

Good Morning world language professionals!

It is an honor to once again reach out to share a little information on what has been happening in world language education within the state of Georgia over the past couple weeks. Before I do so, I wanted to talk with you a little about some lessons from geese. When you have a minute, watch this [video](#). Many of you may have even seen this before. The natural world has much to teach us and in our hectic lives where it is possible to go from the house – car – work – car – house, we often don't have time or take the time to enjoy the world around us. I want to encourage you to do so some this week if your able. Often, I am reminded of how our work is mutually supporting and how we build upon each other's successes. One lesson I love is how geese flying in formation can fly faster and longer than any one bird on its own. This is the great lesson for us as well. Whether you work in a very rural system or an urban one, whether you work virtually or in higher education, whether you work in isolation or as part of a large department, we are all part of a greater team flying in the same formation and in the same direction.

As I attended the GaTESOL conference in Macon this past week, I was also reminded of how interdisciplinary our work is and how the world language community is part of an even bigger formation trying to improve education for all of Georgia's children. Language acquisition and proficiency is fundamental to all subject areas and our work is and should strive to be more connected. Language is a living thing that at its core, is used to relay information and express oneself through work, art, music, literature, math, science, history and on and on. Our work is fundamental to every subject area and every career. Immersion education and indeed the striving for proficiency is teaching us that language is the primary vehicle for relaying content and there are no limits to the content that can be incorporated into world language learning and no limits to content that can be relayed in other languages. We know this instinctively as we know that all human endeavor is done in multiple linguistic and cultural environments and not just in English or just in the United States and that increasingly the workforce is demanding workers with not only the process skills they need to do the specific tasks required in their career, but the linguistic and intercultural competencies they need to thrive in increasingly diverse domestic and global workplaces. Indeed, according to the [National Center for Education Statistics](#), America's student population itself is becoming even more diverse and is predicted to continue to become more so in the years ahead with ELLs being the fastest growing student population speaking more than 150 languages. These are the educational and workplace realities not only for America, but for many nations and societies.

Listen to what US Secretary of Education, Mrs. Betsy DeVos had to say recently about [the importance of developing linguistic and cultural competencies in the workforce](#).

Another [related Video](#) that also speaks to this topic.

[Missouri](#) becomes the latest state to pass and offer a [Seal of Biliteracy!](#)

"The past is always tense, the future perfect – Zadie Smith"

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Programs Spotlight!

This past Friday marked the completion of the first successful visit by students from Denmark in the new LINC program (Learning Through Intercultural Communication) with students from Whitewater High

School in Fayette County. The program provided for Danish Students to not only interact with students at Whitewater High School and the community, but they also provided German language learning workshops for the WHS German students to improve their learning and language skills. With these student teachers working in small groups with their American peers in a student to teacher ratio of 4:1 the students had a chance to work in ideal conditions for language learning. At the same time the Danish students got the chance to learn more about Georgia, our educational and political system, Georgia history and literature and to share about their culture with the American students. The Danish students also had the chance to meet with the Honorary Consul for Danish Culture in Georgia, to learn about Danish companies operating in the region and to talk about improving cultural and economic ties between the two nations.



At lære gennem interkulturel kommunikation
 Lernen durch interkulturelle Kommunikation
 Learning through intercultural communication



World Language Teacher Spotlight!

Congratulations to October’s World Language Educator of the Month, Congratulations to Mrs. Luz Vargas, Spanish teacher at Sequoyah High School in Cherokee County! We extend to you and your peers across our state our appreciation for the work that you do and your dedication to providing the best possible world language education to your students! Do you know a world language teacher deserving of being recognized as the World Language Educator of the Month? Submit a nomination [here](#).



- Please let us know of any world language teachers receiving awards statewide, we would very much like to join with you in celebrating their accomplishments!
- Likewise, if you know of a program in Georgia that deserves to be highlighted, please contact me at pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us

Quick Announcements! (There is a tremendous amount going on so I apologize for the length)

- **We need your feedback** on a new course in World Languages! Our proposal to add the course **Less Commonly Taught Languages Level 3** has been approved by cabinet and a survey for the proposed standards can be accessed [here](#). Please take a moment and give us your feedback on the course. Thank you in advance!
- Applications are now available for the **International Skills Diploma Seal program**. Schools that are interested can find out more information [here](#). A link to the school application is also available on that page or contact me directly at pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us **(I have recently completed a new guidance at a glance document for the International Skills Diploma Seal! You can access it [here](#)!)**
- **DLI in a Day!** We are excited to bring you a mid-year DLI workshop and professional development opportunity. The GLOBE Academy in Dekalb will host a half-day long DLI workshop for teachers, administrators and those interested in learning more about DLI. There is no cost and you can register [here](#). We will be accepting session proposals [here](#) until November 27th. Get repowered and recharged!

