



2024 National Theme:  
***“Pioneers of Change: Shaping  
the Future Together.”***

**September 15 - October 15 2024**

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# Our Promise:



## Peekskill's Promise

Our Mission is to educate and empower all students to strive for excellence as life-long learners who embrace diversity and are contributing members of a global society.



**Rigorous  
PreK-12 Aligned  
and Culturally  
Responsive  
Academics**



**Robust  
Literacy  
and STEAM  
Opportunities**



**Whole-Child  
Commitment**



**Enrichment  
Experiences  
For All**



**Powerful  
Parent, Family  
and Community  
Partnerships**

# Words from Dr. Mauricio

## Celebrating our Diversity

**As part of our growing efforts to honor our diversity, we are recognizing various cultures throughout the year. This month, we are honoring Hispanic Heritage Month. This national recognition is an important time to learn about the accomplishments and stories of those who are important to the fabric of our history. Please enjoy these resources curated by Dr. Daniels and others to assist you in sharing them with your students and families.**

**Dr. David Mauricio,  
Superintendent**





# National Hispanic Heritage Month History

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating 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 later expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15.
- It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402.

The day of September 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 September 16 and September 18, respectively. [Resources Hispanic Heritage Month for Teachers 2024](#)

# ***2024 National Theme:***

***“Pioneers of Change:  
Shaping the Future  
Together.”***

***by Mariana I. Purcell Rivera,  
Puerto Rican artist and architecture student  
at the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto  
Rico***







## Museum Tours

[Museo Del Palacio De Bellas Artes: Mexico](#)

[Museo De Arte Moderna: Mexico](#)

[Frida Kahlo Museum: Mexico](#)

[Museo Del Arte: Brazil](#)

# Virtual Tours



[25 Fun Facts about the Amazon Rainforest: Video](#)



## Grand Tours

[Canopy Lodge, Panama: Livestream](#)

[Iguazu Falls: Argentina](#)

[Gardens of the Queen: Cuba](#)

[Galapagos Islands: Ecuador](#)

[Machu Pichu Virtual Tour:  
Experience Machu Pichu](#)

[Pyramid of Chichen Itza: Mexico](#)

# Spanish Learning Tools for PreK-Kinder



[Atención Atención Spanish videos for Preschool & Toddlers](#)

[A Tiempo Preescolar: Spanish videos for Preschool](#)

[Leoncito Alado: Spanish videos for Preschoolers](#)

[Pica Pica: Songs & Videos in Spanish for Young Learners](#)

[Multilingual Language Learning Videos for Kids](#)

[Calico Spanish: Spanish for Kids](#)

[Smile and Learn Español](#)

[Super Simple Español](#)

[Peep en Español: Follow Peep to learn Spanish \(for Preschoolers\)](#)

[Peppa Pig Latino Americano](#)

[Kids Bop en Español](#)

[Yoga para niños: Spanish Yoga videos for kids](#)

# Culturally Relevant Literacy K-5



## ART

[Art Tales: Prek- K. National Gallery of Art](#)

[Learning Lab: How to Make Central American Clay Pots](#)

## Reading & Listening

[Hispanic Heritage Book Lists and Resources](#)

[Middle Grade Books with Latinx Main Characters](#)

[15 Picture Books that Celebrate Hispanic Heritage](#)

[PBS Learning: All About the Holidays, Hispanic Heritage Month](#)

## Language Learning

[Salsa is Georgia Public Broadcasting's award-winning Spanish language series for young learners in kindergarten through the third grade](#)

[PBS Learning: Supplemental Spanish Grades 3-5](#)



## Music

[Smithsonian: Latin American Music Lesson Plans](#)

And for you educators:  
[Ten new books by Latinx Authors](#)



# Culturally Relevant Literacy 6-12



## Art

[Learning Lab:How to Make Central American Clay Pots](#)

[Learning Labs: Our America. The Latino Presence in American Art](#)

[Learning Lab: National Portrait Gallery's Collection: Hispanic Heritage Month: Understanding the American Experience](#)

[PBS Learning: Latino Broadcasting Education Collection: Videos & Lessons](#)

[The Mexican Revolution: The Best of Humanities on the Web](#)

[PBS: Latino Americans. videos and lesson plans](#)



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## Music

[Learning Lab: Bodoma: Honduran Garifuna Music \(Interview and Performance\)](#)

[Learning Labs: "The Great Inka Road" Family Day - 1 Bolivian Music & Dance](#)

[Learn to Dance Salsa: Puerto Rico](#)

[Smithsonian: Latin American Music Lesson Plans](#)

# Biographies



Frida Kahlo: Artist  
[Biography](#)



Dolores Huerta:  
Civil Rights Activist  
[Biography](#)



