

# Spanish Immersion Spring Bulletin

March 2026

## ★ Welcome to our Spanish Immersion Family Newsletter ★

### Dear DLI Families,

As we prepare for Spring, we are excited to share what's been happening in Spanish immersion. Just like a garden in springtime, our student's language skills are "blooming" in exciting new ways!

In Kindergarten, our students are moving past basic language finding their own voices in Spanish. You might hear more spontaneous phrases at home, see more confidence in their reading, or notice them humming a song in the target language. These small moments are proof of the incredible hard work they—and you—put in every day.



This month we are excited to share our brand-new Spanish Immersion Handbook! This guide was created to help families better understand our immersion program, including its goals, structure, and the many benefits of learning in two languages. New families will receive the handbook during registration, but we wanted to share it with our current families first. We value your partnership and would greatly appreciate any feedback you may have as we continue strengthening our immersion community.

- [See New Spanish Immersion Handbook \(in English\)](#).
- [See Spanish Immersion Handbook \(in Spanish\)](#).

Thank you for being such vital partners in this bilingual journey. We can't wait to see how much more our "seeds" will grow before summer!

Warmly,  
BSD DLI Team

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## 🌟 **Spotlight: 7th Grade "Global Citizens" in Action!**

We are so proud to share that on **February 18**, our 7th-grade Spanish Immersion students at **Talley Middle School** took part in a truly inspiring event: the **Project Citizen Showcase**.

**What is Project Citizen?** This program is designed to empower our young people by giving them the tools they need to participate in their communities. Students researched public policy issues and learned how to propose real solutions to problems they see in the world around them. It's about more than just politics; it's about building the knowledge, skills, and confidence to be effective leaders.

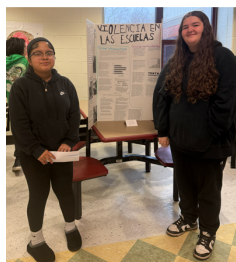
**Language in Action** What made this showcase even more impressive was seeing our students present their complex ideas entirely in **Spanish!** They demonstrated incredible linguistic skill and professionalism throughout their presentations. It was a wonderful reminder of how their hard work in the DLI program translates into real-world success.

### **A Huge Congratulations!**

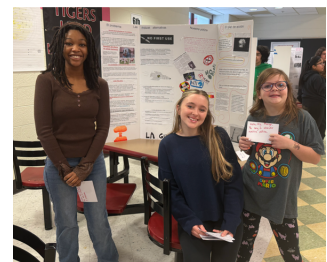
- **To our Students:** For your hard work, brilliant ideas, and excellent Spanish presentations. You represented our program with pride!
- **To Señora Dulce López:** A special thank you for your dedication in organizing this event and guiding our students through this challenging and rewarding project.



**Drug Abuse Project**



**Violence in Schools Project**



**Nuclear War Project**

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## **Current 5th grade Spanish Immersion Families**

It feels like just yesterday these students were starting their immersion journey, and now it's almost time for the big move to **Talley Middle School!** To make sure your child stays on track with their Spanish Immersion in 6th grade, **if you have not already done so**, please take a moment to complete the necessary steps. Every 5th-grade immersion family needs to take action to confirm their spot for next year!

Please use the following links to submit your forms:

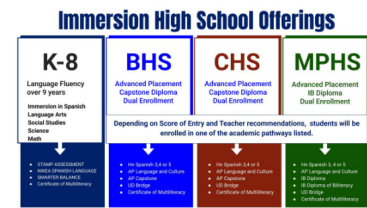
- Immersion Commitment Form: <https://forms.gle/1zPPCgt8WkDF6Ts27>

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## Current 8th Grade Immersion Families

### Immersion Comes to All High Schools!

Great News! All three of our high schools will offer Spanish immersion programming next school year.



To continue immersion in high school, a Choice application is **not** required. Current 8th graders may continue in the immersion program in 9th grade by completing the Immersion Continuation Form, which can be [accessed here](#). Secure your spot in high school by submitting the [continuation form](#) form now.