Join us for DLI in a Day!

Are you teaching in a Dual Language Immersion Program and are looking for opportunities to learn best practices from your fellow teachers? Are you interested in learning more about the Dual Language Immersion model and the mounting research and evidence to support its benefits for all students! Then we invite you to join us for DLI in a Day!

- When?** Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 8:00am – 12:00pm
- Where?** The GLOBE Academy Elementary School (2225 Heritage Dr NE, Atlanta, GA 30)
- How much does it cost?** \$0.00 (We invite you to be our guest! (please register!)
- How do I register?** Register online at our Eventbrite Registration Page!
- Submit a proposal!** We encourage you to submit a session proposal (Deadline Nov, 27 2017)



Dual Language Immersion Program enrollments by language

	<u>Known benefits include:</u>
Spanish = 3,483	Cognitive gains
	Economic benefits
French = 414	Increased academic achievement
	Improving students' ability to learn a second language
German = 219	Increased English literacy skills
	Increased performance on standardized tests
Chinese = 158	Higher attendance rates
	Better understanding of other cultures and greater language proficiency!



- Language [Immersion programs expanding in Gwinnett.](#)
- Save the dates for your students to participate in the FLAG Spoken Language Contests! You can find out more about these events [here.](#)

FLAG ES/MS/HS Spoken Language Contests 2018

Dear Foreign Language Educators:

As you may be aware, the 2018 FLAG SLCs are coming soon! The Middle and High School Spoken Language Contests will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Islands High School in Savannah; Saturday, March 24, 2018 at McEachern High School in Powder Springs (metro Atlanta); and Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Deerfield-Windsor School in Albany. The Elementary School contests will be held on Saturday, March 3 at Islands HS in Savannah; and Saturday, April 28 at the Globe Academy in DeKalb County.

<u>Contest</u>	<u>Contest Date</u>	<u>Registration Dates</u>
Metro Area MS/HS	March 24, 2018	January 15 –March 16, 2018
Savannah Area MS/HS	March 3, 2018	January 8-February 23, 2018
Albany Area MS/HS	April 14, 2018	February 12-March 30, 2018
Metro Area FLES	April 28, 2018	February 26- April 20, 2018
Savannah Area FLES	March 3, 2018	January 8-February 23, 2018

- The **Foundation for Leadership and Youth Travel Education** (FLYTE) is a nonprofit providing funding, teacher support, and itinerary and trip planning for high school students in underserved schools to travel and expand their cultural, academic, and social horizons. Find out more about these scholarships [here.](#)

- International Parent Night Model to be piloted at South Forsyth High School on November 29th!

Welcome! Bienvenue! Willkommen! Bienvenido! Salve!

to **International Parent Night** at **South Forsyth High School!**



- TOP ([Trans-Atlantic Outreach Program](#)) is accepting applications for teachers to participate in a study abroad programs. Video [here](#).
- The new **FLAG Spring Newsletter** is now available. You can read it [here!](#)
- The October Newsletter for the Georgia Department of Education is now available. Information from world languages is on page 2! See it [here](#).
- **ACTFL** Launches [Educators Rising](#) Campaign! Access to 5 ready to use [modules](#). Watch a video about it [here](#).
- Have you seen this website for the group called [Language Immersion ATL?](#)
- Save the Date – The **2018 GADII** (Georgia's Dual Language Immersion Institute) will be held July 17th – 19th 2018! Last year we had a record registration and a wonderful conference! We look forward to offering another great program for all educators interested in Immersion education in the Southeastern US.
- East Coweta High School announces its **Annual Poetry Recitation Competition** will be held on Saturday, October 28. For a copy of the poems please contact kelli.barber@cowetaschools.net Schools can register to participate via this [link](#).
- **The AATSP** is offering teachers a scholarship to spend some of summer 2018 in Chile, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, Spain, or Ecuador! Application deadline is Dec 31, 2017. Complete information at <https://buff.ly/2yyvjZy>
- The **Second Jiangsu Cup Chinese Speech Contest** for High School Students in the Southern States is scheduled in November. The event will be held on the morning November 4, 2017 on the campus of Emory University. For more information contact Mrs. Yingli Zhang at zhang30269@gmail.com or (678) 640-5202 with questions.

