

Spartan Spotlight: Ms. Madeley Buitrago, Spanish Teacher



Originally from Medellín, Colombia, Ms. Buitrago has taught Spanish at Sedgefield Middle for almost seven years. Before joining Sedgefield, she taught at Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology for six years.

Ms. Buitrago was a teacher in Colombia and came to Charlotte in 2006 as part of an exchange teacher program. She loved Charlotte so much she stayed!

In addition to providing our scholars with foreign language instruction, Ms. Buitrago teaches students about Hispanic people and their cultural influence as a way to celebrate her own heritage. During National Hispanic Heritage Month, she shares the reasons to celebrate, as well as traditions and customs.

“National Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to learn and celebrate Hispanic cultures, people and traditions,” Ms. Buitrago said. “To be Hispanic American means you are keenly aware of your different points of view, experiences, cultures, traditions and sense of humor.”

Ms. Buitrago admires fellow Hispanic American and Colombian author Gabriel García Márquez, who won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1982 and is known for creating the magic realism genre style.