

MULTILINGUAL MATTERS

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CELEBRATIONS AND BRIGHT SPOTS

YOU ARE AMAZING!

Thank you for all of the dedication, support and hard work that you have put into making school closure feasible and comfortable for our multilingual learners. We continue to see countless and tireless efforts in which to ensure our multilingual learners are safe and supported. Please share with us any of your efforts so that we can highlight this great work in future correspondences. A special shout out to everyone who has joined us thus far in our Lifesize calls, Talking Points sessions and Schoology courses!

DATA SHARE

This week 1236 messages were sent via Talking Points from teachers to our multilingual families throughout the district. Have you used Talking Points yet? It's a great way to stay connected with families and students during the period of school closure. All teachers have access to their multilingual learners through this platform.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Supports During Closure

Please see attached for our weekly offerings that we have implemented in which to support students, families and staff.

For this edition of the newsletter, we would like to highlight the Registration Cultural Aides (RCA) who work out of Central Registration for supporting the families and students of BPS!

- Translation of Documents (130 translations completed so far!)
- School Connect calls in top languages (60 calls have been made so far!)
- Remote Family Support Sessions in our top languages started this week!

General Online Instructional Supports During Closure

Please follow this [link](#) to see a schedule of general online instructional supports and self-paced courses connected to multilingual learners (for the week of April 20, 2020).

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Support Our Families through Journey's End Refugee Services

Journey's End Refugee Services is collecting and distributing donations to multilingual learners and their families in BPS during the school closure. Some of the items being collected are gift cards (VISA, Price Rite, Tops, etc.), Toiletries (bar soap, shampoo, hand soap, toothpaste), and cleaning supplies (wipes, detergent, all purpose and/or floor cleaners). Items must be unused and in original packaging. If you have any donations please call Jenna Colerick, 716-796-1985 and she will provide the drop off address.