



# Ohlone Elementary School World Languages Program (WLP)

- Overview of Program
- Our Mission
- Who we are – Council Members
- 16 Classes and Native Speaker Teachers
- Numbers of Students = 174
- Tuition & Fees = \$398.81
- Disciplinary Procedures
- Parent Volunteers



# WLP Language Classes

- We offer 16 classes in 6 different languages!
  - Spanish: 6 classes
  - French: 3 classes
  - Mandarin: 3 classes
  - Japanese: 2 classes
  - Hebrew : 1 classes (classes start **THIS** week)
  - Hindi: 1 class (all levels meet in 1 room)



# Overview

## Progress of the Program

- Afterschool language classes have been part of Ohlone's after-school activities for over 17 years.
- About 7 years ago, PTA suggested eliminating the afterschool language program.
  - A group of parents stepped in and started putting in processes and re-structuring the program.
  - Structures include: proctors, check-in/check out procedures, accounting, insurance, teacher's contracts, and council governance.
- PTA voted to endorse the FLP program in 2011
- FLP council renamed it World Languages Program



# Ohlone PTA/WLP Mission

- The PTA/WLP welcome students K -5<sup>th</sup> graders
- The first 3 weeks is a trial period before enrolling in class for the remainder of the year.
- **Classes are age-based AND ability-based**
- **NEW CLASSES THIS YEAR**
  - **Two (2) Spanish Tacos & Enchiladas classes**
  - **Upper French Conversation**
  - **Upper Mandarin Conversation Reading & Writing**



# Ohlone PTA/WLP Council

## Experience & Recommendations

- Although many children enjoy afterschool program; it may NOT be the best fit for EVERY child.
- **Kinder parents encouraged to speak with Kindergartener teacher to assess child's energy level and fit for class.**
- Upper grades (2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>) encouraged to try a new language as brain stimulation and earlier exposure to a different language.



# Ohlone PTA/WLP Mission

- Each language and class has a slightly different flavor and set of goals, but the overall purpose for these classes is as follows:
  - Children get early exposure to a world language taught by a native speaker teacher.
  - Teacher introduces children to the cultural aspects of parts of the world where that language is spoken.
  - Children celebrate many cultural holidays. They learn different songs, play games, make traditional crafts and are given an opportunity to try different foods.
  - Child will establish a certain level of familiarity with a world language after several years of classes.
  - Classes are fun, low pressure, and nurturing.



# Ohlone Parent Volunteers

- Every year, parents are responsible for bringing snacks for classes on a rotating basis.
- Each parent must bring snacks between 3-7 times per year.
- Take the number of kids in your class and divide by 30 classes – this is the number of times you need to bring snacks.
- Your room parent will send out a schedule.
- The teachers are counting on this snack as part of the lesson and an opportunity for conversation in the language.



# World Languages Program Volunteer Council Members

- 2011-2012 WLP Council Members
  - Susan Alexander
  - Jade Chao
  - Ganka Hadjipetrova
  - Agnes Ho
  - Bibiana Lee
  - Marian Seah
  - Ana Simoes
  - Debbie Wolter

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A COUNCIL MEMBER?**

**WE LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN THIS GREAT TEAM!**

**Email us at: [ohloneforeignlanguage@gmail.com](mailto:ohloneforeignlanguage@gmail.com)**

**Call us: (650) 397-1726**



# WLP Administrative Details

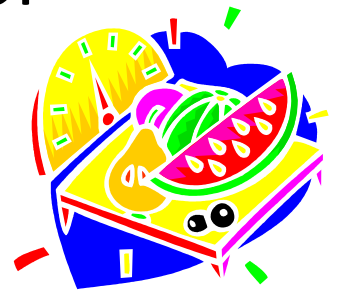
- Last year over 1/3 of the Ohlone student body participated in this program with great results.
- This year we anticipated having a more registered students (projected 145; actual 164) due to ease of on-line registration
- Minimum of 6 students per class
- Maximum 12 students per class
- By 3<sup>rd</sup> class October 5th, the student roster will be set



## WLP Tuition & Fees = \$398.81

- Tuition Fee \$ 360 (\$12/class)
- \$15 Registration Fee (printing and supplies)
- \$23.81 online registration fee /credit card transaction fee (paid directly to RegOnline)
- DONATION of healthy snacks and school supplies greatly appreciated.

*Thank you to all parents and friends who  
have volunteered  
their time, expertise, and food!!*





# Lottery Criteria

- **In some years, we have had to conduct a lottery for the more popular classes.**
- **Names are placed in a hat and picked out by Bill.**
- **The following lottery criteria are applied:**
  - Complete On-Line Registration by Sunday **8/30/11**
  - Attend Mandatory Parent's Meeting on **9/12/11**
  - Sign and Submit Ohlone PTA Waiver Form by **9/16/11**
  - Full Payment of \$398.81 by Wednesday **10/5/11**
  - Your child has been in the foreign language program
  - Substantial Volunteer: You are a Room Parent, Volunteer Coordinator or Council Member
  - Parent /Guardian has previously been an active volunteer



# Student Discipline Guidelines

- As in the past, we would like all students to have an educational and fun learning classroom environment.
- All students need to respect their teacher and fellow students.
- Disruptive students will be sent out of class and council member will inform parents according to established disciplinary procedure .
- We work together with parents to find the best fit Ohlone afterschool language class for your child.



