

**Hispanic Parent Forum: May 20, 2021 - 45 Attendees (All Areas of LCSD)
 “What’s Working, What Do We Need?”
 (English, Spanish, Mam)**

<p>Collaboration wt Olalla Center, re information and support for getting COVID Vaccine https://www.facebook.com/olallacenter.org 541-819-0436</p> <p><u>Students - What worked for bilingual students this year?</u> More direct contact/communication with teachers because I was with him in class every day. Hispanic Family Meetings Workshops with presenters from Portland. SC Principal encouraged and motivated the students to be in school, to be in line, to do their work. SC Assistant Principal also made us feel welcomed at school and made the kids feel comfortable and safe. All the schools have done a very good job with safety, with hygiene related to COVID. Liked that during online learning, the teachers had small group meetings with students, for example with reading. That really helped my daughter. At the beginning of online learning, it was just one big group, then the teachers figured out how to do it, how to have small groups that helped the kids. I also really appreciate you too Hernandez, and all the work you do for the Hispanic community. I appreciate what you are all doing to support the Hispanic community. Agree with other mothers. I felt very supported by all of the teachers. It was stressful for a lot of people. We see what all of the teachers do every day for our students. I learned along with my daughter because the teachers helped me. Remind was very helpful, it helped relieve some of my concerns, teachers answered my questions, and the translation feature really helped. Thanking Hernandez for using Remind to remind parents about the meetings. Helps with scheduling and remembering. The computers helped the kids a lot. The parents learned a lot about using the computer as well. I appreciate all of the teachers and coordinators that worked so hard to make things work for us. And the meetings too, I appreciate the support. Lots of good techniques to teach students and teachers as well. Thanks to all of you. I appreciate all of the support. The only thing I didn’t like was the schedule because I work and the time that school is scheduled to start isn’t good for me. I hope that in the coming year we will have our normal schedule.</p>	<p><u>Feedback/Interests for Parent Meetings</u> I really liked the ones with the professors from Chemeketa College (Sara and Marcelino), where they taught us how to teach our children. Sam Case also did things for families. It was really fun, they did it on Zoom. We’d rather be at the school, but we enjoyed it. I would like to have more events to help us as parents know how to help our children with math. It would help us to know more about this topic. More about how to help students in HS Activities for youth It would be really helpful to learn about driver’s licenses, learning how to drive. It would be helpful to have support in learning English. I’m not thinking of a lot of ideas, but I like that one. A lot of us are with Beatriz Botello and Maria to learn about how to grow plants and vegetables. We are enjoying it and learning about it. We were talking about doing the same thing in LC, especially with the children. It would be good at school for the children to learn how to plant and grow things. They were talking about creating a place to involve children in growing things. I like things about the environment and recycling. I appreciate these things. When we were children, we had these kinds of classes in school. Like sewing... I am Mexican, but I know there are many Guatemalan families. I would like to learn more about their culture. We are all here for the same reason, for our children, so that our children learn, so they learn to be empathetic and learn about each other. Dance workshops. I’d like to see a class for children about what is recyclable, and how they can help the planet. Help the parents know how to talk to their children and teach them about how to take care of the earth. Learning in class is different than doing things at home. I was in those classes (Sara & Marcelino) I liked it a lot I was there in those classes too and it was fun! It would also be good if we had a Spanish workshop for children who do not know how to speak or write it. I would like to see some classes for children to learn about children with special needs. I have a special needs child. Her sister often gets asked what’s wrong with her sister. It would be good to teach children about children with special needs and how to talk to them. We need to educate parents about how to educate our children about being kind. We are Hispanic, but race</p>
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Communication with teachers, with you (Hernandez), with Dr. Gray was very helpful.

It helped me a lot because I learned a lot more about how to help my children, since I have 3 children in school. And now I understand the teachers more. I can only say thanks to the principals and the teachers of my children. They were always willing to help me with things that were hard to do with my children.

I would like you to continue helping children in reading please.

What did not work, what was the most difficult for your student?

