

Hispanic Heritage Celebration



In honor of Hispanic Heritage month, which runs from September 15th through October 15th, the students in both 5th and 6th grade performed in our annual Hispanic Heritage Assembly on Monday, November 1, 2010.

Students in all of our classes spent time reading about various Hispanic people that have made enormous contributions to society. Some classes worked on biographies of these famous people. Did you know that Mario Molina was born in Mexico City and that he is one of the pioneering discoverers of the Antarctic ozone hole? Or that Michael Cordua, who was born in Nicaragua, grew up to become a renowned and an award-winning business entrepreneur in the culinary industry?

Some classes worked on comparing various foods eaten and clothing worn in many Latin American countries. Original poems were written and recited, sharing the pride students have in their Hispanic roots. Latin American Idol was even performed! Several classes worked together on the music and dance associated with Hispanic people. Traditional and non-traditional dances celebrating the Hispanic culture were performed. With the direction of Mrs. Ellie Koondel, six classes worked together to perform the Mexican Hat dance. The 5th Grade Dual Language classes headed by Mrs. Raquel Steffa, Ms. Carol Smith, Ms. Karen Weckler and Team Leader, Mrs. Cheryl Johnson had students dance to "Waka Waka (This Time for Africa)", a song by Colombian singer Shakira, featuring South African band Freshlyground.

The 6th grade Dual Language classes headed by Mrs. Luz Fernandez, Mrs. Luz Velazquez, Mrs. Carrie Frederick, Mrs. Beth Smith and Team Leader, Mrs. Tesla Bongiorno performed a traditional dance from Mexico. They wore traditional clothing of long colorful skirts and peasant blouses for girls and black pants and white shirts for the boys.

It was evident that all of the children who performed had worked very hard to prepare for this celebration. A fun time was had by all!



Practicing for a dance!

