Friday May 21st is World Day for Cultural Diversity Dialogue and Development! Visit the UN Alliance of Civilizations for some ideas on how to mark the occasion.

Seal of Biliteracy applications continue to pour in! I can’t wait to see what the final count will be for this year. If your school will be hosting an awards ceremony to recognize Seal recipients, I’m happy to come speak and congratulate students on behalf of the Maine DOE. Feel free to call/email me.

Most of the presentation recordings from the Maine ESOL Meeting have now been uploaded to YouTube. You can view them on the Maine DOE YouTube Channel. (See list on page two of this newsletter.)

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Professional Learning

- 5/18/21 1-3pm: Institute of Education Sciences—Increasing the Diversity of the Educator Workforce: A Data-driven Approach for Districts
- Duke/UNC/University of Michigan Webinar Series “How to teach about the Middle East—and get it right!” (Final session 5/20)
- 5/26/21 at 3pm: IALLT—Doing Extracurricular Language Activities Online: A Roundtable
- 5/26/21 4-5pm: MCELA—Black Languages Matter: Code Meshing and Multilingual Poetry as Anti-racist Practices
- 5/26/21 at 7pm: English Learner Portal—Supporting Unaccompanied Immigrant Students
- 6/2/21 3-4pm: Writing to Process the COVID Experience: Release, Renew, and Refocus, facilitated by Maine educator/writer Ian Ramsey
- 6/9/21 and 6/16/21 from 9:30-11am: WIDA eWorkshop on Planning with the WIDA ELD Standards Framework (40 participants maximum)
- 6/21/21-7/30/21: Iowa State University—Teaching Mathematics to ELLs (free course)
- 6/23/21 (Time TBD) French Cultural Services—National Seminar on French Dual Language Immersion and Education
- 7/16/21-7/21/21: World Language Summer Seminar (Virtual)
- 7/25/21-7/31/21: Deutsche Woche in Bar Harbor
Maine Science Assessment

All phases of training for the Maine Science have now been completed and are available as recordings via the Maine Science Zen Desk.

Maine ESOL Meeting Presentation Recordings

Opening Session and Keynote on Students who are ELs with Disabilities

WIDA English Language Development Standards Framework, 2020 Edition

Identifying and Serving ELs with Disabilities: Policy and Resource Guide—A Preview

SLIFE Newcomers in the High School Setting: Lessons and Learnings from 2020-21

Professional Development through Microcredentialing

Comprehensible AND Grade-level? The Top 5 Strategies That Make It Work!

(Others are still in the process of being uploaded by my colleagues who graciously served as Zoom hosts. Stay tuned for the remaining presentations!)

Maine Science Window Opens!

The Maine Science assessment administration window opens Monday, May 17th and runs through June 11th.

Learn more about the Maine Science assessment here

Questions? Reach out to assessment coordinator Nancy Godfrey: Nancy.godfrey@maine.gov

Maine Educational Assessment [MEA] Information

Assessment team updates can be found here on the MECAS Home Page.

Bi-weekly open virtual office hours with the Assessment Team – the next office hour is May 21 @ 12 pm.

Articles and Resources


Public Radio International: A year of pandemic schooling highlights education gaps for English-language learners

Boston Globe: Vulnerable and long neglected, many English learners with disabilities languish with unmet needs in city schools

The 74 Million: Williams: Let’s Keep the Innovations the Pandemic Brought to Teaching English Learners and Reaching Their Families

Youth Journalism International: American children need more foreign language study

Inverse: Scientists have a new theory for origin of language

Associated Press: In the French language, steps forward and back for women

NPR: Prepone That! Your Accent Is Funny! Readers Share Their ESL Stories
Job Opportunities

Maine Arts Academy Sign Language/World Language Teacher

RSU 9 American Sign Language Teacher (Part-time)

Brunswick ESOL Teacher

Hampden Academy French Teacher

RSU 38 Middle School Spanish Teacher

RSU 15 Grades 5-8 Spanish Teacher (Long-Term Sub)

St. Thomas Consolidated School Spanish Teacher

MSAD 1 French Teacher

RSU 15 High School Spanish Teacher

Westbrook - Saccarappa Elementary School ELL Teacher (1 year only)

RSU 9 K-12 ELL Teacher

RSU 04 High School French Teacher FMI: diane.whitmore@rsu4.org

Kittery Part-Time ESOL Teacher

Baxter Academies High School French Teacher

Baxter Academies High School Spanish Teacher

MSAD 61 Spanish Teacher

RSU 21 Anticipated Elementary Spanish Teacher

Washington Academy Spanish Residential Faculty

Poland Regional High School is hiring a French (preferably French/Spanish teacher) pending budget approval. Please email scrosby@rsu16.org if interested.

Virtual Office Hours

All language educators are invited to stop by the virtual office hour. It is an informal opportunity to connect with the Department, ask any questions, and get to know your colleagues across the state. Our next virtual office hour is on 5/19/21 at 3:00pm.

Join Zoom here.

Meeting ID: 839 6220 3107  Passcode: 72jTIaE

Recordings will be available on the Maine DOE YouTube channel after each session.

5/12/21 Recording