



"The fascination of learning a new tongue means ... above all, entering its culture. Because culture is where the dictionary ends and where we find real meaning, crossing over into the life and world of another people." - from an article by C.J. Moore in *The International Herald-Tribune*, Jan. 2005

MISSION & VISION OF THE WORLD LANGUAGE NETWORK

- To support K-12 world-language learning and literacy and multicultural enrichment curricula, programs and activities, especially in the public schools;
- To work with community members and cultural groups to facilitate language learning opportunities and multicultural enrichment programs and events;
- To serve as a resource center for the teaching and learning of world languages and cultures.

The World Language Network works to increase awareness of the value of language learning early in life and the importance of family involvement and public education in building literacy in languages other than English in the U.S.

Research shows that learning a language other than the one spoken at home:

- **Has a positive effect on intellectual growth;**
- **Enriches and enhances the cognitive development of children and adults;**
- **Enriches and enhances children's proficiency and understanding of their native language;**
- **Increases job opportunities.**
- **Is challenging and fun!**

You are invited to join the World Language Network in our mission to help children and families prepare for their future in an increasingly diverse and globally interdependent society.

WORLD LANGUAGE NETWORK BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2006

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WORLD LANGUAGE NETWORK

PROGRAM AREAS FOR 2006

K-12 Language Curriculum Support & Enrichment

Language-Learning Resource Collection & Publication

"Cultural Bridges" Language & Cultural Exchanges

¡Hola Arlington!/¡Hola Amigos! Community Access Cable TV Show

Sponsorship of Regional Language & Culture Events

Yahoo Discussion Group
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All members of the community are invited to become volunteers or to contribute funds to the programs of the World Language Network. Call 800-879-5693 or info@worldlanguagenetwork.org.



SUPPORTING WORLD LANGUAGE LEARNING & CULTURAL EXCHANGE

¡Hola! Mirëdita **Γειά σου**
Dia dhuit **Здравствуйте**
Вітаю Merhaba
שלום עליכם Góðan
Daginn **안녕하세요**
Здравей / Здравсти
Jambo **今日は 南無**
Greetings! Dobry den **您好**
Guten Tag **ବୌଦ୍ଧ** Bunā Zia
السلام عليكم **नमस्ते**

Discovering the World in Arlington



Ottoson 7th grader Jiaorui shows Aidan some magic tricks from China at their first meeting.

Launched in May 2006, the Family Partnerships Program (FPP) represents an exciting new collaboration between the Arlington Public Schools, the World Language Network (WLN), and the Robbins and Fox libraries. The aim of the FPP is to match local families “one-on-one” with families from other countries for cultural exchange and language learning. Some of the international families have arrived recently; others have

been here for a few years. FPP is funded in part by the DOE Quality Full Day Kindergarten Grant and is Part of the Cultural Bridges program area of the World Language Network.

The relationships kindled by the Family Partnerships Program help international children and their families acclimate to their new schools and provide priceless opportunities for cultural exchange for both sides of the partnerships.

Since the FPP began, partner families have been meeting for language lessons, tours of Arlington, game nights, playground fun, and homemade dinners featuring global cuisines. Several have gone on day trips to family destinations in the Boston area. All have discovered that they have a great deal to offer each other.

Please contact the FPP liaison at your school or the WLN if you would like to participate in the Family Partnerships Program.



Elizabeth Victor of the LEX Language Project and her nephew enjoy “Games around the World” at the Fox Library.

THINKING GLOBALLY, LEARNING LOCALLY

Arlington Community Education: AHS, 869 Mass. Ave., Arlington, MA; 781-316-3568; arlingtoncommunityed.org. Adult and afterschool children’s classes include English (ESL), French, Italian, Spanish.

Belmont Community Education: 644 Pleasant Street, Belmont, MA 02478; 617-484-4110; belmont.k12.ma.us/education. ESL, Mandarin, French, Italian, Spanish.

Boston Center for Adult Education: 5 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02116; 617- 267-4430; bcae.org. Arabic, ESL, Mandarin, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish.

Cambridge Center for Adult Education: 42 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA; 617-547-6789; ccaec.org. Arabic, ESL, Chinese, French, Portuguese, Spanish.

Harvard Extension School: 51 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA 02138; 617-495-4024; extension.harvard.edu. Languages offered range Arabic to Turkish, taught in a fairly structured style.

LEX Language Project: 68 Leonard Street, Belmont, MA; 617-489-5800; lexlrf.org. Learn more than **seven** languages at once at fun family sessions - amazingly, it works!

Lexington Community Education: 251 Waltham Street, Lexington, MA. 781-862-8043; lexingtoncommunityed.org. Languages include ESL, French and Spanish.

World Language Network Resource Database

The World Language Network is building a resource database featuring a wide range of resources and links for individuals and teachers. Visit www.worldlanguagenetwork.org.

ONLINE LEARNING

Awesome Library

Links to more than 70 world languages from Native American, English (ESL) to Klingon, on the web at awesomelibrary.org/Classroom/English/Languages/Languages.

BBC Languages

One of the best for web-based language learning at bbc.co.uk/languages, offering introductory online video courses and many other language nuggets.

Say Hello to the World

Visit ipl.org/div/kidspage/hello for basic vocabulary and related links for many languages including Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Swahili.

LANGUAGE TEACHING & LINGUISTICS

Center for Applied Linguistics

Search cal.org for the excellent ERIC digests on foreign-language education and links to many other national language resources.

Ethnologue

Visit ethnologue.com for a fascinating encyclopedic reference work cataloging all of the world’s 6,912 known living languages.