- The date of **Georgia's** (and the nation's) first statewide **World Language Job Fair** has been set for Saturday, March 3rd from 9am-12pm at Whitewater High School in Fayette County. Districts wishing to host a table at the job fair can apply to do so via this [link](#).
- **Save the Dates! February 9-11, 2018. AATSP Spanish Immersion Camp! More information at this [link](#).**
- The German Foreign Office is asking for your assistance in creating an online database in connection with its *Deutschlandjahr USA 2018/2019* campaign. German programs are encouraged to register their schools. More information [here](#).
- The **GAOME Dual Language Symposium**, scheduled March 9-10th 2018 in Athens is now accepting proposals. You can submit via this [link](#).
- We are fundraising in collaboration with the Georgia Foundation for Public Education to support Dual Language Immersion programs and professional development for world language educators statewide. Pass the word! Donate [here!](#)
- **The ATTSP Spanish Immersion Camp** will be held from Feb 9-11. You can find out more information by following this [link](#).
- Applications are now being accepted for the Congress-Bundestag Exchange Program (CBYX) Please visit [this site](#) for more details!
- **NABE Student Essay competition.** [Find out more here.](#)
- **Upcoming World Language Event dates to be aware of.....**

October 26 th	Teacher to Teacher Webinar Series Recording
October 28 th	ECHS Poetry Recitation Competition
October 30 th	Last day to submit survey for LTC 3 Course
November 4 th	The Second Jiangsu Cup Chinese Speech Contest
November 15 th	Deadline to apply for NSLI-Y Scholarships
November 17-19	ACTFL conference in Nashville
November 27 th	Deadline to submit proposal for DLI in a Day Workshop
November 29 th	International Night at South Forsyth HS. (A model for your community?)
December 1 st	Deadline for German students to apply for DSD
December 5 th	Deadline to apply for YES program for HS students
December 12 th	Deadline for student applications for CBYX Scholarship
December 15 th	Deadline for Schools to apply to offer International Skills Diploma Seal

December 31 st	Deadline to apply for AATSP Summer Scholarship for Teachers
January 21 st	AATG Sprachbad
January 27 th	DLI in a Day at the Globe Academy in Dekalb
February 1 st	Schools notified of application status to offer ISDS
February 2-3	German State Convention in Covington
February 9-11	AATSP Immersion Camp
March 3 rd	Georgia World Language Job Fair at Whitewater High School 9am – 12pm. FLES/MS/HS FLAG Spoken Language Contest (Savannah Area)
March 9-10	GAOME Dual Language Symposium in Athens
March 15-17 2018	FLAG/SCOLT conference in Atlanta
March 20th	International Day at the Capitol
March 24 th	MS/HS FLAG Spoken Language Contest (Metro Area)
April 14 th	MS/HS FLAG Spoken Language Contest (Albany Area)
April 15 th	Deadline for reporting of International Skills Diploma Seal
April 24 th	Tentative date for ISDS Awards Ceremony at the DOE
April 28 th	FLES FLAG Spoken Language Contest (Metro Area)
July 17-19	Georgia Dual Language Immersion Institute
May 1 st	Deadline for 1 st reporting cycle for the Seal of Biliteracy

- This information and more is available via the professional development calendar on our webpages and on our professional development page [here](#).
- If you have any events that need to be added, please let me know.
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Scholarship Opportunities for K-12 students

- Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Abroad (YES) Program for High School Students. More information [here](#). Deadline to apply is December 5th
- NSLI-Y Scholarships to Study Language Abroad for High School Students. The National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y), sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, provides merit-based scholarships for eligible high school students and recent high school graduates to learn less commonly taught languages. More info is [here](#). Application due Nov 15th.
- Congress Bundestag Exchange Scholarship available for German students. Application and more information available [here](#). Deadline to apply is Dec 15th.

