

SPANISH TO EL TORO

The 8th grade class embarked on a fun-filled and educational field trip to Los Toros, a beloved Mexican restaurant in Chatsworth. The outing provided a unique opportunity for students to immerse themselves in the Spanish language and culture they've been studying this semester, all while enjoying a delicious meal.

Upon arrival, the students practiced their Spanish skills by ordering their lunch in Spanish, an exciting challenge that helped them gain confidence in using the language in real-world settings. The meal was a hit, with everyone savoring the rich flavors of traditional Mexican cuisine.

The experience was further enriched by a special visit from the restaurant's owner, Nick Montaña. Mr. Montaña shared his inspiring immigration story and explained how he built his successful restaurant business. His story gave students a deeper understanding of Mexican-American culture and entrepreneurship.



Adding to the fun, Mrs. Pacheco, our Spanish teacher, led the students and chaperones in a lively salsa dancing session. She taught them the basic steps and rhythms of the dance, which brought a burst of energy and joy to the afternoon. Meanwhile, Mrs. Arevalo organized several traditional Spanish games, including Lotería (a colorful bingo-style game), "Pin the Tail on the Donkey," and a spirited round of "Simón dice" (Simon Says), which helped reinforce Spanish vocabulary in an interactive and enjoyable way.

By the end of the trip, the students not only had a greater appreciation for Mexican-Spanish culture, but also felt more confident using the Spanish language in both casual and formal settings. It was a memorable and enriching experience that combined language learning with cultural exploration, all while having a great time together.

This field trip was a wonderful way for the 8th graders to see how the Spanish language and Hispanic culture come to life outside the classroom, and we are grateful for the opportunity to make these lessons come alive in such a meaningful way.

