

BSD IMMERSION BULLETIN

Winter 2025

Dear Immersion Families,

Welcome to our Winter Edition of the Immersion Bulletin. As we move into the winter season, we're excited to share updates, celebrations, and helpful information from our Dual Language Immersion program. Inside this edition, you'll find upcoming events, and tips to support your child's bilingual learning at home.

Thank you for your continued partnership—together, we're helping students grow strong in both languages!

Best,
BSD Immersion Team



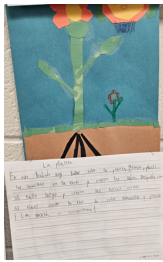
🎉🎉 Congratulations to Señora Smith! 🎉🎉

We are proud to share that Mrs. Smith has been selected as Claymont Elementary School's Teacher of the Year *and for being nominated for the DECFTL Teacher of the Year!* Her dedication, care, and commitment to our Immersion students make a wonderful difference every day. Please join us in celebrating this well-deserved honor!

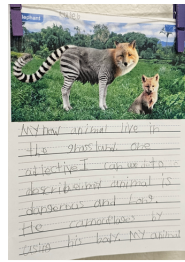


★Dual Language Learning Spotlight★

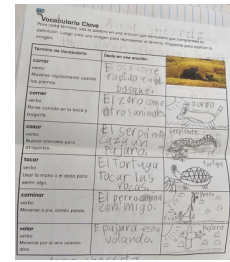
In this section, we highlight the wonderful work our immersion students are doing as they grow their bilingual skills each day.



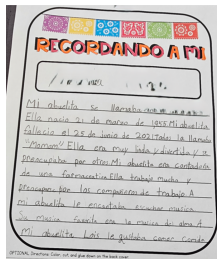
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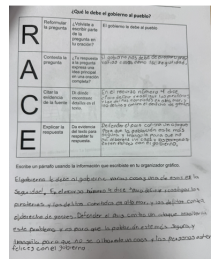
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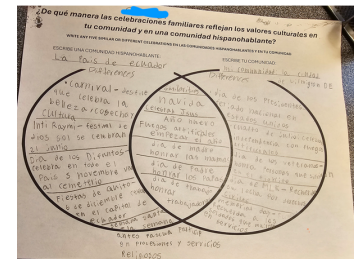
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Social Studies
Middle School



AP Spanish Language & Culture
High School

Spanish Immersion Continuation at the Secondary Level

Families with **5th and 8th grade Spanish Immersion students** must complete the Immersion Commitment Form to continue in the 6th grade immersion program at Talley Middle School or 9th grade immersion at the 3 BSD High Schools.

Please use the following links to submit your forms:

Talley Middle School: <https://forms.gle/1zPPCgt8WkDF6Ts27>

High School: <https://forms.gle/mUZbqkDXHjtg9eA>

Coming Up: Mid-Year Check-In Events ✓

In January, our immersion schools will host their Mid-Year Check-In events. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity for families to learn how students are progressing, celebrate their growth, and hear about what students will learn in the second half of the school year. Stay tuned to your school's communication for additional information. Claymont, Lancashire, and Talley will share their dates and times through their channel of communication.



Maple Lane:

1st Grade: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 @ 4:30 pm

2nd Grade: Monday, January 12, 2026 @ 6:30 pm

3rd Grade: Thursday, January 8, 2026 @ 4:30 pm

4th Grade: Monday, January 12, 2026 @ 4:30 pm

5th Grade: Thursday, January 15, 2026 @ 4:15 pm

Event Information

Spanish Immersion Information Night for New Families

We are excited to announce that on January 6th, we will host our Spanish Immersion Information Night for new families interested in joining immersion programming.

Join us to learn:

- About Spanish Immersion and how it works
- Explore academic / social benefits of bilingualism
- Program availability from kindergarten to grade 12
- Student support as they develop two languages

Please share the registration form with families you know are interested in joining immersion programming. ([REGISTRATION LINK HERE](#))

When?

Tuesday, Jan 6, 2026, 06:00 PM

Where?

Zoom link: <https://bsd-k12-de-us.zoom.us/j/2281401886?pwd=U0wvUGZQY3N3MlE0ZmJPNzI0S2laQT09>

Show What You Know: STAMP Testing Ahead



Students in grades 3–8 will be taking the STAMP test between **February 2–27, 2026**. The STAMP (Standards-based Assessment of Proficiency) test measures how well students can read, write, listen, and speak in Spanish. This assessment helps us understand their current level of language proficiency and how we can best support their growth.

These are the assessments and sections that students in each grade will complete:

- Grade 3: Stamp 2Se: Reading & Speaking
- Grade 4: Stamp 2Se: Reading & Speaking
- Grade 5: Stamp 4Se: Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking
- Grade 6: Stamp 2S: Writing & Speaking
- Grade 7: Stamp 2S: Writing & Speaking
- Grade 8: Stamp 4S: Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking

A STAMP notification letter with students' prior proficiency scores will be sent to families in January.

Ideas to Support STAMP Testing:

- Encourage Spanish at home by using simple phrases, labeling items, or enjoying Spanish music or videos together.

- Practice speaking by asking your child to describe their day or explain something they learned in Spanish.
- Support reading in Spanish with short stories, kid-friendly articles, or bilingual books.
- Make sure they are rested and have a good breakfast on testing days so they feel focused and confident.
- Celebrate their effort and progress, not just the results—every step in language learning matters!

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