

Latino Holiday Potluck Celebration  
Horizon Community Middle School  
Aurora, CO



The Latino Holiday Potluck Celebration at Horizon Community Middle School was an event designed to honor and celebrate the diverse Latino traditions represented within the student body. This event served as a platform for students and their families to share their rich cultural heritage, fostering a sense of pride and belonging within the school community. By encouraging the sharing of traditional foods, stories, and customs, the event aimed to enhance cultural awareness and appreciation among all students and staff.

Family engagement is a cornerstone of the potluck, with families invited to prepare traditional dishes and create posters highlighting important cultural traditions from their countries of origin. These posters often included photos, historical context, and personal anecdotes, providing a deeper understanding of each family's unique heritage. Parents and students played an active role in the celebration, sharing what they love about their culture and what traditions they are proud to pass down to future generations. This not only helped to strengthen their sense of cultural identity, but also allowed them to educate their peers about the rich diversity within the Latino community. The communal meal, featuring a diverse array of traditional foods, allowed participants to experience and appreciate the culinary diversity of Latino cultures.

Overall, the Latino Holiday Potluck Celebration had a profound impact on the school community. It strengthened cultural pride among Latino students and their families while promoting mutual respect and understanding among the broader student body and staff. By bringing together different cultures in a spirit of celebration and learning, the event fostered stronger community bonds and highlighted the importance of diversity and inclusion within the school.