## Calendar of Events ~ Hispanic Heritage/ Mes de La Cultura 2025

Tucson Unified School District's Mexican American Student Services Department is celebrating "Mes de la Cultura/ Latinx Heritage Month.", observed from September 15 to October 15, 2025.



TUSD's Mexican American Student Services Department invites the community to join in this year's celebration! Activities center on our district's deep commitment to honoring the history, culture, and contributions of the Latinx community. Together, we seek to empower students and families by fostering unity, equity, justice, and cultural pride. Throughout the month, we will highlight the rich traditions, resilience, and achievements that continue to shape and strengthen our schools and community.

Mes de la Cultura Opening Ceremony: Monday, September 15, 2025 – Pueblo High School -courtyard. Opening Ceremony Scheduled Performances:

- 8:30 Welcome by MEChA
- 8:30-9:00 AM Mariachi Aztlán & Los Guerreros
- 9:00-9:30 AM Calpulli Teoxicalli Danza Xochipilli Centeotl
- 9:30-9:45 AM- Pueblo Guitar
- 9:45-10:00 AM- Pueblo Piano
- 10:00-10:05 AM- Pueblo Theatre
- 10:05-10:30 AM- Mariachi (Tentative)

War for the Independence of Mexico (1810-21) Mes de la Cultura presentation: Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> - Dietz K-8 @1:45pm

Mes de la Cultura Art Contest: Due by September 26<sup>th</sup> - Mexican American Student Services Department Submission Link

Mes de la Cultura presentation: Wednesday September 17th – White Elementary School @ 8:00am

Traditional Dances/Bailes Tradicionales Mes de la Cultura presentation: Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> – Lynn Urquides @ 9:15 am

**Mes de la Cultura Literacy Night: Tuesday, September 23**<sup>rd</sup> – Carrillo Elementary School from 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Mes de la Cultura presentation: Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sahuaro High School@10:30 am

Mes de la Cultura Literacy Night: Thursday September 25th – Robins K-8 from 5:00pm-6:20pm

Adelante Youth & Parent Leadership Conference, September 27<sup>th</sup>- University of Arizona from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm Registration Link

**Mes de la Cultura presentation: Monday, September 29**<sup>th</sup> – Pistor Middle School @ 8:45 am in Mrs. Marya's 7th-grade class, presenter Taylor Pacheco

**Latinx Intelligence & Ingenuity Mes de la Cultura presentation: Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>-** Carrillo Elementary School from 8:30 am

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**Pueblo's Culturally Relevant Curriculum Fall Encuentro: Wednesday, October 15**<sup>th,</sup> Pueblo High School from 3:30 am- 7:00 pm CRPI Pueblo Staff

¡Viva Tucson! Fiesta - Date: September 15, 2025

Time & Details: A Combo of performances, food, music, dance, and cultural exhibitions to kick off Hispanic

Heritage Month.

Location: Downtown Tucson

Theme: A vibrant city-wide fiesta celebrating Tucson's Hispanic roots through music, dance, art, and cuisine.

#### Mexican Independence Day Celebration - Date: September 13, 2025

Time & Details: Performances and lectures marking the anniversary of Mexico's independence.

Location: Presidio San Agustín del Tucson Museum

Theme: Cultural remembrance and education centered on Mexico's rich independence history.

# **Louis Carlos Bernal: Retrospective (Photography Exhibit) -**Dates: September 14, 2025 – March 15 Time & Details: Open during gallery hours. Features Chicano photographer Louis Carlos Bernal's evocative images of Tucson's barrios, showcasing daily life and cultural identity.

Location: Center for Creative Photography

#### The Abuelas Project (At Tucson Wagon and History Museum) - Date: September 21, 2025

Time & Details: Museum hours. A tribute centering on storytelling and commemorating Tucson's Hispanic grandmothers and their cultural contributions.

Location: Tucson Wagon and History Museum

Theme: Honoring matriarchal legacies and intergenerational narratives in Hispanic culture.

#### Cinema Tucsón: Take Me in Your Arms - Date: September 25, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m. Location: Fox Tucson Theatre

Theme: Latinx film night exploring themes of love, identity, and heritage through cinema.

#### Book Launch: The Molino: A Memoir by Melani Martinez - Date: September 29, 2025

Time: 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Location: (Likely at a local bookstore or gallery—check museum or Tucson's cultural event listings for exact

address)

Theme: Family history and community roots centered on Tucson's first tamale and tortilla factory, the

Molino.

## Mariachi Performance: Los Changuitos Feos - Date: October 12, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m. Location: Linda Ronstadt Music Hall

Theme: Celebrating traditional mariachi music by one of Tucson's longest-running and most beloved mariachi bands.

Vamos A Tucson Mexican Baseball Fiesta - Dates: October 3–6, 2025

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Time & Details: Match schedules vary; typically includes games, live music, snacks, and family-friendly atmosphere.

Location: (Check official sites or local press for the specific ballpark—likely between All-American Ballpark or other local venues)

Theme: A festive cultural and sports crossover blending Mexican baseball traditions with community celebration.

### Noche de Borderlands: A Theatrical Gala Under the Tucson Stars- Date: September 27, 2025

Time: 6:30 p.m. (Drinks) | 7:00 p.m. (Dinner)

Location: Community Foundation for Southern Arizona Courtyard & Stage

Cost: \$65 per person | \$500 per table (8 seats)

Highlights: Live music, food by Little Mexico, a fundraising countdown, and a celebration of 40 years of

Borderlands Theater