



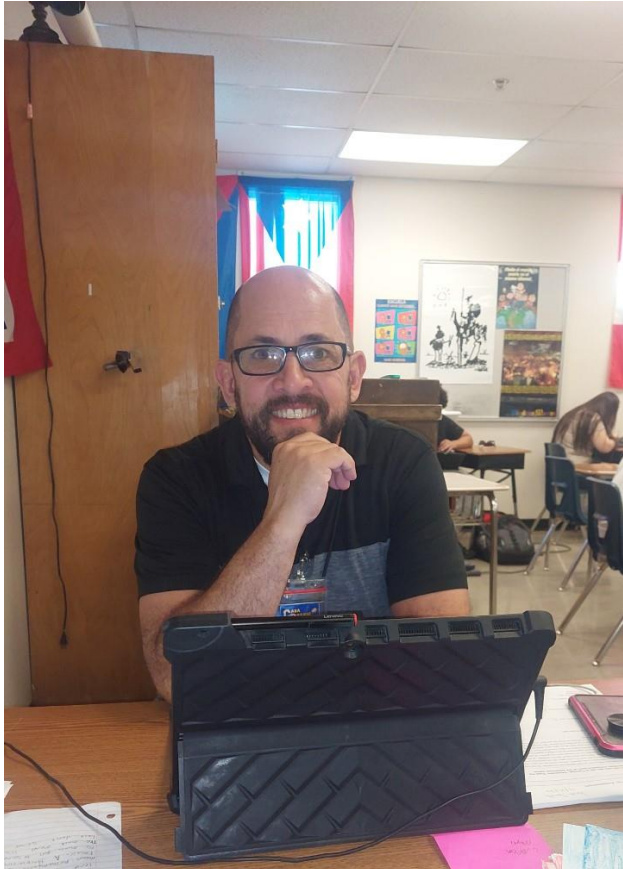
Mrs. Telles and Clayton W.



Mrs. Leider Tennyson
Custodian

Mrs. Tennyson is from Colombia. She holds a degree in social work from Colombia. She worked with the government under the program “Familias en Acción” where she helped kids in need with food or their education. Now she works at our school every afternoon and serves her part in the community. Her favorite tradition is celebrated on December 7 the day of Virgin Mary where she lights a candle to signify the Virgin Mary being with us and wishes prosperity upon ourselves. She loves this tradition because all the family comes together to celebrate, and she has brought this tradition to the United States. She loves how this country celebrates the contributions that Hispanics have brought.





Mr. Joshua Bahen
Spanish Teacher

“In December of 1992 I was 19 years old and moved to the Yucatan peninsula in southern Mexico. I spent two years living and working as a missionary for my church. I worked in the major cities on the peninsula and smaller villages. I even had the opportunity to learn a few phrases in Maya. By far my favorite place I lived in was a town called Chetumal on the border with Belize. The food in the Yucatan is distinct. My favorite dish is called Bul Keken, simply mayan style pork and beans. Bul Keken consists of black beans and chunks of pork served with Pico de Gallo and lemon. I also appreciate when my wife makes chilaquiles for breakfast and pozole for special occasions.”



Vasquez, Leslie
ESS Secretary

Ms. Vasquez's father is from Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. Her mom is from California, but her parents are from Jerez, Zacatecas. Her mom wanted her to speak English, but her dad wanted her to speak Spanish. She learned both languages very well.

Her favorite holiday is Christmas because of the traditions, foods, Christmas manger, and customs.



Interviewer: Mailyn Zuniga

Mrs. Alma Parra

Title I Paraprofessional

Mrs. Parra works with English language learner students. She was born in Sonora, México and grew up in a small town where everybody knew each other.

“My favorite season was Christmas time because I loved to help my mother in the kitchen. I used to bake the cakes, and my favorites were my mother's pozole, tamales, and her salsa! That was our tradition. Once a year we had relatives for Christmas and a lot of different Mexican desserts. For Mexican Independence Day, our town was decorated with small, big colorful flags. The plaza had all kinds of food stands, live music and firecrackers, and we had a parade. When I was in 6th and 7th grade, I got to carry the Mexican flag in the parade. I have the best memories growing up in Mexico!”





Mr. Kevin Hubbard Science Teacher

Mr. Hubbard lived in Tabasco, Mexico for two years. His wife is from Honduras, so they speak Spanish at home. They like making mole and carne asada. They celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by talking with some old friends they know from Mexico and making Mexican foods.

