

The MELANGE



Perry Township Schools-EL Newsletter

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Points of Pride for EL Staff

Kira Lentz, EL teacher at Glens Valley Elementary is a shining example of community and school collaboration. Kira and her family as well as other GV staff work hard to get bicycle donations from various retailers in the community. She has managed to get over 30 bikes delivered to Glens Valley EL students! She and her family spend many of their Saturdays going on community bike rides. The following are some of the pictures from those bike rides.



EL Happenings

The SIOP video refresher in My Big Campus was a success. Over 75 participants were able to get SIOP “refreshed”! Participants were able to watch short videos about language acquisition, laws, Perry data and reporting, as well as the components of SIOP. They were also asked to reflect on their learning for each video and comment or provide feedback to other participants. The posts and comments were rich with connections, questions, and constructive peer collaboration.

Due to its success, the course is now public. All materials are available for any Perry staff member to view. All of the materials, power points, etc. are also available to use as you see a need for yourself or your building staff. Once you have logged in to My Big Campus, send a request to join the group (English Learners and SIOP Refresher) and you should be notified within 24 hours that you have been added to the group. Feel free to read some of the discussions and feedback.

Lisa Netsch, 789-3716, has been out to several buildings this month as well to provide in person refreshers of SIOP with an introduction of WIDA. Abraham Lincoln Elementary, Southport Middle School, Perry Meridian High School, Homecroft Elementary, and Douglas MacArthur Elementary have all had face-to-face trainings afterschool and even on Saturday to review SIOP and introduce WIDA. These trainings were a collaboration between Administrators, SIOP Experts, EL staff, and the EL department.

SIOP Experts	Heather Evans/AL	Sarah Laptiste/CY
Stephanie Warble/DM	Kira Lentz/GV	Lindsay Mock/HB
Maggie Corthell/HE	Lora Spangle/JGE	Amanda Aud/MB
Lisa Miller/RPE	Darci Cockrum/SES	Amy Bennett/WV
Steve Drwecki/PA	Cassie Bennett/PMMS	Andrea Hagenmaier/PMHS
D. Katy Gaines/SA	Brandi Battinau/SMS	Mike Klopfenstein/SHS

Save the Dates!

- INTESOL 2014 Conference Nov. 15th Keynote: Dr. Tim Boals Promoting equity and access: Connecting our communities through language Sponsored by WIDA
- EL Facilitator SIOP Training Oct. 16th & 17th PTEC Room 210 8:30-3:30 (lunch on their own)
- Tutor/Translator SIOP Strategies and Activities Training Oct. 20th & 21st PTEC Room 210 8:30-3:30 (lunch on their own)

WIDA Implementation Guides

It continues to be a busy part of the year as we finalize some big projects. WIDA has become a topic of discussion throughout the district. Indiana has officially joined the WIDA (World Class Instructional Design and Assessment) consortium and will change to the ACCESS test in spring. More information is to come about testing materials and procedures. We will be sure to get that information out as it becomes available.

In order to provide concise and supportive materials, the EL department has pooled some of WIDA’s resources as well as our district’s and IDOE’s resources to support the change to WIDA. This WIDA Implementation Guide for English Learners is one component of our mission to build an educational system of high quality and equity that is focused on student centered accountability. It is intended to provide resources and tools for educators and families to support our diverse population of students through academic language development in English while honoring cultural heritage and the native languages of our students. This toolkit includes examples and materials intended for educators to utilize when instructing students on the Indiana Academic Standards resulting in educational rigor and higher student achievement. Look for the WIDA booklets to be in your schools in October.

Learning Corner:

Do you know where to find your students’ LAS scores and levels by language domain?

The answer is Skyward! In Skyward Teacher Access, click on My Students. Choose a student by double clicking. On the left choose the option Test Scores. Then click on the drop down arrow to expand that test to see details about scores.