

The MELANGE

Perry Township Schools-EL Newsletter



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Points of Pride for EL Staff

The Early Childhood program at PTEC has been working on incorporating WIDA standards and SIOP (Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol) with their ELs in their classrooms as they prepare the students for Kindergarten. Erin Dugger, Brittane DiSano,

and Carie Zaiser have agreed to be part of the EL team working with Lisa Netsch, District SIOP Coach and Ann Canter, PTEC Program Supervisor for Preschool when planning goals and instruction for ELs in early childhood. The pictures show some examples of how they share the objective and learning goals with their students as well as differentiation for their ELs.



EL Happenings

With ISTEP and ECA windows open and in full swing, here is a quick note about bilingual dictionaries. Through the Individual Learning Plan (ILP), a limited English proficient (levels 1-4) student has access to an approved, bilingual word-to-word dictionary for use on state assessments, such as ISTEP+, IREAD, or ECAs. A list of approved dictionaries can be found on our districts webpage or by clicking [HERE](#). No approval is needed from IDOE if you are using an approved dictionary from the list, as long as the accommodation is marked on the student's ILP and used regularly in classroom instruction. A bilingual word-to-word dictionary is only appropriate for LEP students who have some literacy skills in English.

These resources could be used in a center or writing station after students have had some guided instruction in their uses. The Interaction component of SIOP, promotes interaction between teacher and student, student and student, as well as interaction with resources to support clarification in the students home language. "Best practice indicates that English learners benefit from opportunities to clarify concepts in their first language (L1)." (Echevarria, J., Vogt, M., & Short, D, 2013)

If you have taught a lesson or have a center that helps students use a bilingual dictionary as a resource, please share with the EL Department by emailing Lisa Netsch at lnetsch@perryschools.org or calling ext. 3716. We would love to share your ideas with others in the district.

Best of luck to all of the students and educators involved with testing.



Save the Dates!:

The EL Department is hosting a 3 day workshop for SIOP by Pearson June 9-11, 2015 at PTEC in room 210 from 8 am-3 pm (Lunch on your own)

Chalkbeat Indiana is hosting a panel discussion about English Learners of educators and experts on May 6, 2015 from 6 pm- 7:30 pm at the Indianapolis Public Library, Clowes Auditorium, 40 E. St. Clair. St. The panel will focus on challenges and successes ELs face in our schools. [Click here for more information about this free workshop.](#)

More information coming soon about

- * An additional cohort for Pearson's SIOP
- * Summer training for SIOP and WIDA topics

WIDA Links!

ACCESS for ELLs reports will be shipped to school corporations by May 7, 2015. The parent report and letter to accompany the parent report are parent friendly explaining the results of ACCESS in over 20 languages. If you would like to see what languages are offered, follow the link below for samples of the parent report and letter to accompany the report offered by WIDA (www.wida.us/assessment/ACCESS/).

WIDA will be transitioning to a new version of the annual assessment ACCESS, called ACCESS 2.0, in the 2015-2016 school year. If you would like to start reviewing new information regarding ACCESS 2.0 click [HERE](#). Since much of ACCESS 2.0 will be online, you may be interested in the [technology recommendations](#).

WIDA's English Language Development Standard 1 focuses upon Social and Instructional language. The Office of Student Assessment has created [Standards and Assessment Vocabulary](#) to highlight terms from the standards that are used in ISTEP+. Contextual, language building activities and exposure to these terms will be important to build academic vocabulary skills under WIDA Standard 1.

Please share your academic vocabulary lessons, word walls, and related ideas with the EL Department contacting Lisa Netsch at lnetsch@perryschools.org or at ext. 3716. We will post them on our district's website as a resource for others.

The above information was taken from IDOE's March and April 2015 Monthly Happenings released by the Office of English Learning and Migrant Education.

Summer School Opportunities:

If you haven't submitted a letter of interest for the summer school opportunities, please do as soon as possible. The elementary summer school posting is now closed, but there are still some openings for secondary. See what is available by clicking [HERE](#). *Please send letter of interest by May 22, 2015 to appropriate Building Principal and: Mr. Robert Bohannon and Jane Pollard.*