Sonia Sotomayor  
Associate Justice of  
The Supreme Court  
[Biography](#)



Lin-Manuel Miranda: Producer &  
Playwright [Biography](#)



Dr. Ellen Ochoa:  
Engineer & Former Astronaut



Sandra Cisneros: Author  
[Biography](#)



Rigoberta Menchu: Nobel  
Peace Prize & Activist  
[Biography](#)

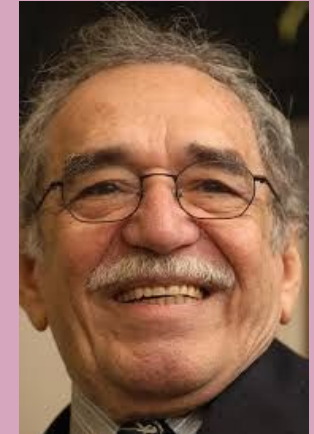


Celia Cruz

Singer  
[Biography](#)

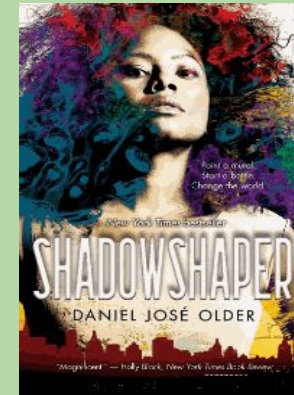
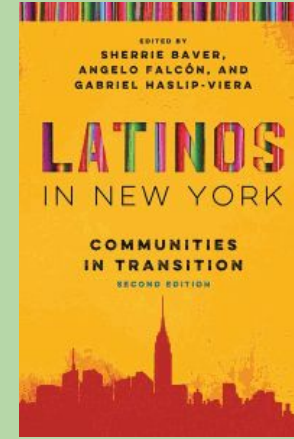
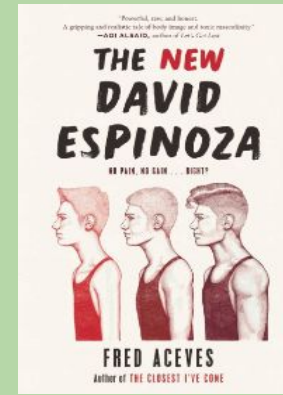
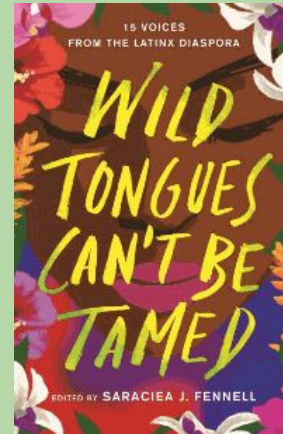
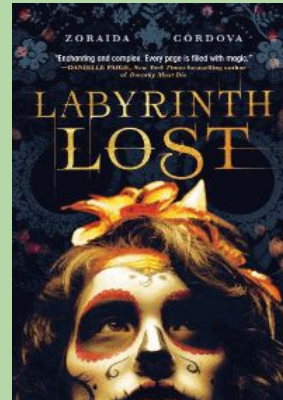
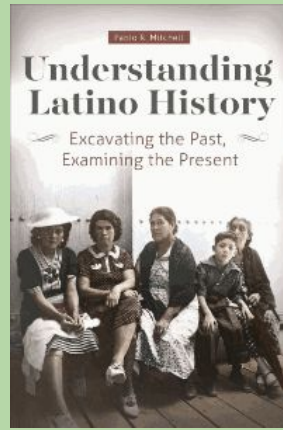
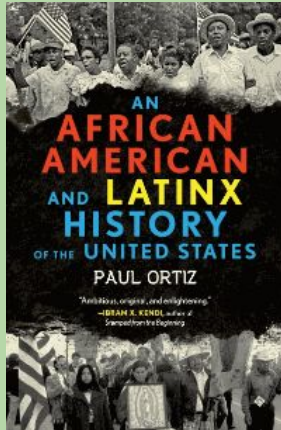


Cesar Chavez: Civil  
Rights Activist  
[Biography](#)



Gabriel Garcia Marquez:  
Novelist [Biography](#)

# Books available in the PHS Library





# Activities for Family Fun and Learning



Hispanic Heritage month  
activities for families





## Peekskill City School District Hispanic Heritage Gallery Planning and Preparation on the Way!



Representatives from each building sharing ideas for the development of the Hispanic Heritage Gallery of PCSD.