Useful links for Language Teachers

- Effective teaching strategies for dual language immersion teachers <http://contentdm.uvu.edu/cdm/ref/collection/UVUTheses/id/651>
- A list of 126 Verbs for Learning <https://www.teachthought.com/critical-thinking/126-blooms-taxonomy-verbs-digital-learning/>
- Sick days and proficiency <http://www.path2proficiency.com/when-im-not-there-sick-days-and-proficiency/>

- ACTFL Core practices <https://wclassroom.com/2017/03/19/actfl-core-practices/>
- Vocabulary List not created by the teacher
<http://www.creativelanguageclass.com/unit-vocabulary-lists/>
- Student generated vocabulary
<https://cecilelaine.wordpress.com/2017/10/12/student-generated-vocabulary/>
- Preparing for French week – 8 activities
<https://chuiprof.wordpress.com/2017/10/14/preparing-for-french-week-its-coming-here-are-8-activities/>
- Stories in Spanish spoken slowly <http://www.thespanishexperiment.com/stories>
- Technology resources for Spanish Class
<http://www.secondaryspanishspace.com/2017/10/the-big-list-of-technology-resources.html>
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Related local news

- Language [Immersion programs expanding in Gwinnett.](#)
- Bilingualism linked to social problem solving in Children
<http://www.mapleridgenews.com/community/in-education-learning-another-language-helps/>
- Georgia Educators strive to build culture of innovation.
<https://www.edsurge.com/news/2017-10-19-at-google-s-atlanta-offices-georgia-educators-strive-to-design-a-culture-of-innovation>
- Georgia state approves 2.3 million dollars toward bilingual program
<http://georgiastatesignal.com/georgia-state-approves-2-3-million-grant-towards-bilingual-program/>
- Language Immersion ATL <http://languageimmersionatl.org/>

Links to articles related to World Language education.

- Six signs that language learning enhances student success
<http://www.educationdive.com/news/second-language-proficiency-higher-ed-job-qualification/507197/>
- A great look at the growth and importance of the Hispanic business community
http://ushcc.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/HBR-Final-Report_2017.pdf
- Bilingual – you are a problem solver <http://www.longevitylive.com/live-smarter/bilingual-better-problem-solver/>
- Bilingual Children have more grey matter in brain
<http://www.educationnews.org/parenting/research-bilingual-children-have-more-grey-matter-in-brain/>
- Early language learning for young dual language students weak in many states
<http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/learning-the-language/2017/10/early-education-for-young-dual-language-learners-weak.html>
- Bilingual kids may learn new languages faster
<http://www.millenniumpost.in/features/bilingual-kids-may-learn-new-language-faster->

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&utm_campaign=buffer](https://www.knsn.com/story/news/education/2017/10/09/bilingual-officers-help-bridge-the-language-barrier/4317265702?utm_content=buffer43a17&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer)

- Bilingual officers help bridge the language barrier
[http://ksn.com/2017/10/09/bilingual-officers-help-bridge-the-language-barrier/?utm_content=buffer1cbc3&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com
&utm_campaign=buffer](http://ksn.com/2017/10/09/bilingual-officers-help-bridge-the-language-barrier/?utm_content=buffer1cbc3&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer)
- Mothers use similar tones with babies regardless of language
<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/science/mother-uses-similar-tone-babies-no-matter-language>
- Could a robot help your child learn a language?
<https://www.cnbc.com/2017/10/16/could-a-robot-help-your-child-learn-a-language.html>
- Right brain is also important for learning a language
<https://medicalxpress.com/news/2017-10-brain-important-language.html>
- Foreign language songs in the top 100/10.
<http://www.billboard.com/articles/columns/chart-beat/7997571/mi-gente-despacito-foreign-language-songs-hot-100-top-10>
- The multiculturalism of Canada
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/andyisemotiuk/2017/10/18/multiculturalism-the-distinguishing-factor-that-makes-canada-great/#7ee300376b11>
- Global Britain needs more linguist to succeed after Brexit
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/2017/10/12/global-britain-needs-linguists-succeed-brexite/>
- Dual Language programs are so popular that the number will double next year at LAUSD
<http://laschoolreport.com/dual-language-programs-are-so-popular-that-lausd-plans-to-double-the-number-of-schools-offering-them-by-next-year/>
- Students who studied a foreign language for at least four years had scores almost 100 points higher on each section of the SAT
http://www.omaha.com/momaha/things-to-consider-when-choosing-the-right-school/article_befc98c4-af7b-11e7-a0ce-b7fcb76ff1eb.html

Thank you for all that you do!

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