

ELL Department Newsletter

3rd Quarter

Did you know?

Bilingualism/Multilingualism

Being bilingual (or multilingual) is good for your child's brain, makes communicating with family easier, and can be helpful with finding jobs in the future.

Reading in your home language

Children who are able to read in their home language will have an easier time learning to read in their second language.

Tips for practicing your home language

- Speak your language at home to increase exposure
- create a home library in your native language
- listen to music in your home language
- share your culture

Reminder

Students worked hard to finish up their annual English proficiency testing (ACCESS) in February. Students are tested in the language domains of listening, reading, speaking, and writing. Score reports are expected in May.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences are coming up March 19-20. Formats for conferences will differ depending on the school your child attends. More information will be coming soon from your children's schools. We have an interpreter service available for families who would benefit. We would love to see you there!

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Our main office is located at Ponderosa Elementary. In addition to email, you may also contact our team members by calling Ponderosa Elementary at 208-773-1508.

Important Dates

- Parent Teacher Conferences: March 19 (evening)
- Parent Teacher Conferences: March 20 (morning)
- End of Third Quarter: March 26
- Spring Break: March 27–April 3

Click this link to see important events happening at your student's school: <https://www.pfsd.com/parents-students/calendars>