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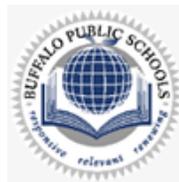
- Concerned Ecumenical Ministries*
- Upstate New York Transplant Services*
- Alianza Latina - AIDS Community Services*
- MOCHA Center Pathway to Care*
- Buffalo Prenatal-Perinatal Network*
- Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Erie County*
- Erie County Senior Services*
- Wellness Institute*
- Roswell Park Cancer Institute*
- American Diabetes Association*
- Casa de Arte Buffalo-Cuernavaca*
- Medaille College*
- Hispanics United of Buffalo*
- West Side Community Services*
- Father Belle Center*
- Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens*
- Northwest Community Health Center*
- Kaleida Health*
- Los Tainos Senior Citizens Center*
- El Buen Amigo Crafts*
- Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra*
- Buffalo Zoo*
- UB Educational Opportunity Center*
- Buffalo Public Schools Multilingual Education Department*

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Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month in Buffalo & Erie County



September 15, 2011

12:00 noon

**Buffalo & Erie County Public Library
1 Lafayette Square
Buffalo, New York**

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History

Hispanic Heritage Month recognizes the contributions of Hispanic Americans in the United States and celebrates Hispanic heritage and culture. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was 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. September 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. They all declared their independence from Spain in 1821.

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Hispanics have been part of the fabric of the Western New York Community since the late 1800's and early 1900's. The earliest arrivals were people from all parts of Central & South America, Mexico, and the Caribbean, who came here humbly looking for the American Dream. They did not have much education, but they had hearts determined to explore a new frontier and to work hard to improve the lives of their families here and the loved ones left back home. They arrived, like many other immigrants, as non-English speakers with the hope to someday become citizens and contributors to this great area called Western New York. They worked as migrants in fields, in factories, rail yards, steel plants, and many places that would offer meaningful employment and the opportunity for success. Today we, like many Americans, celebrate the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month. We are privileged to ask all our neighbors to join in and celebrate a piece of rich culture and heritage by attending the some of the many events and programs slated for this month.

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*For a list of local Hispanic Heritage Month events and activities, please visit:
www.facebook.com/HispanicHeritageWNY*

Program

*Invocation Rev. Edwin David Rosario
Associate Pastor, The Way Christian Cathedral*

*Pledge of Allegiance Gilbert Melendez
Honor Student Hutch-Tech High School*

*Remarks Ms. Mary Jean Jakubowski
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Director*

*Proclamation Hon. Chris Collins
Erie County Executive*

*Proclamation Hon. Byron W. Brown
Mayor, City of Buffalo*

*NYS Citation Mr. Cesar Cabrera
Representing Governor Andrew Cuomo*

*Remarks / Resolution Mr. Ralph Hernández
Buffalo School District / Board of Education*

*Acknowledgements/Dignitaries Mr. Casimiro Rodriguez
President, Hispanic Heritage Council, Inc.*

Program Performances

Students of Frank A. Sedita School # 30

Gretchen Squier's 4th Grade Bilingual Class: Michael Rodriguez, Yaiza Cirino, Kinberly Couvertier, Carlos Hernandez, Derek Sanchez, Samuel Morales, Irving Morales, Hemerline Lugo, Geradly Maisonet, Destiny Pagan, Damiliz Parrilla JenMichael Reyes, Marian Rivas, Angelica Alejandro, Joseph Vazquez, **Music Instructor Mary Atlas**

*Celebrating our heritage in music with " **Grupo Variedad**"*

Salsa dance performance

*by " **Latin Souls**"*

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