

# Spanish Immersion School . . .



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## Upcoming Events for Jan. & Feb.

- Jan. 26- Early Release Day— dismissed at 1:15  
Theme Day- 80's
- Jan. 27- No School
- Jan. 31- K-8 Evening Conferences
- Feb. 2- K-12 Evening Conferences
- Feb. 3- No School- Daytime Conferences
- Feb. 9- Gr. 5 Choir Concert 7pm WW Café
- Feb. 16- K-2 Field Trip to the Zoo

## From the desk of the principal ... Mr. Larson

Last week our students took their first NWEA test in English. The research on Immersion states that our students should be behind their English peers in the area of reading in English. I have taken some time to look at our data—currently, 55% of our students are at grade level or above as measured by the NWEA. Next week I hope to have district percentages to compare to.

We will be using this as a base line data from which we would like our students to grow. It is important to remember that if your child is above grade level in their reading in English continue to work with them at home and encourage them to read in both English and Spanish. If your child is below grade level proficiency—do not panic—continue to read with them at home and working on their Spanish literacy skills. They will transfer over to English. Students in grade two are still learning to read and will become more proficient as the last half of the year progresses.

Lost & Found Items— Please check the Lost & Found table across from the Media Center during your visit for Conferences for any items your child may have lost. Any remaining items after Conferences will be donated.



### Science Fair

Information will be provided to families at conferences regarding the science fair. We design our science fair to showcase student learning. Students can complete a project with a partner or on their own. The projects can be a collection, inquiry based, follow the scientific method, or a demonstration. The kids enjoy showcasing their learning to other students and parents at our fair in March.

Student Council has voted on the next Theme Day, and chose 80's theme. Students may dress in their favorite 80's themed attire on Thursday, January 26th. WOW I must be getting old when the kids think it is cool to dress like I did when I was in High School. Here comes the big hair, Zuba pants, leggings, and Miami Vice attire.

## PTO Corner

The next meeting is March 1st.  
There will be no Meeting in February.  
6:30—Media Center—child care provided

### Conferences

Reminder—conferences are next week on Tuesday and Thursday evening as well as Friday during the day. If you are unable to make your scheduled time please let us know so we can reschedule. We look forward to meeting with you.

### Language Residency Program

Our immersion program received a free language residency program through Concordia Language Village. **Feb. 14, 15, & 17** three language interns (from Chile, Mexico, and the US) will be at WWI to work with our immersion program. They will visit classrooms and teach our students **authentic games, songs, dances, art projects**, as well as present information about their culture.

### Book Fair

The winter book fair is going on now. Sales will begin next week with previews this week.

Tuesday 8:15—8:00

Wednesday 8:15—3:00

Thursday 8:15—8:00

Friday 8:00—12:00

Or go to [scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs](http://scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs)



### Feb. 1 meeting for Spanish Immersion families is part of Programming and Boundary Study

The Spring Lake Park School District has scheduled an information session for families in the Spanish Immersion Program as part of its ongoing Programming and Boundary Study.

Families currently in the district's K-2 immersion program are invited to the session on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, at Westwood Intermediate School, 701 91st Avenue NE, Blaine.

More information can be found on the [springlakeparkschools.org](http://springlakeparkschools.org) website. The purpose is to share future program plans under consideration which may affect next year's Spanish Immersion students and their families.