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## **Author Diana López to Skype with two St. Charles School District Elementary Schools**

November 1, 2017 - St. Charles, IL – On November 3, Diana López, the author of *Coco: A Story about Music, Shoes, and Family*, will discuss her latest book with the students in the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade bilingual classrooms via Skype at Richmond Intermediate, 300 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street St. Charles, IL 60174, from 9:00-9:30 a.m. and also with students from Anderson Elementary, 35W071 Villa Marie Rd. St Charles, IL 60174, from 10:20-10:50 a.m. The book is inspired by Pixar Animation Studio's latest film, *Coco*, which will be in theatres in November.

Diana López teaches creative writing at the University of Houston-Victoria. She also assists with the magazine *Huizache* and works as the managing director of Centro Victoria, an organization that promotes Latino literature and art.

"Of the more than 3,000 children's books published last year, only about 4% featured Latino characters, so I'm very motivated to speak to our young people and hopefully inspire them to tell their stories, said López."

Richmond Intermediate principal Rosa Ascharya points out that Ms.López shows students how to write stories about themselves, "Through her work as an author, Diana Lopez draws from her diverse cultural and language experiences and integrates this within her storytelling. She encourages students to find things from their own personal lives to tell their own stories."

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