Interviewer: Miguel
Alvarez Perez

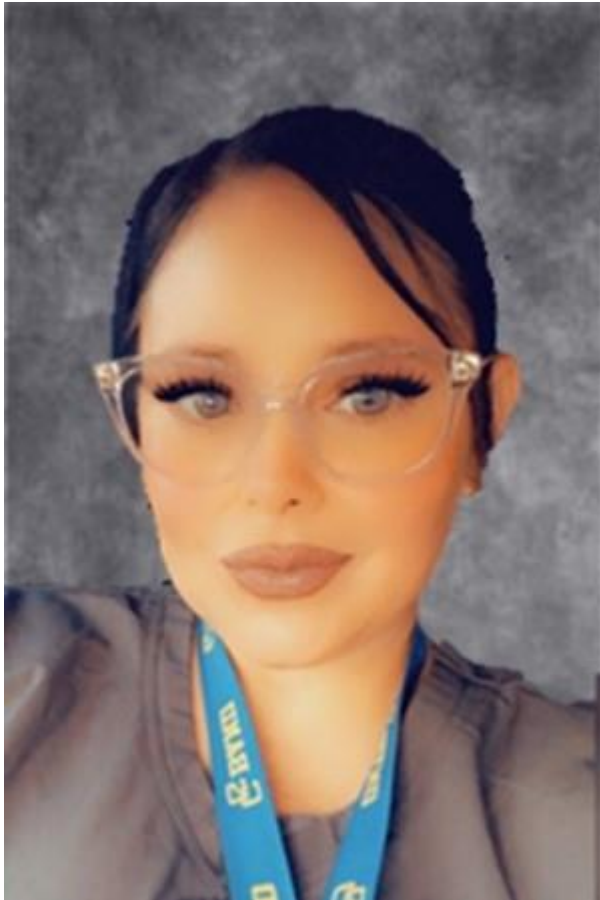


Mr. Aaron Romero
Social Studies Teacher

Most of Mr. Romero's family comes from Spain, but the most recent generations have moved to Chihuahua. His grandparents and parents were both born in Chihuahua. He was born in Phoenix, Arizona.

He speaks Spanish in his daily life, and he values it very much. His parents taught him the language, as well as love for family, religion, and values. He is proud of his roots.

Interviewer: Estrella Perez



Ms. Diane Estrada (Dee)

Licensed Nursing Assistant

“Ms. Dee loves celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. It is a huge deal to her family. She was raised in Los Angeles by her grandmother. Her grandma did not know English, and Dee did not know Spanish. They taught each other their languages. That was how she learned Spanish.

Every Sunday of Hispanic Heritage Month, she and her family get together for a huge meal. They have tons of traditional Mexican dishes. They are very serious about recipes. You may never share a secret recipe! Dee's grandmother, before passing, gave Dee her secret recipes. They do this to keep the family coming to events. They want the kids to come and enjoy their good food.”



Interviewer = Hailey Mace

Mrs. Beth Lizarraga
Counselor



Mrs. Lizarraga does not have Hispanic roots, but her husband and her two children do. Her best friend is Hispanic. She learned to speak Spanish when she met her husband. She said that her family does not celebrate this month because it's not very well known. Instead, they celebrate the holidays with part of the Mexican and American cultures blended. During Christmas they celebrate the 24th until midnight and enjoy many delicious foods such as tamales and everyone opens a gift. Then on the 25th they celebrate in the morning and open more gifts. Mrs. Lizarraga's favorite foods are stuffed chilies and chilaquiles.

Interviewer: Dayana Castro





Mrs. Norma Machelor

Spanish Teacher

Mrs. Machelor was born in Argentina. Her parents were from Paraguay. Her husband is from New York. Their daughter was born in Brazil. A multicultural family. They all speak Spanish.

As a Spanish teacher she has the pleasure to celebrate this month with her students with fun activities and stories of famous or not so famous Hispanic Americans. Regarding her traditions, she drinks a tea called “mate”. If the tea is warm, it is called “mate”, and if it is cold, it is called “tereré.”



“The preparation of mate is a simple process, consisting of filling a container with yerba, pouring hot, but not boiling, water over the leaves, and drinking with a straw, the bombilla, which acts as a filter so as to draw only the liquid and not the yerba leaves.”



Interviewer= José Inzunza