

English Learner Parent Advisory Council Meeting

May 3, 2023

10-11 AM on Zoom

6-7:30 PM at the

Boys and Girls Club



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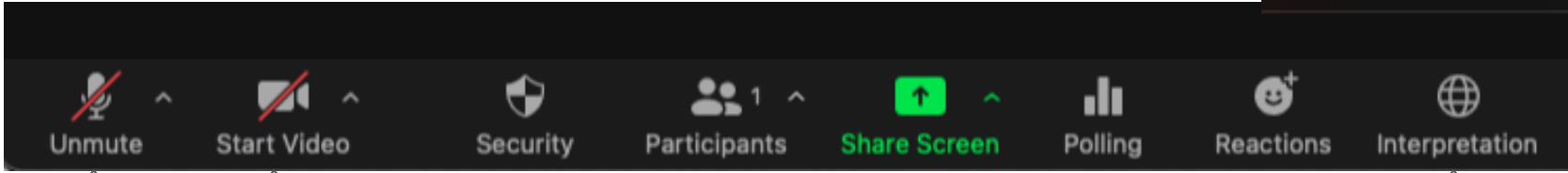
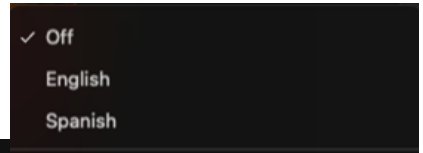
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Introductions



District Team

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What is ELPAC?

English Learner Parent Advisory Council

For parents/guardians of:

- Current English learners
- Former English learners

To advise the district and School Committee on matters that pertain to English learners.



Read more about ELPACs:

- [DESE's ELPAC resources](#)
- [WPS' ELPAC webpage](#)

Our Meeting Goals

- Review information about multilingual education programs
- Share information about diverse summer programs and events
- Share feedback on this year and share ideas for next year



Multilingual Education
in the
Worcester Public Schools

The WPS Office of Multilingual Education is driven by the following:



Mission



To advance equity and excellence in the education of multilingual learners in the Worcester Public Schools.

Vision



All learners will excel academically, develop multilingualism, embrace diverse identities, and civically engage in local and global communities.

Values



- **Asset-Based Approaches:** We acknowledge and integrate the diverse linguistic and cultural practices of multilingual learners, families, and communities as essential for education.
- **Equity:** We pursue policies and practices that ensure equitable educational opportunities for multilingual learners.
- **Collaboration:** We partner with students, families, communities, and colleagues to fulfill our collective responsibility.
- **Professionalism:** We commit to high standards of excellence and professional growth to strengthen our practices and programs.

Who are our multilingual learners?



We have more than 25,000 students.

14,753 students speak a language other than English at home.

8,169 students speak Spanish.

1,619 students speak Portuguese.

4,965 students speak more than 70 other languages.

4,862 students were born outside of the United States.

Our students were born in more than 100 countries.

Our most frequently spoken languages are...

- English
- Spanish
- Portuguese
- Twi
- Vietnamese
- Arabic
- Albanian
- Swahili
- Nepali
- French
- Haitian Creole

*Data is current as of May 2, 2023.



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"Languages are how we communicate, and they are inextricably linked to our cultures, histories and identity"

- UN Secretary-General
António Guterres



What programs does WPS offer for MLs?



Programs in English

- Sheltered English Immersion
- Sheltered English Immersion for Students with Limited and Interrupted Formal Education (SLIFE)

Programs in English and Spanish

- Dual Language
- Transitional Bilingual Education

All Multilingual Education Program options include ESL instruction for ELs through an ELD class (secondary) or pull-out, push-in, or co-teaching (elementary).

World Language: The district also offers World Language classes in grades 7-12 for heritage speakers (including ELs and non-ELs) and students learning a new language. Currently, we offer Spanish, French, Latin, and American Sign Language.

For more on
MLE
programs,
check out
our
information
sheet and
DESE's ELE
webpage.

Legal Rights of Parents/Guardians

Parents/guardians of ELs have the right to:

- choose a multilingual education program among those offered by the district;
- visit a multilingual education program in the district;
- attend available meetings to learn more about the multilingual education programs offered in the district;
- request a new multilingual education program in accordance with state law; and,
- withdraw their child from a multilingual education program.



Diverse Summer Programs



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Dr. Monárrez Welcome Message and Entry Plan

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"Recent News"
section on
the WPS webpage
(<https://worcesterschools.org/>) for
updates.



