

**Olentangy Local School District
EL Parent Newsletter - Winter 2022**

Dear 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 950 English Learner students that represent more than 60 different languages?

The second half of our school 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!

Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment: Jan 31 - March 25, 2022

Students in the English Language Learning (ELL) program will take the annual required state assessment - the [Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment \(OELPA\)](#) - during the testing window Jan 31 - Mar 25, 2022. 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 test results in May and a family report will be mailed to your home. The results of this test are used to determine your child's ELL services for the 2022-23 school year. 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).

RESOURCES FOR ALL OLENTANGY FAMILIES

- Food
- Clothes
- Medical
- Adult ESL Classes

Multilingual Family Liaison - Debora Oladoye - 617-697-7706

- Translation resources, especially Spanish & Portuguese support
- Parent and family engagement related topics or needs
- Support families during registration at NSWC
- Support ELL Teachers with OELPS administration
- Support ELL Intervention Aides and/or Bilingual Volunteers

Bilingual Aides

We have [Bilingual Aides](#) who can support families at registration and in the school setting.

Japanese - [Reiko Hill](#) (614) 813-6602

Spanish, Portuguese - [Debora Oladoye](#) (617) 697-7706

Portuguese - [Camila Bonandi](#) (612) 615-6301

Portuguese - [Karina Stefens](#) (614) 615-3994

Spanish - [Beatriz Herrera](#) (614) 325-2079

Tamil, Hindi - [Suganya Arunkumar](#) (614) 906-0100

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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