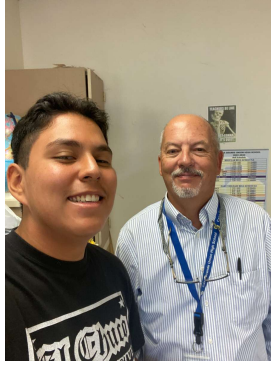


Hispanic Heritage Month – Interviews



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While Gerardo Magallanes interviewed Mr. Peake, Mr. Peake responded to the questions in writing which are shown below.

1. What is your name and your job at our school?
I'm Doug Peake and I teach Economics and help with Intensive Credit Recovery in the L building.
2. Do you have Hispanic heritage? Please tell us a little bit about your heritage.
No Hispanic heritage. My father's family originally came from England and my mother's family is Swedish.
3. If you don't have Hispanic heritage, how have you embraced the Hispanic culture in your life? Do you speak the language? Have you lived in a Spanish speaking country?
I served as a missionary with my church in Mexico. I lived for 2 years in Mexicali, Baja California Norte and for 2 years in Nogales, Sonora. Then I lived another 9 years on the U.S. side of the border in Nogales, AZ. Yes, I have embraced the culture. I love the food and am probably about 70% fluent in Spanish.
4. Why is it important to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month?
It is important to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month because such a large part of our population here in Arizona is Hispanic. We still have many grandparents and parents (even children) who were born in Mexico or Central America and it's important to preserve the Hispanic culture amongst our current citizenry, old and young alike.
5. Please name a few Hispanic traditions that you and your family engage in (food, dances, music, language, celebrations, etc.).
The main things I do is partake in yummy Mexican food such as chimichangas (shredded beef). I love the beef of Sonora. A close second would be the Tacos al Pastor I used to enjoy in Mexicali (pork). A tradition I also enjoy is flinging the piñata and I celebrate Cinco de Mayo.