From Here, Anywhere... Together

WPS Summer Programs for All Elementary Students



- **Elementary Summer School Registration**

- Open to students entering grades 1- 6 at any WPS school
- Located at Canterbury, Chandler Elementary, Clark Street, Columbus Park, Elm Park, City View, Columbus Park, Elm Park, Goddard, Grafton Street, Heard Street, Jacob Hiatt, Lakeview, May Street, Midland Street, Quinsigamond, Roosevelt, Vernon Hill, and Woodland
- Runs June 26-July 20, 8 AM-12 PM or 9 AM-1 PM

- **Worcester Arts Explorers Camp**

- Open to students entering grades 4-6 at any WPS school
- Located at Nelson Place Elementary School
- 3 camp sessions
 - Session 1: July 10-14, 9 AM-1 PM
 - Session 2: July 17-21, 9 AM-1 PM
 - Session 3: July 23-28, 9 AM-1 PM

- **Robotics Summer Camp**

- Open to students entering grades 4-6 at any WPS school
- Located at Nelson Place Elementary School
- 2 camp sessions
 - Session 1: July 10-14, 9 AM-1 PM
 - Session 2: July 17-21, 9 AM-1 PM



WPS Summer Programs for All Secondary Students



- **Middle School Summer Courses**

- Open to all current middle school students
- English language arts, Science, Math, Physical Education, and Social Skills
- Special Education and ESL support provided
- Located at each middle school
- June 26-July 20, Monday to Thursday, 8 AM- 12 PM or 9 AM - 1 PM
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided
- Transportation will be provided, if eligible

- **High School Summer Courses**

- Open to all current high school students who need to recover courses
- Special Education and ESL support provided
- Located at each high school
- June 26-July 20, Monday to Thursday, 8 AM- 12 PM or 9 AM - 1 PM
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided
- Transportation will be provided, if eligible



WPS Summer Programs for Multilingual Learners



- **Secondary ESL and College and Career Readiness Summer Program @ QCC**
 - Students currently in grades 9-11
- **Middle School ESL @ Claremont Academy**
 - Students currently in grades 7 and 8
- **Secondary Spanish Math @ Claremont Academy**
 - Students currently in grades 7-11
- **Bilingual Elementary @ Flagg Street**
 - Students currently in Kindergarten through grade 6 in a TBE or Dual Language Program
- **NCC Elementary Program @ Clark Street**
 - Students currently enrolled in the NCC Elementary Program



Click [here](#) for an overview of all of these programs.

Announcing
**4TH ANNUAL
EMBRACING MULTILINGUALISM**

Conference



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A Joyful &
Just
Education
for
Multilingual
Learners



Keynote Speaker
JULIANA URTUBEY
2021 NATIONAL
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

AUGUST
23, 2023
8:00-3:00
South High
School

Author & Illustrator
YUYI MORALES
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Worcester Public Schools, Office of Multilingual Education



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A special workshop for families of DL and TBE students will be provided at this conference. More information will be available this summer.

Diverse Summer Programs and Events



City of Worcester and
Community Partners

ACE Summer Programs



Summer Programs 2023

Summer Reading Program



Students grades 3 -12

July 10 – August 4

Monday – Thursday, Noon – 4:30 pm

Students will work on completing their WPS summer reading requirement and much more!

- Read, think, write, and have fun with books
- Play sports, games, and computers
- ROBOTICS!
- Make art
- Field trips!
- Lunch served
- Fun for all!

Workforce Development Program

Students grades 10 -12

July 10 – August 4

Monday – Thursday, 10 am-Noon

Students will explore the job application process with the goal of a summer job.

- Produce resume and cover letter
- Practice completing applications
- Practice interviewing skills
- Learn about finding jobs, apply for jobs
- Breakfast and lunch served
- Field trips!



African
Community
Education

The Worcester Public Schools is not responsible for, or connected with, any aspect of this program and participation is the sole decision and responsibility of the parent/guardian.

See [ACE webpage](#) for more information.

ACE Africa Day 2023



PRESENTS

AFRICA DAY 2023 *"AFRICA IS NOT A COUNTRY"*

Africa Day is an annual commemoration of the foundation of the Organisation of African Unity, now known as the African Union.

To help broaden ACE students' knowledge of the African continent and connection to their cultures, ACE hosts this special program each year. We invite you to join us!

Part 1: Student showcase

Saturday, May 20 | 10:30 AM – 2 PM
ACE | 51 Gage St

Join us in person or remotely to hear presentations from ACE students covering the social, political, economic, and cultural backgrounds of various African countries!

Lunch included!



