



## ELL Families

Happy New Year! We would like to take the opportunity to welcome back all of our students and families from Winter Break. Did you know that our district supports over 700 English Learner students that represent more than 60 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.

The second half of our school year will have 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. 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!

## Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment: February 3 - March 27

Students who are in the English Language Learning (ELL) program will take the annual OELPA state assessments during the testing window Feb 3 - Mar 27, 2020. There are four parts to the test: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. Test sections will be given throughout February and March for each grade level. 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 2020-2021 school year.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 3 - March 27**  
Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment

**May 22**  
Elementary Progress Reports sent out

**June**  
OELPA family reports mailed to parents

Students who score “Proficient” on this assessment are exited from the ELL Program. If you have any questions about this assessment, please contact your child’s ELL Teacher.

## Elementary Families

Elementary ELL teachers recently sent 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 off of 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 again in Quarter 4 (May).

## 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](#)

[Columbus City Schools](#) - contact Tim Harry at 380-997-7636 or

[tharry2373@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:tharry2373@columbus.k12.oh.us).

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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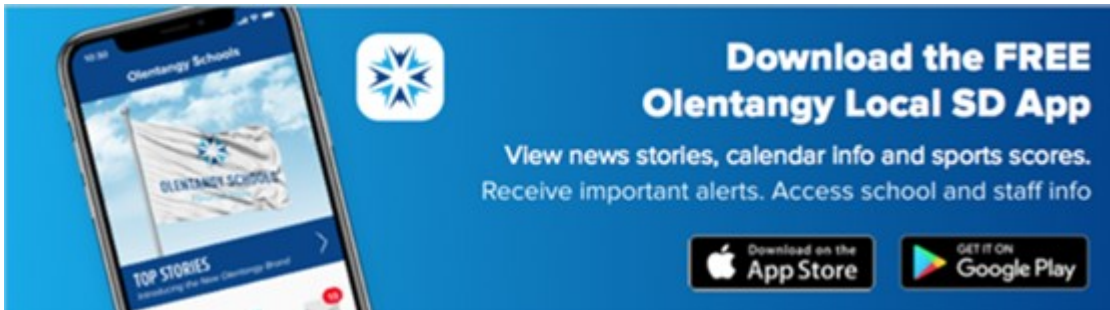
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