

ENL DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER



Our Graduating ELLS

Congratulations to the Class of 2023! The ENL department is so proud of our current and former ELLs who will be graduating this month.

Congratulations to:

Sabha Abdeldayem
Gustavo Acebal-Vargas
Yousef Alwishah
Kenisha Chonge
Nahiara Cruz-Matos
Sali Humaid
Zakaria Humaid
Nghì Le
Phuong Hong Nguyen
Vinh Nguyen
Emanuel Quintana
Gabryella Rodriguez Machado
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Gabryella Rodriguez Machado, Nghì Le, and Phuong Nguyen will also be graduating with their Seal of Biliteracy! Gabryella earned her Seal of Biliteracy for demonstrating proficiency in both English and Spanish, while Nghì and Phuong earned the Seal for English and their home language, Vietnamese.



Michel enjoyed attending the ENL Summer Program

Congratulations Michel Lin!

Graduating as the valedictorian of the senior class of 2023 is former ELL, Michel Lin. Michel was part of the ENL program in elementary school. During his time at Gates Chili High School, Michel enjoyed participating in a club called Masterminds. This is a competitive trivia club between schools. Michel plans to study optical engineering at the University of Rochester in the fall.



Gabryella, Nghì, and Phuong receiving their Seal of Biliteracy



7th Grader, Jal Nhial, showing off cat scratchers made by students

SERVICE PROJECT

Throughout the year, English Language Learners at the middle school engaged in a service project with Lollypop Farm. In the fall, a speaker from Lollypop Farm talked with students about what services and programs they offer. Each month after school, ENL students gathered in Mrs. Muscarella's classroom to work on creating cat toys and cat scratchers to donate to the farm. Mr. Starbird's high school technology class assisted middle school students by providing materials and a sample cat scratcher. In addition, students in Ms. Zisis's and Mrs. Whitford's ENL classes wrote adoption letters for some of the animals at Lollypop Farm.

Our partnership culminated in a spring visit to the farm. Students toured the facility and saw animals such as cats, turtles, rabbits, and horses. We ended our visit with a picnic lunch in the park. When we returned, students wrote thank you notes to our tour guide.

FUN EVENTS

On Tuesday, June 6 ELLs from Neil Armstrong School traveled to Springdale Farm. Students enjoyed an exciting morning seeing farm animals and spending time playing on the playground with friends. Also, there was a fun pizza lunch outside catered by DJ's Pizzeria in Spencerport.



Middle and High school students gathered at Lion's Park on Friday, June 9, for our annual Secondary ENL picnic! Students, families, and staff enjoyed food from various cultures and students spent time playing basketball, soccer, and our traditional water balloon toss.

Save the date for our Fall K-12 ENL picnic on Thursday, October 5 at Lion's Park!

