ELL DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

2ND QUARTER

Parent Teacher Conferences

It is almost time for fall parent teacher conferences. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teachers to talk about their progress.

At Post Falls High School, you may request a conference by contacting the counseling center, (208) 773-5411, or by clicking this form (high school only).

At the middle school level, you may attend the open house times or request a conference for a more individualized conversation. River City and Post Falls Middle Schools will share more information as we get closer to the conference dates.

At the elementary level, your child's teacher will send out a sign-up link for you to schedule a conference.

We will have an interpreter service or translation earbuds available for families who would benefit.

If you have any questions, please reach out to our department. We would love to see you there!

What we've been working on...

Our students took a close look at their language proficiency levels & used scores from language assessments to help create language goals for the year.

We have been working hard in our language curriculum, strengthening listening, speaking, reading, & writing skills.

We are quickly approaching our annual English proficiency testing (WIDA ACCESS), which will begin at the end of January!

Upcoming Events

- Parent teacher conferences - evening of November 19; morning of November 20
- Thanksgiving break - November 25-27
- Christmas break - December 18-January 1
- MLK Day - January 18
- English proficiency testing window begins - January 19
- End of 1st semester - January 28

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ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

At the elementary and middle school levels, students meet with our EL teachers either in small groups or one-on-one.

At the high school, students meet with the EL teacher for a designated class period.

Instruction is tailored to students' needs. We use English language development curriculum from National Geographic, which features high interest topics and engaging content.

Ms. Babin serves: Greensferry, Seltice, Treaty Rock, and Post Falls and River City Middle Schools. She may be contacted at acadia.babin@sd273.com.

Mrs. Valentine serves: Post Falls and New Vision High Schools, Post Falls Middle School, and Mullan Trail, Ponderosa, Prairie View, and West Ridge Elementary Schools. She may be contacted at brenda.valentine@sd273.com

Mrs. Geraghty helps provide instruction at: Seltice and West Ridge Elementary Schools, and River City and Post Falls Middle Schools.

Ms. Triphahn, our department's ELL Director, may be contacted at sarah.triphahn@sd273.com.

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.

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