

EL/DL NEWSLETTER

APRIL '23

❁ WELCOME BACK FROM SPRING BREAK ! ❁

Welcome back Team! We hope you've had a terrific vacation.

We are all looking forward to the final quarter of the year, with all the excitement it brings, and the great things we will achieve by providing a variety of educational and leadership opportunities for all our EL students.

Each day, we strive to implement excellence and equitable practices in our classrooms through rigorous and relevant 3Ls instruction for each of our students.

Enjoy the rest of your Spring Break!



⚓ SPRING REMINDERS ⚓

***New students:** continue to check your roster weekly on PS to see if any new students have enrolled at your school (even if they are transferring from another GCS school). If you have new students, check their scores and/or administer the Screener Test as needed and update their PNCFs, upload the ROA to your school's data folder and let Beth and Doreen know.

***Classroom physical environment:** make sure your classroom has a 3Ls Wall displaying the EQ/FQ, standards, Word Play, Juicy Sentences, Linguistic Frames, etc. For ideas, please [look at](#) the pictures of

3Ls classrooms we have collected over the years.

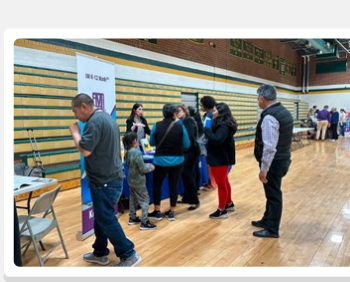
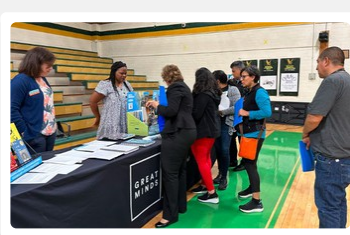
***Juicy Sentence Play:** should be done interactively by using sentence strips/ adding machine tape., etc. Students should tear the sentences up and “play with” (manipulate) the different sentence chunks.

***Student Portfolios** :please continue to collect dated, student work samples each quarter to show students' growth over time.



High-Quality Instructional Materials Review for Middle School ELA for EL Parents Night

Last week , our EL families and community members had the opportunity to review four High-Quality Instructional Materials for ELA in grades 6th-8th. The English Learners department in collaboration with Guilford Parent Academy hosted the EL Parent Representative meeting on Monday, April 3rd. Attendees consisted of families and community partners, and EL students participated in activities and crafts. Families and community partners reviewed instructional resources for Math and English Language Arts. They were able to ask questions, peruse the materials, and provide feedback. A wonderful opportunity to hear the voice of our EL parents.



Free English Classes for Parents

Since 2015, Real World English has operated as a partnership between the UNCG School of Education and GCS, offering free English and computer literacy classes to adult refugees and immigrants who want to improve their reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. Teachers include UNCG faculty and EL teachers from Guilford County Schools.

This program meets the practical needs of adult refugees and immigrants by providing a safe space



families would like to take free, in person English classes on Saturday mornings from 9 AM to 12 , please [register here](#).

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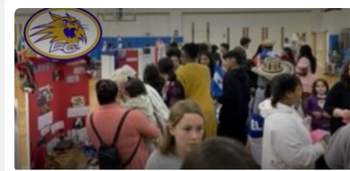
📋 Become a National Board-Certified Teacher 📋

EL teachers can get certified in English as a New Language/Early and Middle Childhood (Ages 3-12) or English as a New Language/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood (Ages 11-18+). The registration window opens in the summer and ends at the of February of each year .Explore [this link](#) for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Vanina Hackett at hacketm@gcsnc.com.

📷 IN THE SPOTLIGHT 📷



**Multicultural Day
at Pearce
Elementary (Click
the photo to see the
reel)**



**Multicultural Night
at Eastern Middle
(Click the photo to
see the video)**



**EL Professional
Development
Workshop at
Sedgefield
Elementary (Click
the photo to see the
reel)**

🧑🏿💻.FREE Virtual Intro to American Sign Language Course for Spanish Speaking Families 🧑🏿💻.

FREE Virtual Course for Spanish Speaking Families and Parents of Children Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing .Instruction for this course will be presented in ASL and Spanish only.

Please share this with our families! More [information here](#) (English and Spanish)



BEGINNINGS for Parents of Children Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing is providing a FREE Virtual Introduction to American Sign Language (ASL) course for Spanish Speaking Families who live in North Carolina!



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GPA WELCOMES YOU
TO OUR

**TITLE I
ANNUAL
FAMILY
SUMMIT**
#bettertogether

SATURDAY

APRIL 22, 2023
9:30 AM- 3:00 PM

Ragsdale High School
1000 Lucy Ragsdale Dr
Jamestown
NC 27282

**LUNCH & CHILDCARE
PROVIDED**

**Free Family Event
Door Prizes
Yoga**

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Registration is required for childcare
Registration deadline is April 16th

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The logo for Guilford County Schools, featuring a blue sun icon and the text 'GUILFORD County Schools' and 'GUILFORD PARENT ACADEMY'.

A photograph of the exterior of Ragsdale High School, a modern brick building with large glass windows and a sign that reads 'RAGSDALE HIGH SCHOOL'.

Student Panel Keynote
"My Voice is Vital"

Break Out Sessions:

- Transitioning to Middle/ High School
- Anti-Bullying & Digital Safety
- Navigating Tutoring
- GCS Budget Process
- Advocating for Your Child
- Literacy & Math
- Wellness at Home
- Using PowerSchool & more

The logo for Wylie's gourmet, featuring the text 'Wylie's gourmet' in a stylized font with a green fork icon, and 'CAFE AND DESSERTS' below it.

Guilford Parent Academy will host its annual Family Summit .Join GPA on Sat, April 22, 9:30am-3pm at Ragsdale High School.. The event will begin with a Student Panel Keynote, "My Voice is Vital," followed by break-out sessions. This FREE event includes lunch and childcare. [Register here.](#)

Did You Know ? ?

All certified employees with an NCEdCloud account have free ISTE (International Society for Technology and Education) membership thanks to a partnership between NCDPI and ISTE. Your membership provides you with access to webinars, valuable resources, conference information, and networking opportunities. To utilize your free membership you will go to Clever > NCEdCloud > ISTE membership.



Free Online Mental Health Resources to Employees

GCS is using federal relief funds to provide additional mental health support to all GCS teachers and staff. These online services, provided by E-Therapy, are confidential and at no cost to staff for the remainder of this school year.

To sign up, email Colleen at E-Therapy directly at colleen.m@electronic-therapy.com. Let Colleen know which school you are from and that you would like confidential counseling services.

Services are available Monday through Saturday. Appointment times are determined by staff availability and can be provided during evening hours as needed. Learn more [here](#).

 **SAVE THE DATE!** 



**BILINGUAL, IMMIGRANT, AND
REFUGEE EDUCATION
DIRECTORS MEETING**

**SAVE THE
DATE**

**MAY 2-6,
2023**

LOCATION:

**GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT
MARRIOTT AIRPORT HOTEL
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**

[👉 DPI Opportunities 👈](#)

The NCDPI ML/Title III Team has designed a series of professional learning opportunities in collaboration with other content area consultants .

[👉 Check out what's happening in our school district! 👈](#)

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