On Thursday, October 16, 2008, we celebrated Hispanic Heritage month. We had a party for the Upward Students that was catered by Lucio’s Mexi Deli. We also had Tommy Lucio speak about his Spanish heritage.

A formal recognition of Hispanic Heritage was first declared by the U.S. Congress in 1968, to celebrate a combination of several Latin American countries’ Independence Day. In 1988, the celebration was extended to a full month. It now includes Columbus Day on October 12th and Dia de la Raza—commemorating the first immigration of Hispanics to the Americas. Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15—October 16th.
**Happy Birthday**

**Tutors**
- English: Deb Mau
- Science: Bob Nichols
- Math: Sue Birdwell
- Math: Lisa Stop

**Upcoming Events**

- **November 15**: Michigan Merit Exam Preparation, Monroe ISD
- **November 25**: Thanksgiving Day dinner
  - After school
- **March 20, 2009**: Detroit Pistons Vs Los Angeles Clippers basketball game. Details forthcoming.

**November Birthdays**
- Katie Tigney: November 4
- Keyonna McCray: November 5
- Emily Kern: November 25
- Steven Taylor: November 28
- Will Schwab: November 30

**December Birthdays**
- Ashley Stevenson: December 7
- Kevin Minney: December 8
- Amber Lewis: December 19

**Upward Bound Students**
- Bryce Althouse
- Nikko Amaya
- Patricia Austin
- Malarie Babik
- Ebony Bias
- Logan Bourbina
- Alajah Brewer
- Alyssa Briggs
- Charisse Byrd
- Shanae Bryd
- Cierra Clay
- Gary Cooper
- Sharvae Davis
- McKenna Duchenne
- Rachael Fry
- Timothy Grant
- Addison Hendrick
- Asia Jackson
- Emily Kern
- Lee Korotney
- Rey LaSalle
- Sylvaysha Lee
- Alexander Lehr
- Amber Lewis
- Keyonna McCray
- Kaitlyn Minney
- Kevin Minney
- Robyn Monk
- Jesse Murray
- Titus Murrell
- Rachel Pierce
- Ben Romero
- William Schwab
- Amanda Sharpe
- Ashley Stevenson
- Marissa Sulfaro
- Steven Taylor
- Raynisha Thomas
- Williea Thomas
- Kathryn Tigney
- DaQuan Walton
- Raheem Williams
- Sidney Williams
- Shannon Worden
- Valencia Wright
We will be giving the PLAN Pre-ACT test very soon in the near future. While the thought of taking another test may bring moans and groans from some of our students, it will pay off in the long run. Did you know students that take the PLAN Pre-Act test statistically score between 2 and 3 points higher on the ACT than students who do not? A high ACT score can help you get into the college of your choice, provide more scholarships, which can put you on the road to a great job, with options to do many things, as well as have a lifestyle you may want. The PLAN test is **MANDATORY** for Upward Bound participants, however, the program will take care of all charges for this test.

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**UPCOMING STUDENT WORKSHOPS**

- **Wednesday** November 26  Reading Text Book Skills
- **Wednesday** December 03  Note Taking
- **Wednesday** December 10  School Etiquette