

MULTILINGUAL MATTERS

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CELEBRATIONS AND BRIGHT SPOTS

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!

First and most importantly we hope that this edition of Multilingual Matters finds you and your families safe and healthy. Our multilingual learners and their families are truly benefitting from your support and guidance. Thank you for all your incredible work during this trying time!

Shout Outs!

West Hertel Academy ENL Teacher **Sylvia Morsellino** has shared a helpful [document](#) for connecting Nearpod lessons to Class Dojo. Thank you, Sylvia!

Check out this [YouTube playlist](#) from Frank A. Sedita Academy ENL Teachers **Rachele Bialy** and **Jennifer Gagne**, highlighting skills from the FSTK!

DATA SHARE

The American Reading Company has provided access to the online ARC Bookshelf. This week an additional 233 students have signed up for this resource! This is a true reflection of all your efforts, sharing and communicating information with your students and families through the district's multiple platforms such as Talking Points and Schoology just to name a few.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ramadan

Please visit this link for an important informational letter from Nadia Nashir, Assistant Superintendent of Multilingual Education with important information related to Ramadan, a holy month observed by billions of Muslims around the world including many of our students and families. Please follow [this link](#) for the full letter.

Family Supports During Closure

For this edition of the newsletter, we would like to highlight various language services and the sequence that should be followed regarding our communication with families and students. Please see attached document, [linked here](#). Should you have any questions, please contact your Division of Multilingual Education liaison for additional information.

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.

Summer Postings

Please visit the links below for postings for Summer 2020 Jump Start and Se Levanta programming:

[Jump Start Teacher](#)

[Se Levanta Teacher](#)

[Se Levanta \(Art\)](#)

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. 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.

Multilingual Family Support Sessions

Registration Cultural Aides and Division of Multilingual members continue to host daily support sessions for families. Please see [this flyer](#) for details.