

Parents Please Join Us

Tuesday, February 12, 2019 6 – 7:30 p.m.

District Administrative Center- Governing Board Room
15002 N 32nd St. Phoenix, AZ 85032

Benefits of Second Language Immersion Education

with Cristina Ladas, World Language Coordinator for the Cave Creek USD.



Join us to learn the benefits of learning a second language in an immersion setting. Ms. Cristina Ladas will explain the long-term benefits to students that participate in these programs and the research that supports those findings. She will also examine the challenges faced by students in these programs and how parents can support their child's academic success in both languages.

About the Speaker: Ms. Cristina Ladas is the World Language Coordinator for the Cave Creek Unified School District. She is also a consultant to other school districts providing Professional Development and support services for teachers and administrators. Mrs. Ladas was recently named to the board of the American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages (ACTFL).

PVUSD is proud to offer Immersion Programs in both Spanish and Mandarin. Beginning foreign language instruction early sets the stage for students to develop advanced proficiencies in one or more languages. The goals of the program are to acquire proficiency in listening and speaking, acquire an understanding of and appreciation for other cultures, and acquire some proficiency in reading and writing.

Spanish Immersion at Sandpiper Elementary

In Sandpiper Elementary immersion program, English-speaking students in Pre-K through 6th grade will spend half of the instructional school day learning subjects in Spanish and the other half learning in English.

Mandarin Immersion at Whispering Wind Academy

The Mandarin Chinese immersion program at Whispering Wind Academy is open to children entering Kindergarten to 5th grade. Mandarin Chinese prepares children to be globally competitive and ready for 21st century success. Kindergarten to 5th grade students receive instruction and support in English while learning Mandarin Chinese in an immersion format.

Spanish Immersion at Sunrise Middle School

The Spanish Immersion Program launched at Sunrise Middle School in 2019. 7th graders from the program learn Science and Social Studies in Spanish as well as focusing on Spanish as a foreign language.

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