# ENL DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER















New ELLs at Gates Chili Middle School

## Welcome New Spartans!

Our ENL family has continued to grow over the summer, and we are excited to welcome new Spartans to our district and program. We have found that these new students not only learn a lot from us, but we learn from them, too!

Paul Rd. School is fortunate to welcome quite a few newcomers to the building this year! Ali and Djenab Diaoune arrived to us from the west African country of Guinea. As a former part of French West Africa and a part of the French colonial empire for over 100 years, the language of instruction at school continues to be French. Ali and Djenab spoke Malinke at home so English is now their third

language, making them trilingual! Bon travail!

The Saleh family (Yasser-K, Wafa-5th, Ahlam-7th, Salma-8th) are very excited to be back at Gates Chili after spending a few years back home in Yemen. Salma and Ahlam were both Disney Dragons six years ago! We also welcomed the Shaibi family (Muthana-8th, Maimuna-9th, and Mohamed-11th), who moved to Greece from Yemen in March 2021.

The Mohamed Yunus family (Muhammad-10th, Hamidah-7th, and Illias-6th) moved from Malaysia to the city of Rochester in 2016, then to Gates this summer. Another new 7th grader, Yariel Maldonado Rivera moved to New York from Puerto Rico this summer. Twelfth grader Nhi Phu moved to the U.S. from Vietnam in 2017. She previously attended Canandaigua Academy before joining us at Gates Chili High School this fall.

Want to learn more about the homelands of your students? Check out this great resource from our libraries!





# ENL Summer Programs

Elementary Program - This summer 22 English Language Learners at the elementary level came to the summer program. Our goals were to have fun while building relationships with each other. We learned English using the arts and fun projects like creating emojis and a class flag. Students enjoyed singing, reading books, playing with friends, and eating school breakfast and lunch every day. We had 12 fun-filled mornings together!

Secondary Program- Our secondary ENL summer program was held at the Middle School and included around seventeen students in grades 6-11. Students learned about the engineering design process by engaging in hands-on projects, such as building and testing bridges, boats, airplanes, and roller coasters. Students had the opportunity to learn about careers in STEM fields and enjoyed talking and collaborating with their peers throughout the process. Our ELLs were excited to come each day and learn something new!



#### You're Invited!

The ENL department, along with our students, are excited to host our annual ENL picnic again this year! Our ENL picnic provides a wonderful opportunity for our students, families, and teachers to meet and share their culture through food and fashion. Students look forward to this event every year, and we cannot wait to see all our students and families at Lion's Park on October 7th. Please feel free to join us from 5-7pm to support our ENL family!



## Want to Know More!

The ENL department maintains <u>ELL</u> <u>Profiles</u> for each ELL where you can find their English language proficiency levels, information about how to communicate best with parents, testing accommodations, and links for downloading bilingual glossaries for your content area.

There is also an <u>ENL Handbook</u> where you can find answers to many questions, as well as directions for the over-the-phone language service, Propio.

If you teach ELLs, you can bookmark these links for easy access. If you have any questions, please let us know.