

POCONO MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT ESL NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER 2024

CREC

The beginning of a new school year is always an exciting time for The CREC ESL teachers. We look forward to meeting our new students and families. We also enjoy rekindling our relationships with our continuing students and their families.

Team CREC is committed to helping our English Language Learners achieve proficiency in the areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Let's make it an awesome school year!

Mrs. Toussaint and Mrs. Cummings



TEC

Hello TEC, my name is Ms. Karyn Yarashas and I teach ESL at TEC. I enjoy working at TEC and meeting all of my students. I am always supporting my students and working with them to be successful students. I also look forward to meeting the parents and learning about their cultures. We have a great supportive, friendly, and positive learning environment at TEC. TEC is the place to be!

SEC

Our ESL team at SEC is incredibly passionate about providing comprehensive instruction in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in English. We utilize various methods, such as in-class support, NES support, and teacher coaching, to ensure that each student receives tailored support. Our teamwork is the cornerstone of creating exceptional experiences for our students at SEC! We look forward to a wonderful school year!

Mrs. Reilly, Mrs. McGee, and Mrs. Klem



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CRIS

Welcome students and parents to another great school year at Clear Run Intermediate School. Mrs. Haggerty, Mrs. Garrett & Mrs. Brundage work collaboratively with classroom teachers to ensure the success of our ESL students. We also provide pull out support for our non English speaking students. We are excited about the Amplify reading program and the success our students will have with it. The 24-25 school year here at Clear Run Intermediate School is off to a great start!



SIS

Welcome back students and parents! Mrs. Bonczewski and Mrs. Klem are so excited to be working with our English Language Learners this year at SIS! We love supporting our students by helping them every step of the way throughout their English language proficiency journey! We can't wait to see the progress and success that you will make throughout the year! "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose"!

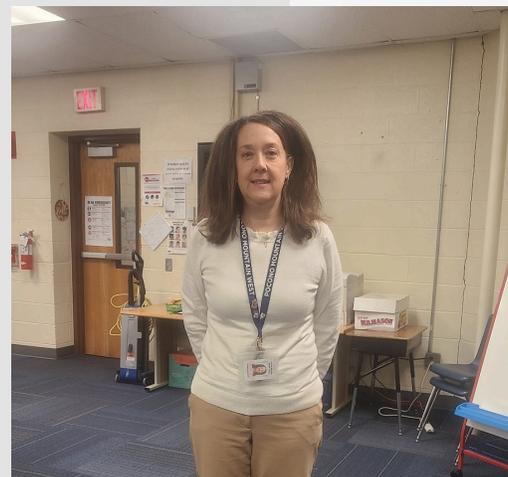


TEC

Parents and students, I am very excited to be in my second year as an ESL teacher at Tobyhanna Elementary Center. I look forward to working collaboratively with teachers to meet the needs of my ESL students. Tobyhanna Elementary Center is a wonderful learning environment for all students. I am very proud to be part of the ESL team at Tobyhanna Elementary Center.

Thank you for your kindness and support!

Mrs. Brundage



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EJHS AND EHS

Welcome back to the 24-25 school year! I continue to teach at both the East Junior High School and East High School covering grades 7-12!!!! We will continue to master the English language while exploring the English Language Arts curriculum, novels, and reading excerpts. There are a couple new apps to use this school year, too! We'll be participating in many fun building programs - East Side Pride! And, parents, we will be using TalkingPoints for communication - please download the App! Please, feel free to send me messages! Happy to help!

Ms. M Mascia



WJHS

I have been teaching EL students for 20 years. I am passionate about helping my students feel welcome, getting acclimated to their new “home”, and learning the English language. I am an advocate for my students and their families. I am always so proud of my students’ determination and accomplishments. I look forward to an exciting school year!

Ms. Marrazzo :O)



CYBER

This is my 25th year of teaching and I’ve spent 21 of them teaching English Learners. My students and their families become part of my own family. I will always do whatever it takes to make them feel welcome, accepted, and successful.

Mrs. Murphy



What is ACCESS for ELLs?

ACCESS for ELLs is an English language proficiency test that measures students' academic English language skills.

Your child was identified as an ELL, which means your child can have instruction in English, in addition to taking other classes. ELLs take an English language proficiency test every year.

Testing helps teachers understand whether students have the language skills they need to fully participate in the classroom. Your child's teachers use ACCESS for ELLs test scores as they decide how best to teach your child.

Test scores also help teachers track your child's progress in learning academic English and help schools decide what English language support services to provide. You can use test information to advocate for your child at school.



ELL

An English language learner, or ELL, is a student who has the opportunity to receive instruction in English, in addition to taking other classes. ELLs are tested every year to help teachers understand their language skills, but you have the right to accept or decline language support.

Language Proficiency

A language proficiency level is a measurement of where students are in the ongoing process of building language skills. When students reach the highest levels of language proficiency, they no longer need language support services.

**TESTING DATES:
January 13, 2025-February 28, 2025**