

Olentangy Local School District ELL Parent Newsletter – Spring/Summer 2019

Dear Families,

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

It is hard to believe this school year is coming to a close. We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all the support you give your children at home. Our ELL teachers value our relationships with our families and students. It is truly an honor to support our hardworking students each day. The end of the school year is a busy time and we want to share with you upcoming events and options for summer activities and resources. Please have a wonderful summer break and we are looking forward to seeing you all again in August!

Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment Results and Exiting Criteria

Students who are qualified in the English Language Learning (ELL) program took their state language proficiency assessments in February and March. There are four parts to the test: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. We will receive the results from the Ohio Department of Education in May and a family report will be mailed to your home in June. The results of this test are used to determine your child's ELL services for the 2019-2020 school year. Students who score "Proficient" on this assessment are exited from the ELL Program and monitored for 2 years. Monitoring includes communication and collaboration with classroom and content area teachers to ensure students that have exited are maintaining grade level expectations. **If you have any questions about this assessment, please contact your child's ELL Teacher.**

Elementary Families:

Elementary ELL teachers will send home a Student Goals Report for English language acquisition. This progress report describes how your child is progressing with English language skills at a particular level. The goals were created based on assessment data and information from a standardized screener or state language proficiency test. The current progress levels are based on skills we have observed in the classroom and/or skills in small group instruction. We communicate progress toward goals for Quarter 2 (January) and Quarter 4 (May).

Summer Reading Programs: Please check their websites to view events for this summer.

- [Delaware County Library Orange Branch](#)
- [Westerville Library](#)
- [Worthington Libraries](#)

Community Pools: Please see their websites for rates and address information.

- [North Orange Park Aquatic Center](#)
- [Worthington Pools](#)
- [Westerville Pools](#)
- [Powell Pool](#)

Parks: For an overview of the park and directions, please see their website.

- [Highbanks Metro Park](#)
- [Lazelle Woods Park](#)

- Sharon Woods and Innis Woods also have great programs for kids and are not too far. You can look for activities at www.metroparks.net.

Vineyard Community Center:

This community center is open to the public and offers activities and resources for adults and children. The Center provides Adult ESL classes, Free Legal Clinic, Free Health Clinic, Immigration Counseling Services, Daytime and Evening GED prep classes, Ohio Benefit Bank counseling, citizenship classes, marriage and parenting programs, financial counseling, career development services, dance, art, and music classes, and summer programs for children.

Free educational websites - for summer practice and fun at home!

- <http://uniteforliteracy.com>: free books k-2
- www.starfall.com: reading instruction and games for prek-1
- <https://www.getepic.com>: a site with online stories and activities
- <http://pbskids.org/lions>: games for k-2
- <http://www.storylineonline.net>: great stories read by famous people
- www.mycaptstonelibrary.com: free online books with read-aloud option

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

Adult ESL classes: If you or someone in your family is looking for 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 appreciate all the support you give your child at home!

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