


ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

May 2023



May 1st


The Trickum Social Studies department would like to honor Asian & Pacific Islander Heritage Month, which runs from May 1 – May 31. Please stay tuned for weekly announcements about the countries whose origins come from strong Asian culture.





May 1st


The Pacific Island group includes more than 20 individual islands. According to 2019 U.S. Census Bureau estimates, approximately 1.4 million people identify as Pacific Islanders. This represents 0.4 percent of the U.S. population. Pasifika is another term for Pacific Islanders from Oceania





May 2nd

Did you know that the Lunar New Year is celebrated in China, Korea, Vietnam, Indonesia, Taiwan, and Malaysia? Japan adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1783.





May 3rd


Hawaii is the state with the largest share of Asian Americans – 57% of Hawaiian residents are Asian American.





May 4th

Myanmar (formerly Burma) is a Southeast Asian nation of more than 100 ethnic groups, bordering India, Bangladesh, China, Laos and Thailand. Yangon (formerly Rangoon), the country's largest city, is home to bustling markets, numerous parks and lakes, and the towering, gilded Shwedagon Pagoda, which contains Buddhist relics and dates to the 6th century



May 5th

Mindy Kaling



Simu Liu



Sandra Oh



Steven Yeun



Awkwafina



Lana Condor



Lucy Liu



Randall Park



Ming-Na Wen



Today we will celebrate some of Hollywood's biggest stars, who are from Asian and Pacific Island heritage. Some of these stars are first or second generation immigrants who worked hard, despite stereotypes and discrimination, to be successful with their acting careers. A few Hollywood stars on our list for today include; Mindy Kaling of Indian heritage, Simu Liu of Chinese-Canadian heritage, Steven Yeun of Korean heritage, and Awkwafina of Chinese and Korean heritage.

May 8th

Christine Ha



Today we will celebrate Christine Huyen Tran Ha. Christine is a Vietnamese American chef, writer and TV host. She is the first blind contestant of MasterChef and the winner of its third season in 2012.

She was the winner of Helen Keller Personal Achievement Award in 2014. In 2018, she opened a Vietnamese restaurant in Bravery Chef Hall in Houston, Texas named "The Blind Goat".

May 9th



The most decorated figure skater in U.S. history, Michelle Kwan's skating accomplishments have earned her a place among the all-time greats of the sport. For over a decade, Kwan dominated the sport like no other skater in history, winning an unprecedented 43 championships, including five World Championships, nine U.S. National Championships and two Olympic medals. Kwan's activities off the ice have been equally noteworthy. In 2010, Ms. Kwan was elected to the Board of Directors of Special Olympics International.

May 10th



Kamala D. Harris is the Vice President of the United States of America. She is the first woman, the first Black American, and the first South Asian American to be elected Vice President, as was the case with other offices she has held. She is, however, determined not to be the last.

May 11th



Peter Gene Hernandez, known professionally as Bruno Mars, is an American singer, songwriter, record producer, musician, and dancer. He is known for his stage performances, retro showmanship, and for performing in a wide range of musical styles, including pop, R&B, funk, soul, reggae, disco, and rock. Bruno was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii, with his father from Puerto Rico and his mother from the Philippines.