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## Benefits of Continuing in Immersion

Continuing in the high school immersion program gives students the opportunity to **strengthen their language skills** and prepare for success in college and beyond. Students can take advanced courses that offer **University of Delaware college credits**, giving them a head start on higher education while still in high school. This not only **saves time and money** but also allows students to maximize the benefits of their learning.

Additional advantages include:

- Gaining enhanced cultural knowledge and global skills
- Developing critical thinking and problem-solving abilities
- Earning college credits that reduce the number of courses needed after graduation

By staying in the immersion program, students can make the most of these academic, financial, and personal opportunities.

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## STAMP Spanish Proficiency Testing

Our 3rd through 8th-grade immersion students are finishing up their STAMP (Standards-based Measurement of Proficiency) Spanish assessments! These tests are a wonderful way for us to see how much our students have developed their Spanish language skills throughout the year.



The results of the STAMP Spanish assessment help schools understand how well students can read, write, listen, and speak in Spanish. Teachers review these results to see what skills students have mastered and where they may need more support. For example, if many students score lower in speaking, teachers may include more conversation practice and interactive activities in class. If

reading scores are strong, teachers might introduce more advanced texts to continue challenging students.

By using STAMP results, schools can adjust lessons, materials, and teaching strategies to better meet students' needs. This ensures that instruction is targeted, meaningful, and designed to help every student continue growing in Spanish proficiency.

### What's Next?

In the coming weeks, your child will receive their official results. As you review these scores together, we encourage you to:

- **Celebrate the Wins:** Take a moment to honor the growth your child has made in Spanish. Learning a second language is a journey, and every step forward is an achievement!
- **Look Forward:** Use the results as a starting point for a positive conversation. Talk with your child about their favorite ways to use Spanish and how they can continue to grow even more.

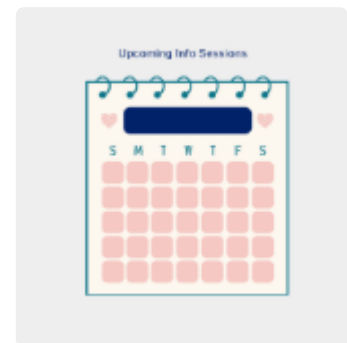
Whether it's through reading a new book, listening to music, or chatting with friends, there are so many ways to keep that language momentum going. We are so proud of our students' hard work!

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## Immersion Interns – 2026-27 Host Family Needed!

Each year, BSD elementary schools welcome an **intern from abroad** to support language learning in our classrooms! Interns bring authentic language exposure, cultural knowledge, and fresh energy that enrich our students' daily immersion experience.

Our intern assists teachers with classroom activities, lead small group instruction, and share cultural traditions from their home country—offering students real-world connections to the language they're learning.



### 🏠 Help Us Welcome Them to Brandywine!

To make this possible, we're currently looking for a **host family** for the intern. Hosting is a rewarding experience and a great way to build a personal connection with another culture.

### Host Family Responsibilities:

- Provide a private bedroom and meals (a meal stipend provided)
- Include the intern in some family activities when possible
- Enjoy a cultural experience with your intern!

We're thrilled to share that a host family has been secured for the **Lancashire** immersion intern – thank you! However, we are still in need of **host families** for our interns at **Claymont** and **Maple Lane Elementary Schools**.

Hosting an intern is a wonderful way to bring a piece of the world into your home while supporting our school's language goals. If you're curious about what the journey involves, please join us for one of our **three upcoming Family Host Information Sessions**:

### 📅 Upcoming Information Sessions

To accommodate busy schedules, we have curated three different time slots. Please join us for the one that works best for you:

- **Tuesday, March 24** | 6:00 PM
- **Tuesday, April 21** | 11:00 AM
- **Tuesday, May 19** | 6:00 PM

🔗 [Register for a session here](#)

📄 For more details about the host family program, visit:

[brandywineschools.org/learning/spanish-language-immersion/host-families](https://brandywineschools.org/learning/spanish-language-immersion/host-families)

Help us give our interns a warm welcome—and enrich your family’s experience along the way!



### Spanish Immersion Host Family: The Burdeshaws

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### Interested in hosting an intern?

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Visit past *Immersion Bulletins* on our BSD District website to stay informed and catch up on important program updates and highlights <https://www.brandywineschools.org/learning/spanish-language-immersion>



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