
 - [WEBSITE](#)
- Isabel Sandoval, Trans film director and actress
 - [BIO](#)
- Dr Allyson Tintiangco-Cubales, professor of Ethnic Studies
 - [BIO](#)
- H.E.R., Bay Area Grammy award winning musician
 - [ARTICLE](#) and [VIDEO](#) of H.E.R. speaking about her Filipino and Black identity
- Silme Domingo & Gene Viernes, labor leaders
 - [SHORT BIO](#)
- Philip Vera Cruz, labor leader
 - [SHORT BIO](#)
- Larry Itliong, labor leader
 - [SHORT BIO](#)
- Hidilyn Diaz, first gold medal Olympic winner from the Philippines
 - [VIDEO](#)
- Dr. Audrey Sue Cruz, Barbie made a doll of her for their front line worker release
 - [ARTICLE](#)
- Mari Rose Taruc, Bay Area environmental activist
 - [BIO](#)
- Jenifer K. Wofford, Bay Area artist
 - [VIDEO](#)
- Alex Esclamado, , SF Phillipine News founder & community organizer
 - [BIO](#)
- Meredith Curry, advocate & non-profit leader
 - [BIO](#)
- Carlos Villa, Bay Area artist
 - [VIDEO](#) and [VIDEO](#)
- Maria Ressa, Nobel Peace Prize winning journalist
 - [BIO](#)
- Ruby Ibarra, Bay Area poet & rap artist
 - [VIDEO](#) & [VIDEO](#)
- Thomas Orlina, openly gay musician
 - [MUSIC VIDEO](#) for "Brush it Off"
- Lillian Galedo, community organizer
 - [ARTICLE](#)
- Kalaya'an Mendoza, activist and artist
 - [ARTICLE](#) and his free [BLM POSTERS](#)
- Aimee Suzara, Bay Area writer, performer, and educator
 - [NOTES](#) for Fil-Am History Month
- Aileen Suzara, chef and educator
 - [BIO](#)
- Dr. José Rizal, Filipinx revolutionary
 - [ARTICLE](#)
- Gabriela Silang, freedom fighter
 - [VIDEO](#) and [BOOK SERIES](#)
- Datu Lapu, freedom fighter
 - [VIDEO](#) and [BOOK SERIES](#)
- Joan Carling, Indigenous leader for human and environmental rights
 - [BIO/VIDEO](#)



ALL GRADES

- [VIDEO](#) of Bay Area youth doing Tinikling Dance
- [VIDEO](#) of Parangal Dance Company
- [SLIDE DECKS](#) of Filipino/x language lessons



ELEMENTARY

- (TK/K) ORAL STORY Odon & the Giant
 - Draw Along Activity
- (1st-5th) ORAL STORY Odon & the Giant
 - Draw Along Activity
- (TK-5th) COLORING BOOKS of Gabriela Silang and Datu Lapu
- (TK-5th) SONG "Our Friend Larry Itliong" by AJ Rafael
- (TK-5th) ART LESSON on Leo Valledor
- (TK-5th) ART LESSON inspired by Pacita Abad
- (1st-3rd) VIDEO of book, *Cora Cooks Pancit* by the author & TEACHER GUIDE
- (3rd-5th) TEACHER GUIDE for the book, *Makas and the Makibaka Hotel*
- (3rd-5th) SLIDE DECK lesson on Filipino American history created by SFUSD teacher

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- TEACHER GUIDE for the book, *Journey for Justice: Life of Larry Itliong*
 - READERS THEATER
 - VIDEO of Interview with the author, Gayle Romasanta
 - SLIDE DECK lesson
- VIDEO A Filipino American Story Since 1587
- SHORT VIDEO of 15 Facts about Fil-Am History

BEAUTIFUL BOOKS

Click on the book covers to watch videos, access curriculum, and more!

