

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT ENIKIA FORD MORTHEL



Dear Berkeley Unified community,

Our mission in BUSD is to “enable and inspire our diverse student body to achieve academic excellence and make positive contributions to our world.”

We believe that to accomplish this mission and keep our promises of Excellence, Equity, Enrichment and Engagement, we must create school communities and classrooms that are welcoming, humanizing and inclusive. As educators, we have the unique opportunity and responsibility to make our school communities places where all students are seen, heard and affirmed. This happens in many ways including our interactions, our policies and practices, our content and relationships. It requires intentionality and a commitment to celebrate, explore and elevate our individual and collective consciousness about ourselves and each other.

This month, September 15 – October 15, is the month designated as Latine/x Heritage Month. We appreciate the many ways in which so many of our classes and school communities are places that uplift and celebrate the rich diversity and contributions of the Latine/x community all year long. We also value the fundamental opportunity Latinx Heritage Month offers schools to acknowledge the contributions, culture and history of Latine/x peoples as critical to the past, present and future. We want to explore and highlight the diversity, brilliance, contributions and richness of a diaspora of people, languages and cultures and the beautiful mosaic that is the Latine/x community both in their countries of origin and specifically here in Berkeley and the Bay Area. We hope that these resources support you in these efforts.

¡Adelante!

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THREE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO CELEBRATE LATINE/X HERITAGE MONTH FAMILY GUIDE

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1. LISTEN

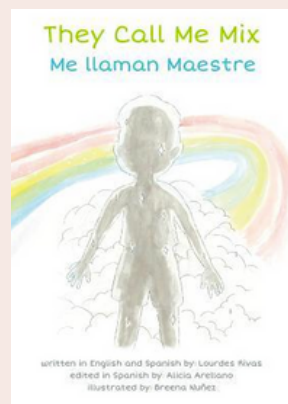
Listen to the Lived Experiences of Latine/x People

- SHORT READ on Latinx vs Latine
- SHORT READ on honoring LGBTQ2S+ voices during Latine/x Heritage Month
- BIOS of 9 Inspiring Afro Latine/x Women
- ARTICLE Growing up Latinx & Disabled
- VIDEO on Indigeneity and Latinidad
- ESSAY on Latinx & Jewish identity
- PODCAST Muslim & Latino from NPR

2. LEARN

Learn About Latine/x Cultures & Local Organizations

- VIDEO about SF's La Mezcla, Chicana dance troupe that blends son jarocho zapateado and tap dance (Zapatap!)
- VIDEO of LGBTQ2S+ youth speaking about what Latinx Heritage Month means to them
- MINI-BIOS of Central American Leaders
- Latinos Unidos de Berkeley
- La Peña Cultural Center
- Multicultural Institute



Book by
Lourdes
Rivas,
Sylvia Mendez
Teacher
Click [HERE](#) to
watch a video
of Mx
Lourdes read
their book in
Spanish!

3. LIFT UP

Lift Up and Celebrate Latine/x Culture With Your Family

- BOOK LIST from Berkeley Unified School District Library Team
- ENJOY music by José-Luis Orozco
- COLOR pages of famous Latinx people
- VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP to the Smithsonian Latino Museum
- ATTEND local events (beginning on 9/16 at the West Branch Berkeley Library with Herencia Guantamera!)
- BILINGUAL RESOURCES from Berkeley Public Library

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