Part 2: Panel of Experts

Wednesday, May 25 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM
EcoTarium | 222 Harrington Way

Join us in person or remotely for a livestreamed panel of experts providing insight into African heritage, cultures, values, challenges, and prospects.

The event is FREE to attend but we ask that you register so we can send you event details and get an accurate headcount!

SCAN OR VISIT URL TO
LEARN MORE & REGISTER:

donate.acechildren.org/AfricaDay2023



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Cultural Exchange Through Soccer



Cultural Exchange Through Soccer
invites you to our
SPRING CELEBRATION

MAY 20TH
10AM-2PM

Elm Park Community School Field
Corner of John & West Streets

Join CETS and our growing family in a spring celebration with...

Soccer, food, music and more!

Cassie  413-212-4498  cgiardina@worchester.org



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Recreation Worcester Summer Camp



The City of
WORCESTER
Division of Youth Opportunities

**RECREATION
WORCESTER
SUMMER CAMP**

**JULY 3 TO
AUGUST 11**

Mon-Fri, 9:00am - 5:00pm

FREE!

**Burncoat St. Playground
Logan Field
Greenwood Park
South Worcester Playground
(Harry Sherry Field)
East Park**

Arts, academic,
and athletics
activities
for kids
ages 7-13

**Food is
provided!**

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**USE YOUR
PHONE
CAMERA TO
REGISTER
ONLINE**



For more information, please contact youth@worcesterma.gov



Click [here](#) to register.

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Worcester Public Library Event



Worcester Family Partnership **Resource Night**

with the *Worcester Public Library*



Summer Reading
is here!



Tuesday, MAY 9th, 2023
6 – 7pm on Zoom



<https://worcesterschools.zoom.us/j/89075074803?pwd=NWNOaGhINOcyd2hlamhNOtxWHJXUT09>

Meeting ID: 890 7507 4803 Passcode WFP1234

Hear from the Worcester Public Library all about their 2023 Summer Library Fest! We'll talk about the Summer Reading Parties that will start us off, tons of fun programs and events for all ages, our reading challenge (Kids vs. Adults!) and the downtown Block Party to end up the summer! With a theme *Find Your Voice*, there will be something for everyone at the library this summer. **All free and designed for the community...you belong here!**

<https://worcesterschools.org/worcester-family-partnership>

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Click [here](#) to access this flyer.

Summer Festivals and Events in Worcester



- **Main South CDC's University Park Concert Series**
 - First event on May 10, 6-7:30 PM, Manolo Mairena y La Pura Vida
 - Additional concerts on May 17, 24, and 31 @ University Park
- **Albanian Festival**
 - June 2-4 @ St. Mary's Church
- **Worcester Middle Eastern Fest**
 - June 9-11 @ St. George Orthodox Cathedral
- **Black Heritage - Juneteenth Festival**
 - June 17, 12-8 PM @ Institute Park
- **SEACMA 20th Annual Asian Festival**
 - June 18, 12-5 PM @ Worcester State University
- **Annual African Community Education Festival**
 - June 24 @ 51 Gage Street
- **Independence Day Celebration**
 - June 29 @ East Park
- **George Street Bike Challenge for Major Taylor**
 - July 23, 10 AM @ Main and George Street
- **Latin American Festival**
 - August (date TBD) @ Worcester Common
- **Worcester Caribbean American Carnival**
 - August 27 @ Institute Park



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Family Perspectives

Feedback from You



1. What went well for your child in Worcester Public Schools this year?
2. What are your hopes for next year?
3. Is there anything else you would like to share or ask?

Our Appreciation

Thank you to our community partners who participated in our ELPAC meetings this year!



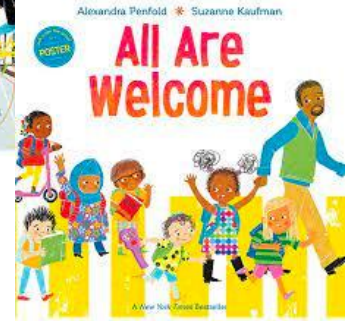
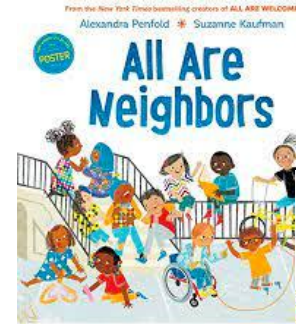
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LATINO EDUCATION INSTITUTE



[Community Partner Contact Information](#)



Thank you to Monano for our children's activities tonight!!



Thank you to our hosts!!



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Thank you to Garden Fresh!



Contact Information



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Thank you for
joining us tonight.
We look forward to seeing
you next year.

-The MLE Team



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