



# English Learners (ELs) District Newsletter



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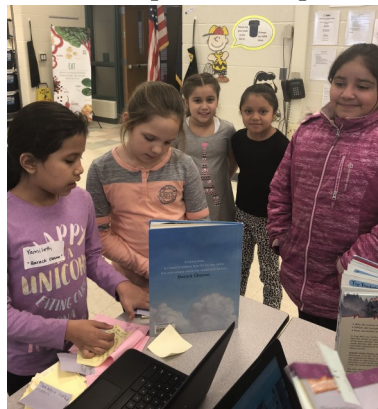


## TESOL CONFERENCE

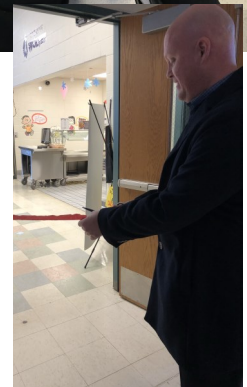
In March, Mrs. DeMaagd, our District EL Coordinator and Ms. Trumbell, one of our High School EL teachers, presented at a conference in Chicago, Illinois. TESOL is an international conference for Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. Mrs. DeMaagd and Ms. Trumbell presented to other teachers on how to help students who are new to the United States learn skills necessary for high school classes. It's exciting to be able to showcase to people from around the world the wonderful things that are happening in Wyoming Public Schools!

## STUDENT MUSEUM

On February 7, 2018 students in Ms. Accorsi, Mrs. Terpstra and Mrs. McKenney's class hosted a museum event at Oriole Park. This was a celebration of their learning from a unit in reader's workshop on nonfiction text. Students became experts on topics of their choice and



shared reading strategies and information on their topics with other classrooms, our district lit coaches, assistant superintendent, as well as our students' families. Mr. Hoekstra did the ribbon cutting for the event!



# KINDERGARTEN FAMILY NIGHT

This year we had four events for our Kindergarten families. Our final celebration we learned about how a caterpillar becomes a butterfly!



## EXPLORING OUR COMMUNITY

Each spring we have the opportunity to work with some of our families who are new to the United States and show them around the community. This year we visited the Grand Rapids Public Museum and Frederik Meijer Gardens!



## 2018 ACCESS FOR ELLS

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 at in the process of English *language development*. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's school EL Team Leader or principal.

### 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.