

The Spanish School

St. Louis Language Immersion Schools

Quote of the week

All children have creative power.
Brenda Ueland

Todos los niños tienen el poder creativo.
 Brenda Ueland

Pensamiento de la semana

2nd annual Immersion Celebration!

What is the Immersion Celebration?

Immersion Celebration is the event in which Saint Louis Language Immersion Schools acknowledges every student that has achieved the completion of the first eighteen months in our immersion program.

Due to this praiseworthy accomplishment, The Spanish School organizes a great event, in which our children receive a certificate and our full support and encouragement to continue in the pursuit of success in local and global education.

During the event our Founder Director, Rhonda Broussard and Head of School, Arlene Galve, express words of happiness and gratitude to all the parents that have trusted your most valuable treasures, your children education.

Along with the ceremony, refreshments and music are available to enjoy this unforgettable moment in our children's lives.

Students should wear the formal uniform.

Let us enjoy this event and thank you for allowing us to be part of your children's growing experience.

Dates to remember:

- Feb 1-Lost & Found clean up day
- Feb 2- Recess- Parents' observations
- Feb 2-3- FREE vision and hearing screening for all students
- Feb 2-3- PYP Consultant from Mexico City
- Feb 3- Friday Assembly KA (KA parents are invited to attend-9:00-9:20am)
- Feb 3- Immersion Celebration (students who completed the first 18 months at SLLIS)
- Feb 9- SAC meeting- 6-7pm (Lisa Dorner will coordinate donation-based childcare for this event)
- Feb 17- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Feb 23- Pilot Program-Race and Diversity conversation for 2C class
- Feb 24-Buenos Dias Familia- 7:30-8:15am -Topic--Recess

English Language Art class in 2nd grade

Starting this February, I will have the pleasure of teaching the 2nd grade English Language Arts (ELA) class. My name is Angela Layton and I'm originally from LaGrange, GA (a small town about an hour from Atlanta). Before moving here to St. Louis, I received my M.A. in applied linguistics and teaching English as a second language from Georgia State University. Then I moved to Istanbul, Turkey and taught English as a second language (ESL) at Koç University for two years.

Three years ago, I moved to St. Louis with my husband and began doctoral studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis under the direction of Dr. Lisa Dorner. Dr. Dorner introduced me to The Spanish School when it opened in 2009 and I eagerly became involved as an after-school book club volunteer and later as an ESL volunteer teacher. My research interests include immersion and bilingual education as well as bilingual children's writing development.

My goal this year is to help students as much as possible on their journey to becoming great readers and writers. I am very excited to be the 2nd grade ELA teacher and I look forward to meeting with you throughout the year.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

I look forward to teaching your children and hope to meet with you soon.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Angela Layton

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LOST AND FOUND—FEBRUARY 1st

Families, please check the LOST and FOUND before the Feb. 1st clean out. All remaining items will be bagged and stored in basement until conferences and made available to our school families on a FREE table for non-uniform items and a free will donation for uniform items. What ever remains at that point will be taken to charity. Thank you

HELP US TO HELP YOU!!

From the voice and experience of Christopher Barker
Music and PE teacher /Traffic and Crossing Guard

These are all issues that I have noticed in both the morning and the afternoon on Papin Street. Some of these concerns apply to the afternoon, but the morning seems to be the most difficult. On most days traffic builds up frequently and the general safety of students and families seems compromised.

Problems with drop off/pick up:

-Some drivers are still doing U-turns on Papin in front of the school. They are often fast maneuvers and seem dangerous with so many children getting out of cars and crossing the street.

-Drivers are parking their cars near the back door of the school (closer to Vandeventer) and getting out to walk the children to the door. This leads to more congestion and more drivers double parking in order to leave children right at the gate.

-Some drivers have been double parking on Papin in order to let the children out of the car. This also leads to more congestion in the street.

-Children are not crossing Papin with the teacher at the designated crossing zone (directly across from the gate). Children that get out of cars that pull up on the Commerce side of Papin should go to where the teacher with the stop sign is situated. Random crossings add to the congestion and also seem dangerous.

-Drivers are parking and waiting in their cars for long periods of time. This makes it difficult for other cars to park and for children to get out.

-Drivers are frequently blocking the bus parking spots. Again, this leads to a lot of congestion.

These are my observations. It is hard to tell what exactly would make the drop off run more smoothly, but some parents I have talked with seem willing and understanding when it comes to following basic safety/driving rules.

Hopefully we can all work together to make Papin Street and the SLLIS campus a safer place!

You are invited!

We invite you to a special event for the parents of your student's class, **Fatima's 2C class**. As part of SLLIS's pilot program focusing on race and diversity, we invite you to participate in the second conversation about race and how it impacts our kids. Even if you were unable to make the first meeting, we invite you to join us this time.

Dinner will be provided.

Childcare (\$5.00 donation)

The program will be held on Thursday, February 23, from 5:30-7:30 pm at SLLIS. Please confirm your attendance with Fatima or Ines at fatima@sllis.org, or if you have questions please contact us at [314.533.0975](tel:314.533.0975).

We will see you at this mandatory event on the 23rd!

Usted está invitado!

Le invitamos a un evento especial para los padres la clase de **Prof. Fátima 2C**. Como parte del programa piloto de SLLIS de centrado en la raza y la diversidad, le invitamos a participar en la segunda conversación sobre la raza y su impacto en nuestros hijos. Incluso si usted no pudo hacer la primera reunión, le invitamos a unirse a nosotros en este momento.

Ofreceremos cena

Cuidado de niños (\$5.00 donación)

El programa se llevará a cabo el jueves, 23 de febrero de 5:30-7:30 pm en SLLIS. Por favor confirmar su asistencia con Fátima o Inés en fatima@sllis.org o si usted tiene preguntas póngase en contacto con nosotros en el 314.533.0975.