

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Re: East Central ISD proudly recognizes Commemorative Dates & Months

East Central community,

As I wrote in my Message Regarding Diversity at East Central ISD this summer, it is important to honor and recognize all backgrounds and cultures. Every citizen must do their part for a thriving and inclusive environment. As part of the District's equity task force and steering committees, we will continue to proudly recognize nationally and even internationally designated commemorative months with education geared towards our District's unity while celebrating culture and heritage.

During these commemorative months and dates, schools will proudly display biographies of influential artists, scientists, and other leaders of thought. School libraries will also have a collection of books, stories and poems with authors reflecting the recognized month.

We begin this academic year with National Hispanic Heritage Month which recognizes the contributions Hispanic Americans have made to American Society and culture, Mexico's Day of Independence (Sept. 16), and honors five of our Central American neighbors (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua) who celebrate their independence as well. The month is September 15 - October 15.

According to the Library of Congress, the following months will be recognized during the academic year: Constitution Day & Citizenship Day (Sept. 17), Italian American History (Oct.), American Indian Heritage (Nov.), International Day of Persons with Disabilities (Dec. 3), Human Rights Day (Dec. 10), Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Jan. 18), African American History (Feb.), Women's History and Irish-American Heritage (March), Deaf History (March 13-April 15), Jewish American Heritage and Asian Pacific Heritage Month (May), and Pride Month (June).

Thank you for helping us celebrate diversity and inclusion. Together, we can show compassion and appreciation for all cultures as we prepare our students for a global economy.

Proudly United,



Roland Toscano

Superintendent of Schools

