

ELD/Bilingual/Library Board Report

December 2025

ESL & Dual Language

In November I was able to finish creating EL files for kindergarten and other new students, and get those files placed in the cum folders. We have also started preparations for ELPA, which opens in January. Other than that, things are humming along.

I look forward to discussing with the admin team options for live translation in classrooms (for newcomers). The technology has been around for a short while, and we have used it in some classrooms, with student tablets pulling teacher talk out of the air and interpreting it live. The main drawback has been background noise interfering with what the teacher is saying. We now have the possibility of pairing this same technology with Audio Enhancement teacher microphones. So, this is something that we are hoping to explore.

Libraries

Brackets are set, and students are furiously reading for the Battle of the Books. Competitions will begin in January. This year we are looking at, and developing, some innovative practice strategies for OBOB. For example, we are planning to use the Kahoot! platform to test students of their knowledge of the books and give them opportunities to practice answering questions before the matches begin.

I would like to give a big shoutout to Danette Prindle who continues to find fun ways to encourage reading at MHES. This past month they celebrated National Nonfiction Month with a fun incentive for students who checked out nonfiction books.

I would also like to acknowledge all our library assistants for their decorating skills. Here is a Christmas display at UHS and a creative snowman at CVI.



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

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