# **VOLUNTEER AND LEARN**

- We specifically need you to step up to be
  - **Volunteer Coordinator – This Year**
  - **Parent Proctors – This Year**
  - **Treasurer – Next Year**
  - **WLP Teacher Relations – Next Year**

The WLP program benefits almost half of the Ohlone students and Ohlone Families.



# FINAL REMARKS

- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Sign up as Parent Volunteers
- E-mail us: [ohloneforeignlanguage@gmail.com](mailto:ohloneforeignlanguage@gmail.com)
- Check out Ohlone PTA/WLP website at:  
[ohloneweb.com/foreignlanguagecouncil.html](http://ohloneweb.com/foreignlanguagecouncil.html)

THANK YOU





# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q1. How do I know what class my son/daughter will go on the first day of class?

A1. Next Wednesday, September 21, you should help your child go to the class for which you signed up. The classroom assignments by class will be posted on-line and at council table on the first day of class. There will be a diagram showing which language class is in which Ohlone classroom.



# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**Q2.** What if I cannot be at school to help my child get to class?

**A2.** Many of the classes will be held in the same room that they were located in last year. Please check on-line for class classroom assignments diagram. Unfortunately, we are unable to escort children to their classes. We do check attendance for the classes with the youngest children first to make sure these children are in class. You may want to arrange to have your child walk with another child or ask that another parent help make sure your child gets to the right classroom. Or you can walk them on Wednesday morning to the class locations so they will know where to go afterschool. We will also be sending reminders to kinder teachers to remind the kinders they have to go after school language class. Kinder teachers will also have the room assignments.



# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q3. What if the class is too hard or too easy for my son/daughter?

A3. You have two or three classes to decide if the class is the right fit. Talk to your child, your language teacher and sit in on class. Please make your decision as soon as possible, and no later than Wednesday, October 5th.



# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q4. Is my kinder going to be able to sit through another class at the end of a regular school day?

A4. You will need to have a conversation with your kinder's teacher. Specifically ask the teacher how well your child is able to focus near the end of the regular school day. Ask for the teacher's recommendation on whether your child should even be in an after school language program. You make the final decision.



# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q5. If I decide to drop the class, will I get a refund?

A5. If you choose to cancel on or before the third week of classes (by October 5th, 2011), your tuition amount (\$360) will be refunded. Registration, Administration and Online Service Fees are non-refundable. There are no refunds after the 3rd class (October 5th, 2011).



# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q6. If I volunteer, will that increase the my son's or daughter's chance of getting into the most popular classes?

**A6. Yes. This is an entirely parent volunteer run program, thus the low tuition and convenience of location in Ohlone classrooms are privileges not available to students other than current Ohlone students. You are required to volunteer. And, if you commit substantial time -- like becoming a council member, spend 5-10 hours a month shadowing a current council member, step up to be the volunteer coordinator, or step up to be our treasurer-in-training, then that will increase your son and daughter's chances of getting into the oversubscribed classes.**



# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**Q7.** Why did I have to sign up on line and pay for this?

**A7.** Without on-line registration, we would have had to manually input 154 paper registrations, create 16 spreadsheets, anticipate incorrect emails due to bad handwriting, and hunt down checks for tuition and fees. Council and Parent volunteers spent upwards of 50 volunteer hours in the first two weeks of every school year for the past years. Parents were unwilling or unable to step up to perform these menial tasks, yet expected these tasks to be done by others year after year. Paper registration was burdensome, unreliable, not eco-friendly, and caused former council members to stop growing the program due to the administrative load of adding a single class. With on-line registration, we now have the bandwidth to add new classes because our council members are NOT overloaded.



# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q8. What do I have to do to be a WLP council member?

A8. Since last Spring, we tried to have two council members work on any particular assignment or project. The less experienced council member is in training shadowing a second more experienced one. Some of the council assignments or project can be done through emails. As a new council you have to participate in meetings, ask questions, watch and learn.



# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**Q9.** I work and my husband travels a lot. What volunteer positions are available to me?

**A9.** Many if not all of the council members work and have spouses who travel. It is tough. No doubt about that.

There are after hour volunteer positions that require you to come to school 10 minutes before class ends, such snack volunteers. There are also after hour volunteer tasks like shopping for teacher's Christmas or holiday gifts. If you find your household is just too busy and your child is a kinder or first grader, then waiting another year may be appropriate for your family.



# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q10. What can I expect my child to learn in his or her language class?

A10. The World Language Program is geared toward earlier exposure to a second language by a native speaker. The emphasis is on having a low-stress, fun, and nurturing environment for learning another world language by using food, music, and holidays. This is NOT a purely academic enrichment program. Feel free to sit in on the first three classes and talk to your child's language teacher.