# Peekskill City School District Hispanic Heritage Gallery

## Planning and Preparation on the Way!



Introduction meeting with:  
Board Trustee Amy Vele, Dr. Mauricio and  
Amy Chalan



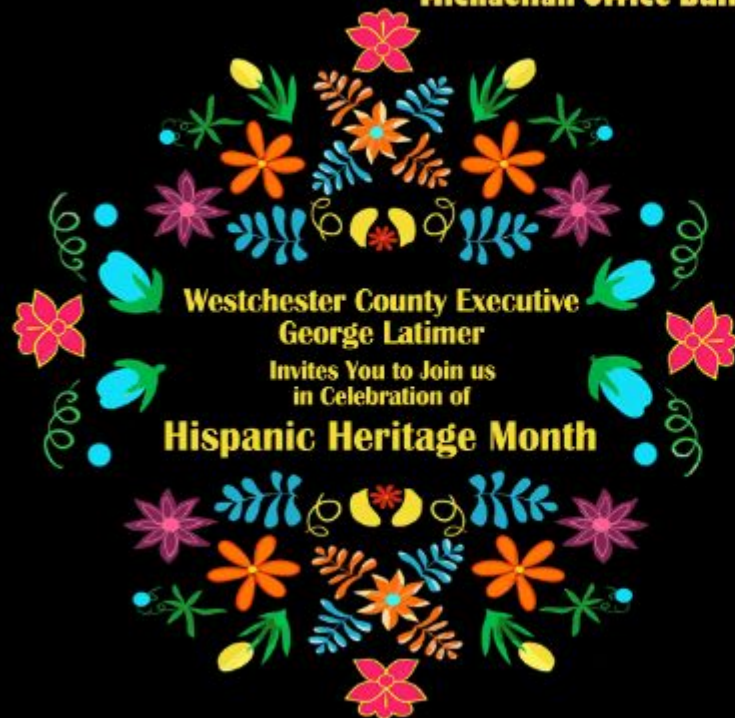
**Amy Chalan**

- Cultural strategist of the Kicha Saragruo People.
- First Kichwa Woman to graduate from Harvard University.
- Undergraduate Minority Recruitment for Harvard University
- ArtsWestchester Heritage Ambassadors Fellowship

**Tuesday, October 1 at 6 p.m. martes, 1 de octubre 6 p.m.**

**Michaelian Office Building**

**9th floor, 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains**



**Westchester County Executive  
George Latimer**

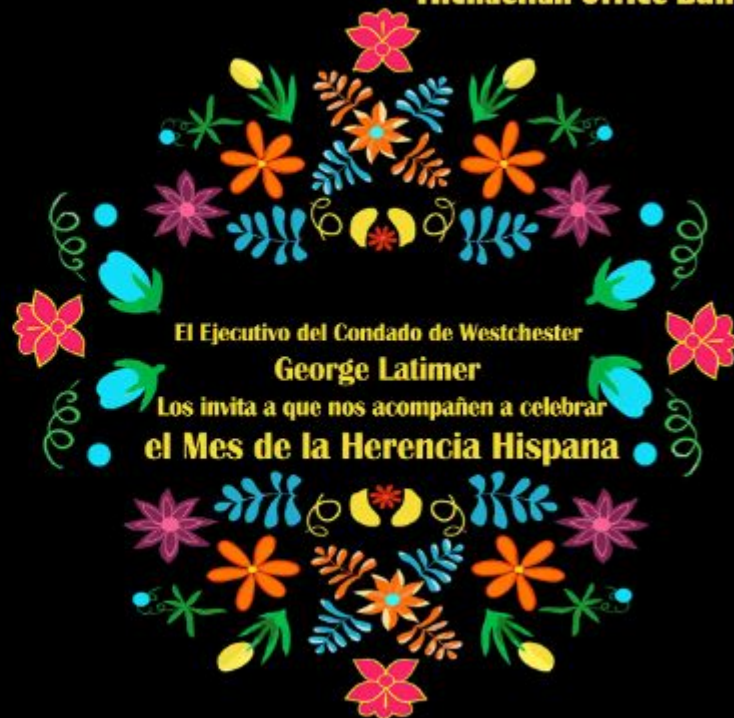
**Invites You to Join us  
in Celebration of**

**Hispanic Heritage Month**

Please RSVP to [Communications@westchestercountyny.gov](mailto:Communications@westchestercountyny.gov) by Tuesday, September 24.

**Michaelian Office Building**

**noveno piso 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains**



**El Ejecutivo del Condado de Westchester  
George Latimer**

**Los invita a que nos acompañen a celebrar  
el Mes de la Herencia Hispana**

Por favor confirme su asistencia comunicándose a [Communications@westchestercountyny.gov](mailto:Communications@westchestercountyny.gov) no más tarde del martes 24 de septiembre





*“If you have a chance  
to accomplish something  
that will make things  
better for people coming  
behind you, and you don’t  
do that, you are wasting  
your time on this Earth.”*

**– Roberto Clemente**