Hardest thing was when the internet/wi-fi wasn't working. My student would start a class for a minute and then it wouldn't work. When they changed the "apparatus" (hot spot) it was much better. Once they fixed it it went very well.

At the beginning, the hardest, most frustrating part was technology, the computers and wi-fi, but it got better. It was very sad, maybe because parents have to work, sometimes my son would be the only student there. It's sad when the students miss a day. My son was there every day. He learned/advanced a lot.

Yes, the children are the most impacted/affected, right? The computer sometimes would shut down and it wouldn't restart again. I reported it to the teacher, but he never answered.

Sometimes technical difficulties, difficulty with communication.

I cried at first because I didn't understand anything, a lot of technology.

It was really hard at the beginning because we are moms, not teachers. What was hardest for me was learning the pacing/rhythm, technology that you all use. We were like "gendarmes"- We had to leave our roles as mom and try to be teachers. But we all learned, my daughter advanced. From 0 to now, I have seen an enormous improvement in my daughter.

What I have noticed is all of the lost work. For some things we can use the translator on the computer, some things we can translate. Other things we can't translate. Our kids don't know English very well yet, so for them, it's lost work. In the school, the interpreters help my son, they help the Hispanic children. Here at Taft, all of my respect for the help they provide for my children. They help them get their assignments done. The hardest thing was that I could not be there with them in class because I work and I couldn't support my children in their classes and when they were alone at home, they didn't concentrate on their classes.

doesn't matter. We need to know how to talk to our children with respect, in a way, for example; if we say why don't you hurry up and do your homework. Or, why can't you do it...the message children get is I'm dumb, I can't do it. Unfortunately, many of us are this way. We don't realize that how we speak to our children impacts our children and how they do in school, how they think about themselves as adults.

It's a chain that doesn't break, because we were educated that way. I would like there to be a class about that, and that the parents would be open to that. Not just for older students, for young children. For older students, we need to talk about drugs and things we rarely talk about.

It would be good if we talked about those themes. It would be good to learn about what to do when our children have a tantrum

I asked my child's teacher to give me information about children with special needs, with autism associated with what they see on TV or in books. For example, when children see someone with an eye patch, they think they're a pirate. My child saw a woman in a wheelchair. He said, "Look mom, a pirate." Thankfully, the woman responded kindly, "Yes, I'm a pirate..." Autism. I don't know much about this, so I don't know how to help my child learn how to navigate this and be compassionate. They are the same, but they are different. I want my son to learn how to be kind.

I have a child who has severe special needs, severe. Other children say she is sick, or their parents tell them, don't touch her, she's sick. We need to teach children. Some parents may not be interested in this, but others will be.

That they educate the parents also, about children with special needs, that they talk to us about how to live together with children with special needs. They are special.

We need to teach them the right words to use I would also like orientation/help with helping us talk to students about their sexuality. What to tell kids when their bodies start to change.

My daughter is in first grade. She comes home and talks about having a boyfriend, having a crush. The teacher should know, I was thinking about talking to her, they're too young.

We need to know how to talk to children at different ages. They need to know how to avoid abuse. Parents need to know how to teach their children so they are safe.

Very interested in a class about sexuality. I know it's taboo, but I would like to learn about, educate myself about how to talk to my children. This information

Hernandez shared a resource for providing leveled books in Spanish and asked about parent interest in using the materials at home.

I love this idea.

Good idea hernandez

It is a good idea so the children don't forget Spanish.

The challenge will be, how will you get the books to us?

It's a good idea. My daughter is in 7th grade. Could she do this? Would it be copies or on the computer?

My daughter speaks Spanish fluently, but when she picks up a book in Spanish she is not able to read it. It would be good for my daughter to be able to read in Spanish

Yes, me too.

Yes It's a good idea

I want the books.

I want the books so my daughter learns to read in Spanish, I want my child to read in Spanish.

Yes, books in Spanish. I have children in different grades.

A bilingual person has more opportunities in the future.

It depends a lot on the parents at home. Thank you for your time, also.

needs to come from us as parents, not from a computer or other kids.

I heard there might be help for families with food stamps this summer. Is that true?

Parents thanked Hernandez