



# English Learners (ELs) District Newsletter



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### EL Team Leaders

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## Understanding Your Child's 2017 ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Scores

Recently your child(ren) took the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 English **language proficiency** assessment. The test is administered every spring to help us monitor your child's language development. In the fall, you will receive an Individual Student Report. We encourage you and your family to look at your child's scores to understand where he/she is in the process of English **language development**.

Don't panic if you see your child's scores down from last year. It doesn't mean your child is doing worse in English. The 2017 scores are new and were made to meet the demands of the new academic standards, and the expectations for language use have also increased. The scores are more accurate in showing the language skills your child needs to demonstrate before exiting the English Learner program.

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact your child's school EL Team Leader or principal.

### VOCABULARY OF THE MONTH

**Language proficiency** is a measurement of where students are in the process of language development.

**Language development** is a process that takes time. Students move along this process at different rates.

## ENGLISH LEARNER STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

We would like to introduce to you a couple new EL staff members to WPS.



Casey Trask comes from the state of New York and moved here to Michigan about 5 years ago. Casey especially enjoys lattes and a good book. One of the things she likes most about teaching English is seeing children enjoy a good book as well. She will be split between Parkview and West elementaries.



Jessica Trentham taught English at Grand Rapids Public schools for 5 years, and she enjoys working with students and helping them discover their own passion for literature. One of her favorite books is "The Help". She will be at the Junior High and High School.

## Student Spotlights



**Xitlaly Tellez-Hernandez** is a 1st grade student in Ms. Wesley's class at Parkview Elementary. Xitlaly is doing very well in all academic subjects, and is above grade level in reading. Xitlaly is a role model for the students, and is always listening and paying attention to the teacher. Xitlaly follows the Parkview Rules and knows the meaning of "Be Nice." When other students do not know what to do, they can always ask Xitlaly for help.



**Carlos Corzo** is a 10th grade student that exemplifies Wyoming High School's Alpha Wolf 11 characteristics of being especially kind, compassionate and generous to all. Carlos takes his time to help new students to the school, as well as offers to help teachers when he can.

He goes above and beyond in his classwork and encourages others to do the same. He leads by example and takes social responsibility while providing leadership. Carlos has been a Wyoming Wolf for a year and a half, and we are very proud of his commitment to excellence and drive for success.

## West Elementary in partnership with KSSN presents: **Information for the Community**

Is it difficult for you to understand your legal rights? Don't know who to consult? Receive information on these questions and many more that you have, and get the answers from professionals in our community! Presentation in both Spanish and English.

When: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Where: West Elementary Cafeteria

Cost: **FREE!!!**

All WPS families are welcome! We hope to see you there!

If you have further questions about this event please contact Erika VanDyke (KSSN Coordinator) call/text 616-648-6079 or Ruth Rolff (EL Teacher) at 616-530-7533 ext.4615

## Wyoming Public Library

3350 Michael Ave. SW  
616-784-2007

<http://www.kdl.org/locations/wyoming>

For the second year in a row we held a Saturday morning at the library in February. We provided crafts and donuts, and parents and kids could sign up to get library cards! The library is open from Monday through Saturday during the summer. Check-in soon to learn about their Summer Reading Challenge!



## International Dinner

In February, we had an International Dinner at Wyoming High School. Dinner was potluck style so those who came contributed Empanadas, Enchiladas, Vietnamese Spring Rolls, Sicilian Pizza, Chinese Cuisine and desserts. Everyone who came got free tickets to attend the Wyoming High School basketball games after dinner, and had a chance to get their picture taken with some fun props! It was a great night and we look forward to having more of you join us next year!



## Complaint Procedures for Non-Discrimination

If a parent or student has a complaint about any aspect of EL services, the parent should speak with their child's classroom teacher, an EL teacher in the building or directly with the building principal.

Any person who believes that s/he has been discriminated against or denied equal opportunity or access to programs or services may file a complaint, which may be referred to as a grievance, with the District's Civil Rights Coordinator. Sarah Earnest, Assistant Superintendent for Employee Relations, Wyoming Public Schools, 3575 Gladiola Avenue SW, Wyoming, Michigan 49519

A person who believes s/he has a valid basis for a complaint, may discuss the matter informally and on an oral basis with the District's Civil Rights Coordinator, who will investigate the complaint and reply with an answer to the complainant.