



English Learners (ELs) District Newsletter



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I See, I Think, I Wonder

Junior High and High School EL's Attend Art Prize

On a sunny day in September, 29 Junior High and High School English Language Learners traveled downtown to explore Art Prize. Each student carried a small, black Wyoming Wolves notebook to record what they “saw, thought, and wondered” about 10 of their favorite art pieces. They also collected artist cards along the way.

Junior High student Enrique Da Varona Borges said, “I liked art prize, because this is the first time I went downtown and I saw the big river and people fishing. It was really fun.” Students also had an opportunity to ask some of the artists questions about their art.

Last year the Junior High and High School EL's were combined in Edith Trumbell's classroom at the high school; however, this year the classes are split. Art prize offered a chance for students who spent last year learning together to reunite and discuss their new school year.

After a full morning of walking downtown students perused the wide variety of food trucks parked at Rosa Parks Circle. Their lunch orders provided yet another chance to utilize their English skills. “At lunch I got a quesadilla and one coke. My mom has a restaurant and sometimes I work there helping her, so I take orders in English. It's easy for me...sometimes,” Junior Higher Jonathan Hernandez Hernandez said about lunch downtown.

Upon returning to school, students got right to work creating PowerPoint presentations using their “I see, I think, I wonder” notes. Several days later they presented their PowerPoints to their classmates and were able to share their experience once again. The students hope to make the trip a yearly tradition.



Student Spotlight

It is with great honor to nominate Henry Pablo Matias for EL Student

Spotlight. Henry is a 1st grade student at Parkview Elementary in Mrs. Bultema's classroom. Henry has been chosen for this honor for great character, always following the Parkview rules, and being respectful, responsible, and safe. Henry is friendly and is well liked by his peers. He is a fantastic listener and truly cares about others which makes him a good friend to all. Henry is learning English, and it is getting stronger every day. He likes to read and knows this will help him in the future. He likes all books. In his free time, Henry enjoys watching TV, playing on mom's phone, and riding his bike.

Submitted by Mr. Malakowsky, Mrs. Ortega, and Mrs. Bultema



Special Guest

The EL students at Wyoming Intermediate had a special guest come to their classroom this October. DiHan Moa is an artist from Shanghai, China and had entered into this year's Art Prize competition. He specializes in 3D and Contemporary Art, and teaches painting to high school students in Shanghai.

DiHan taught Ms. Bliss' classroom how to do 3D drawings and use techniques that he teaches his students back home. He also was able to share and answer questions about his culture, experiences, and life in China. The students were excited to learn, and were proud of their work!



Pailalen Parenting training program will be offered again to all families district-wide in the Wyoming Public schools! Classes will be offered in English and Spanish for 9 weeks on Tuesday nights from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at West Elementary, beginning on January 16, 2018. Dinner and childcare will be provided. All of this is **FREE!** If you are interested in joining us, please call West Elementary at 530-7533 and ask for Principal Mr. Josh Baumbach, EL teacher Mrs. Ruth Rolff or KSSN Coordinator Ms. Erika VanDyke.

Kindergarten Family Night



Kindergartners from Oriole Park and Gladiola joined together for a fall family night! Students heard a story about pumpkins, did several activities and even tasted pumpkin donuts. Many kids were reluctant to put their hand inside the pumpkin! Thank you to those families who attended!



VOCABULARY OF THE MONTH

reluctant / rə'læktənt/ - adjective

Definition: unwilling and/ or hesitant

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Thursday, November 16th from 3:30-5:00 pm
Join us in the community room at the Wyoming Public Library for refreshments, an activity and the opportunity to sign up for a library card.

Friday, January 12, 2018 at 6:00 pm
Wyoming High School's Cafeteria
INTERNATIONAL DINNER
Bring a dish to pass. Join other families for dinner and stay for free entry into the WHS basketball game.
GO WOLVES!

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.