ELE OPEN HOUSE

Boston Renaissance Charter Public School

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AGENDA

• Introductions
• ELE Program Information
• ACCESS testing
• Resources to use at home
• ELPAC
• Questions
WELCOME!

WE ARE SO EXCITED AND GRATEFUL TO BE WORKING WITH YOUR CHILDREN!

Ms. Galvin
ELE Program Coordinator & ELE Teacher - K2, 1st & 2nd

Ms. Coughlin
ELE Teacher - K2, 1st & 2nd

Ms. Petterson
ELE Teacher - K2, 1st, 3rd & 4th

Ms. Coughlin
ELE Teacher - K2, 1st & 2nd

Ms. Watkins
ELE Teacher - 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th & 6th

Ms. Daly - ELE Teacher - 2nd Grade

Ms. Copeland - USS Director
What is ELE?

- English Language Education
- Students in the ELE program receive direct instruction from an ESL teacher to support their English language development (speaking, listening, reading, writing)
- This happens in small groups (6 students or less)

Who qualifies for ELE services?

- Any students whose home language is not English OR lives in an environment where a language other than English is used.
ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT - WIDA

- WIDA stands for World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment.
- It’s a group that creates and supports English Language Learners with standards and “Can-Do” goals for English language development.
- There are six levels of proficiency: 1-Entering, 2-Beginning, 3-Developing, 4-Expanding, 5-Bridging, 6-Reaching
Why is my child taking the ACCESS test?

- Testing helps teachers understand whether students have the language skills they need to be successful across academic content areas.

- Your child’s teachers use ACCESS for ELLs test scores as they decide how best to teach your child.

- Test scores also help teachers track your child’s progress in learning academic English and help schools decide what English language support services to provide. You can use test information to advocate for your child at school.
• There is not a remote option for the ACCESS test. It must be taken in person at BRCPS.

• The ACCESS testing window begins **January 19th**.

• **We will schedule students to come into the building and take the test.**
  ◦ Students grades 1-6 will come in on two separate occasions. They will take two of the tests at a time
  ◦ Students in K2 will come in and complete the test on one day.

• **We will be taking all safety precautions when testing in person**
  ◦ Masks and face shields worn by teachers
  ◦ Disinfecting devices, desks, and area
  ◦ Ventilation system
  ◦ Distance between students/teachers
Students in grades 1-3 will take the Speaking, Listening, and Reading test on the computer. They will take the writing test on paper.

Students in grades 4-6 will take all four domains of the test on the computer.

Students in K2 take a test that uses stories and activities to keep young learners engaged.
Your child does not need to study for ACCESS for ELLs. The test is an opportunity for students to demonstrate all the ways that they understand and can communicate in English. Prepare for test day by making sure your child gets plenty of sleep and eats breakfast!
The Boston Renaissance Charter Public Charter School is pleased to announce the establishment of the English Learner Parent Advisory Council (ELPAC) to promote and support the success of our English Learner (EL) Scholars.

The ELPAC committee is seeking parent volunteers to support and enhance the instruction of our ELs. ELPAC membership is strictly voluntary and is open to all parents of students identified or have been previously identified as an English Learner (EL), and represent/speak the native languages most commonly spoken by the students in our school.
ELPAC Duties Include:

- Providing advice to the district or school regarding its English Learner Education programs.
- Meeting regularly with school officials to participate in the planning and development of programs designed to improve educational opportunities for ELs.
- Participating in the review of school improvement plans and district improvement plans as the plans relate to ELs.
- Review proposals by the school district to offer a new instructional program for ELs.
- Engage in fundraising activities and connect with local community partners.
Resources

Raz Kids
Epic Books
Colorin Colorado
Google Translate
BRCPS ELE Website
Remind App
DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

Answer questions from the survey and from the chat!

Thank you!