

**Olentangy Local School District**  
**ELL Parent Newsletter - Fall 2018**

Dear Families,

Vanakkam! Bonjour! Hola! Ciao! Namaste! Salaam! Marhaba! Ni Hao! Ola! Hello!

We would like to take the opportunity to welcome back all of our returning students and families, as well as those of you who are new to us this year! The English language teaching staff is looking forward to a productive school year. Our goal is to prepare students to be successful learners. Our school community is dedicated to providing our students with a well-rounded educational experience. Along with the core curriculum, we believe in providing leadership opportunities, character education, and access to technology tools in order to prepare students for college and career readiness.

Did you know that our district supports over 500 English Learner students that represent more than 40 different languages? English language instruction educational programs facilitate the development and attainment of English proficiency and academic achievement of students whose native or first language is not English. Students receive instruction in social and academic English and appropriate support for learning academic content.

This year will be filled with numerous learning opportunities for our students, as well as our parents. Olentangy Local School District takes great pride in establishing an atmosphere that invites its valued stakeholders to be a part of the educational process. Throughout the year, parents are provided with many opportunities to participate in the education of their child. We welcome your attendance at district and school events, and encourage your participation by volunteering in our schools. You are a valued member of our team!

Our ELL Department is looking for **Bilingual Parent Volunteers**. If you are bilingual and would be willing to connect with other parents to help all parents understand our school technology systems and other school resources, we need your help! Please contact [Christina Aprile](#) for more information.

If you or someone in your family is looking for information regarding **Adult ESL classes**, here are a few local community options:

[Delaware County District Library](#)

[Vineyard Community Center](#)

[Westerville Public Library](#)

[Delaware Area Career Center](#)

Adult ESL classes at Grace Church 7600 Liberty Road Powell - contact Sandy at 614-638-3137.

If you have questions regarding Olentangy Local Schools' English language support program or your child's services, please contact your child's ELL Teacher or Classroom Teacher.

Thank you for your time. We look forward to building a successful partnership with you!

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Olentangy Local School District Mission: To facilitate maximum learning for every student.