



WE ARE:
GRACE:

World Language Program
What's Going On?
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¿Dónde Están?

"¿Estamos Aquí!"

Where are they?

"We're here!"

Holy Cross Middle School students enjoyed learning more about the lives of the Hispanics and Latinos that are changing the face of our neighborhoods, communities, state and nation.

A trip to the Neville Public Museum's exhibit "Estamos Aquí" provided additional background and clarity about the lives of migrants over the last 50+ years and why their presence is so important to our lives today. This complemented the work students completed in their English and Language Arts courses alongside their cultural studies in Spanish as they read literature including: *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan, *The Circuit* by Francisco Jimenez and *Enchanted Air* by Margarita Engle, that expose the stories and lives of migrants from countries such as Mexico and Cuba. The trip then concluded at "El Sarape" for a Mexican lunch and fellowship with friends where they read and ordered from the menu and spoke to restaurant staff using their Spanish.



This was an excellent display of the interpersonal communication, conversation and cultural awareness skills we have been honing over the last months in our Spanish classes at Holy Cross.

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