

ENGLISH LEARNERS NEWSLETTER

FALL 2024

Our mission is to ensure that all English learners meet the district's rigorous Academic Plan by providing instruction which integrates content and language learning and valuing our scholar's rich language and cultural backgrounds.



IMPORTANT DATES

October 21: NO School; No LOOP Programming

October 31: HALF Day of School; No LOOP Programming

November 5: NO School; No LOOP Programming

November 27-29: NO School; No LOOP Programming

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We hope your family has had a smooth and exciting start to the new academic year. The English Learners Program is committed to keeping you informed, and we will be sending out newsletters three times this year. These newsletters will provide important updates, upcoming events, and valuable resources to support your child's educational journey.

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in your child's education. We look forward to a successful and enriching year ahead!

Sincerely,
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Six Ways to Support your Bilingual Child:

Read Together Daily

Reading in any language fosters literacy skills that easily transfer between languages. Engage in discussions about new or uncommon vocabulary to expand your child's linguistic abilities.

Incorporate Music

Songs in any language offer a fun and engaging way to introduce new vocabulary. Music can be a powerful tool for language development.

Cook Together

Cooking provides opportunities for rich conversation and valuable life lessons. It's a great way to bond and build language skills through everyday activities.

Promote Homework Habits

Create a dedicated space for your child to complete their homework. Even if you're unfamiliar with the content, showing interest and encouraging good habits can positively impact their learning.

Stay Connected with Teachers

Regular communications with your child's teacher is essential. Don't hesitate to ask questions or share important information. Schools often offer translation and interpretation services to support this process.

Keep Learning Fun

Engage your child in games, outings, and conversations. When learning is enjoyable, it happens naturally!

Summer Programs Recap

This summer, the English Learners Department offered various enriching programs to support our scholars' growth in language, literacy, and math.

Dual Language Immersion: Southwest Academia Bilingue students (K-6) participated in a bilingual summer school program hosted at Burton Elementary. The program enhanced their English and Spanish skills in ELA and Math.

Newcomers Summer School: Newly arrived students aged 15 and older continued their academic journey at Southwest Middle High School, focusing on reading, writing, math, and language acquisition while also working on earning credits for the second semester.

EL Extension: K-8 scholars who needed additional support in language, literacy, and math received targeted instruction in the EL Extension program. This program provided an extra boost to help students excel academically.

Migrant Summer Schools: Migrant scholars (K-8) engaged in a comprehensive summer school experience at Burton Elementary, combining morning academic sessions with afternoon support to strengthen their skills and prepare them for the upcoming year.

These programs played a crucial role in keeping our scholars engaged and prepared for success in the new school year. We're proud of the progress they made and look forward to building on this momentum!

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