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Message

On May 21st, World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development sponsored by the United Nations, I encourage you to check out a few home-grown Maine resources (free to access) promoting diverse languages and cultures. Available in languages spoken by Maine community members, these can be wonderful tools for instruction, as well as great sources of personal and professional enrichment for educators.

• Maine Public News Connect
• Amjambo Africa!
• Boundless Media

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Professional Learning


♦ 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

♦ 5/26/21 at 1pm: Teaching Languages for Intercultural Citizenship and Social Justice

♦ 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 DOE Newsroom: York Middle School French Teacher a Regional Finalist for National NECTFL Teacher of the Year Award

Félicitations, Stephanie!!

New America: How to Maximize COVID-relief Funding for English Learners

Chicago Tribune: Will foreign language classes be a COVID-19 casualty? Some schools are reducing offerings in Latin, German and other tongues.

New America: SLIFE Lessons: How schools can draw on strategies designed for students with interrupted/limited formal education to help English learners in the aftermath of COVID-19

Journal of English Learner Education: A Functional Approach to Language Development for Dual Language Learners

KQED: Why Grading Policies For Equity Matter More Than Ever

Language Magazine: Creating a Culturally Responsive Teaching Ecosystem

EdSurge: Educators: When It Comes to DEI, We Can’t Be Silent

Qatar Foundation Book Giveaway

In celebration of the 2021 Qatar-USA Year of Culture and recent Eid holiday, QFI is excited to offer classroom sets of the book *Once Upon an Eid* to 3rd-7th grade teachers in our network.

"Once Upon an Eid, created by S.K. Ali and Aisha Saeed, is a joyous short story collection written by a variety of acclaimed Muslim authors reflecting on the most joyful holiday of the year: Eid!

The full list of Once Upon an Eid contributors includes: G. Willow Wilson (Alif the Unseen, Ms. Marvel), Hena Khan (Amina’s Voice, Under My Hijab), N. H. Senzai (Shooting Kabul, Escape from Aleppo), Hanna Alkaf (The Weight of Our Sky), Rukhsana Khan (Big Red Lollipop), Randa Abdel-Fattah (Does My Head Look Big in This?), Asha Franklin (Not Quite Snow White), Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow (Mommy’s Khimar), Jodee Montgometry (Home and Away, By Any Means Necessary), Huda Al-Marashi (First Comes Marriage), Ayesha Mattu, Asmaa Hussein, and Sara Alfageeh."

If you are currently teaching 3rd-7th grade and would like to receive a set of *Once Upon an Eid* for your classroom, please complete this short form by Friday, May 28th.

Orders will be fulfilled based on book availability and prioritized on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please contact Cierra DePalmo at cdepalmo@qfi.org with any questions.
Job Opportunities

- RSU 9 World Language Teacher
- RSU 64 High School Spanish Teacher
- 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
- Baxter Academies High School French Teacher
- Baxter Academies High School 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.

French Events and Scholarships

The Alliance Française du Maine is offering two virtual events for those interested in French language and culture. On May 24th at 6pm is a French baking class (in English—with a fee to participate) and on June 10th at 6pm is a free Cine-Club Discussion of the movie Run, which is available to view free online.

Congratulations to the winners of two scholarships from AATF-Maine! The Richard Williamson scholarship for teachers will go to Marie Lane, French Teacher at Mountain Valley High School. Marie received an ACTFL 2020 Summer scholarship and she will attend the French in Normandy program this coming July, in Rouen, France. The Laurianna Boucher scholarship for students will go to Naomi Cote, a student of French teacher Jonna Boure at Caribou HS. Naomi, of Acadian heritage, is a passionate learner of French and she plans to continue her French studies in college. Bravo!

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 5/26/21 at 3:00pm. The final office hour of this school year will be on 6/2/21.

Join Zoom here.

Meeting ID: 839 6220 3107    Passcode: ?2jTiAe

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

5/19/21 Recording