



# English Learners (ELs) District Newsletter



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## Letter from the Superintendent

Dear English Learner (EL) Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

Starting February 5th, students in grades K through 12 who are considered an English Learner are required by the State of Michigan to take an English language proficiency assessment. This test is called ACCESS 2.0 (Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State). Kindergarteners will take the test one-on-one with a teacher. First through third grades will take the Listening, Reading and Speaking sections online but they will hand write the Writing portion. Fourth through twelfth graders will take the entire assessment online. This summative assessment addresses a wide variety of ability levels like speaking, listening, reading and writing, and like any other test will be challenging.

Our staff recognizes that parents wish for their child(ren) to do well on all school tests, and the ACCESS 2.0 is no exception. A student's performance on this assessment is very important. The results of this test, which will be mailed to you in the fall, will serve as one of the instruments used to measure your child's learning of the English language, and also help us determine how well Wyoming Public Schools is addressing your child's needs. Our staff will closely review the ACCESS 2.0 results of individual students to measure our school program's effectiveness, and help determine future instructional strategies.

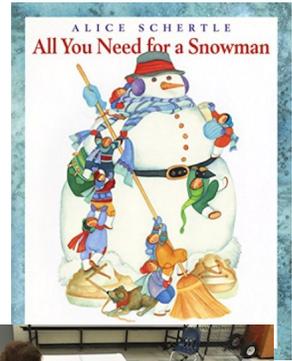
If you have any questions or wish to know the ACCESS 2.0 schedule, please contact your child's building principal or the EL teacher/staff.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas G. Reeder  
Superintendent

# KINDERGARTEN FAMILY NIGHT

Kindergartners from Oriole Park and West joined together for a winter family night! Students heard a story about building a snowman, did several, fun activities and crafts including making a sock snowman, and even enjoyed hot chocolate and popcorn. Thank you to those families who attended!



## International Dinner



"Potluck Style" International Dinner was held on Friday, January 12th in Wyoming High School's cafeteria. Thank you to those who came with your family and brought a dish to share. Those that attended got to attend a High School basketball game that evening for free.

### 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.