

EL Parent Newsletter

March - April

Quote:

"A different language is a different vision of life." ~Federico Fellini

Important Dates:

March 12th, 2023

Daylight Saving - Move your clock ahead

March 17th, 2023

No School - Professional Learning Day

April 3rd -10th, 2023

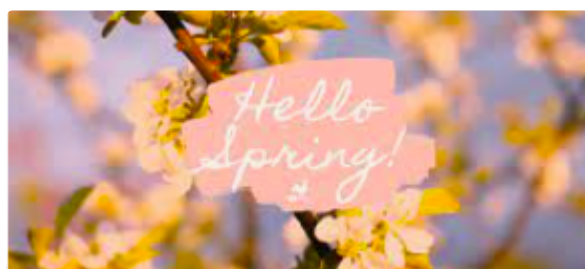
No School- Spring Break

EL Teachers are here to help!!!

Your EL teacher is here to help students understand what the content teacher is asking them to do. We help students understand new vocabulary. We also arrange translators for the state tests, when appropriate. Please ask for help!

In our EL classes, we continue learning reading, writing, listening and speaking, but will mostly be stressing the reading and writing that is needed for tests. Finding words in a dictionary, as well as looking for words in a paragraph that will help answer the question, or create an answer based on evidence and interpretations.

All these things will help EL students succeed in school!



OELPA Update:

The OELPA is an online test (paper is available for students who cannot test online). EL teachers have been working hard and testing EL students. Test window ends on March 24th. The Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment (OELPA) is the state summative test used to determine an English learner's proficiency level and to exit from the English language program. The OELPA is required for all English learners in addition to Ohio's State Tests. Districts may administer the OELPA any time during the test administration window and in any order. OELPA has four parts: Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing.

Ohio State Testing Schedule

Testing dates for Hillside MS and Dentzler Elementary:

The Ohio State Tests will be administered in the spring. Testing Dates are as follows:

-April 17th & 18th - ELA Parts 1&2

- Grade 4 ELA

-April 18th & 19th - ELA Parts 1&2

- Grades 5,6,7 ELA

-April 19th & 20th- ELA Parts 1&2

- Grade 3 ELA

-April 24th & 25th- Math Parts 1&2

- Grade 4 Math

-April 25th & 26th- Math Parts 1&2

- Grades 5,6,7 Math

-April 27th & 28th- Math Parts 1&2

- Grade 3 Math Parts 1&2

-May 4th- Science

- Grade 5 Science

To learn more about state testing, go to:

<http://www.ode.state.oh.us>

How Absences Affect Kids with Learning and Attention Issues

Struggling students may want to stay home because of the stress they're feeling at school. But chronic absences may have an even bigger impact on kids with learning and attention issues. It can be hard enough to master the lessons in school with the support of the teacher or aide. Trying to do it at home can make the work even harder.

Plus, each day of learning builds on the previous day. When kids miss a few days in a row, it can be hard to follow subsequent lessons. And when kids aren't in school, they're missing opportunities to be identified for intervention and extra support.

Chronic absences keep kids from getting the consistent instruction they need to build on basic skills. For kids with learning and attention issues, there's something else to consider. Frequent absences not only mean less instruction, but also missed opportunities for intervention, re-teaching, and enrichment.

Chronic absenteeism used to be a hidden problem. But the [Every Student Succeeds Act](#) (ESSA) is starting to shine a light on how many students frequently miss school. The law requires all state, district and school report cards to start including this data.

Dozens of states also chose to focus on this issue in their state ESSA plans.

