



Hola amigos:

Our Spanish class students interviewed some Casa Grande Union High School staff to learn about their Hispanic roots and/or Hispanic connections. Students were curious about their traditions and especially about traditional food.

Please get to know some of our wonderful staff and what they have shared with our students.

Gracias,
Spanish Teachers



Interviewer = Valeria Igartua

Mr. Ernesto Razo
Math teacher

Mr. Razo was born and raised in Casa Grande, Arizona. His father was born in Raymondsville, Texas, and was raised in a little town called Sarabia in Guanajuato, Mexico, before coming back to the U.S. as a young adult. He speaks fluent Spanish. His traditions include: being with family, usually eating the various Mexican and other Latino dishes such as tacos, tostadas, menudo, tamales, carne asada, and pollo asado. He also likes listening to music during the holidays and throughout the year as well as during Hispanic Heritage Month.



Mr. Michael Reilly
English Teacher

Mr. Reilly studied Spanish in college, then lived one semester in Ecuador. His wife is from Mexico and they speak Spanish at home. One of his favorite foods from Ecuador is pan yuca, and from Mexico, tacos al pastor.



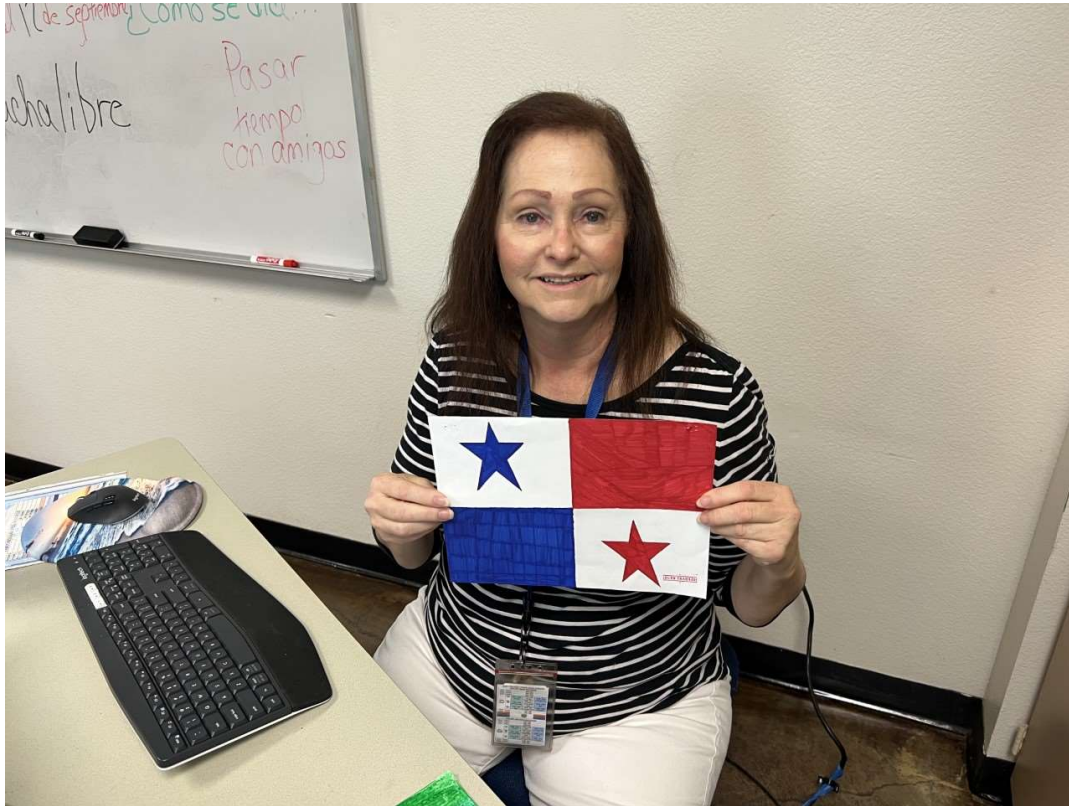
Mrs. Beatriz Fiori
Attendance Clerk

Mrs. Fiori and her mother were both born in Mexico. Her Mexican traditions are cooking traditional Mexican food such as enchiladas and flan. Her great-grandfather, Jose Tovia, was a famous painter. There are six (6) of his paintings in the National Museum in Mexico City, Castillo de Chapultepec.



GySgt Jesus Flores Marine Instructor

GySgt Flores was born in Mexico, as were his parents. He speaks fluent Spanish. He does not do anything special for Hispanic Heritage Month, but Cinco de Mayo celebration is a big event for his family. The family gets together, and his wife makes green chili.



Ms. Marqué Matthews
Spanish Teacher

Ms. Matthews lived in Costa Rica and Panamá. When she returned and went back to college, she earned a minor in Spanish from ASU. She speaks Spanish fluently. Her family loves Mexican food, so for their Thanksgiving celebration, they eat rolled cheese and green onion and chicken enchiladas instead of turkey. Her paternal grandmother was born and raised in Colónia Dublan in México. One of her favorite Panamanian dishes is arroz con coco con frijoles y patacones. She loves flan and green corn tamales.