

ELD/Bilingual/Library Board Report

February 2025

ESL & Dual Language

ELPA testing has begun. All of kindergarten, and most of CBMS are finished with testing. MHES, grades 1-5, will begin testing next week, leaving on UHS which test in March.

Newcomers – we've added another 9 more newcomers in January and February, several more from South America.

Title III Immigrant Grant – Last month I reported that through the Title III Immigrant Grant we would be purchasing 8 iPads for use by newcomers at UHS for translating assignments and instructions. The iPads have now arrived and are available for student use.

Immigrant/Refugee Student Success Grant – We are eligible for and are applying for another grant that targets the newcomer population in our schools. Through this grant we hope to hire a bilingual graduation specialist.

Dual Language Family Night – On Thursday, February 6, we held our annual Dual Language Family Night. There were over 100 in attendance, with mini-workshops on the following topics: language development, parent conferences & report cards, language learning with technology, reading with your child, busting bilingual myths, and nutrition. Heidi also came and discussed with individuals the most recent immigration information.



OABE Conference – In 2 weeks we will have 7 teachers and 5 parents attending the annual OABE (Oregon Association for Bilingual Education) conference in Canby. We hope to learn a great deal from the presentations.

COSA Multilingual Conference – Also in February, 5 of our ELD teachers will be attending the annual multilingual conference held in Eugene.

This is a very busy time of the year for our programs!

Libraries

For Battle of the Books, we are right in the midst of the battles at MHES, with some teams having been eliminated, and some teams drawing closer to the championship. At CBMS the tournament will begin shortly. Winners from both schools will be attending regional tournaments in Hermiston on March 8

As usual, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me. Thank you!

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