

September 15th, 2025

Rise and shine, I.S.201! This is William Chen of class 852 speaking to you for today's Motivational Monday on behalf of the S.E.A.L Team!

We are officially halfway into the month of September as well as the second full week of school! But this week in particular is also special, could you guess why? Well, it's the start of Hispanic Heritage Month! Running from September 15th to October 15th, Hispanic Heritage Month is a 30-day holiday to appreciate and recognize Hispanic culture and the people that are included in it. Some examples of significant Hispanic figures can range from people who fight for civil liberties like Sonia Sotomayor, or someone like Shakira, who holds a prominent position in the music industry. Regardless of what someone's occupation or status is, respecting and appreciating their culture is important.

Like Jane Addams, today's affirmation is: *"I serve others with compassion and I look for ways to make life better for others.."*

Thanks for listening and have a Mutual Respect Monday!

SEAL Team pledge:

We are the Dyker S.E.A.L. Team

Positivity is our dream

We teach it every day

To help others live the optimistic way

We learn to control our emotions and feelings

So, we always have effective social dealings

No stone left unturned; no person left behind

Every member of our team has the power to be kind

We spread kindness to our friends, families, and those who need a smile

When facing hardships and adversity, the S.E.A.L. Team goes the extra mile

