

# World Languages Newsletter



April – June 2009 - 2010

## Greetings from the Senior Curriculum Coordinator of World Languages

Dear World/Dual Language Teachers,

The 2009-2010 school year has been a busy and eventful year. What an interesting and busy year we have had!

We have seen the development, implementation and revision of our World Language Curriculum Maps. You have participated in County and State World Language Competitions for Spanish, French, German and Chinese. Many thanks go to the competition coordinators, PCCWLT Board, and host schools for making this such a successful event.

We have been challenged with the first EOC computerized answer sheet for our language assessment and several schools were part of the Spanish National Exam with great success. You have involved our students in very valuable cultural activities. We have inducted PCSB students into the County Honor Society and successfully confirmed research on our Dual Language Program with the phenomenal FCAT 3<sup>rd</sup> grade results. Our Dual Language 3<sup>rd</sup> graders scored very high in comparison to their school overall. These Dual Language schools are: Sandhill Elementary, Eastside Elementary and Palmetto Elementary.

Briefly closing, I want to say that I have witnessed professionalism, dedication and enthusiasm for World Languages from many of the world language teachers, students and administrators.

I wish everyone a restful and pleasant summer, and look forward to providing many quality activities during the next school year.

Sincerely,



Tamara Salgado, M.Ed.

## Events

### April

- ☀ April 6<sup>th</sup> - Dual Language Parent Committee Meeting at Palmetto Elementary.
- ☀ April 29<sup>th</sup> – Dual Language Teacher's Meeting at Sandhill Elementary
- ☀ Spanish State Competition

### May

- ☀ May 3<sup>rd</sup> – May 7<sup>th</sup> Teacher's Appreciation Week
- ☀ May 14<sup>th</sup> – New Curriculum Maps for 1<sup>st</sup> 9 weeks
- ☀ May 18<sup>th</sup> – Dual Language Teacher's Meeting at Jim Miles PDC
- ☀ German Competition
- ☀ Spanish National Exams
- ☀ EOC testing

### June

- ☀ June 7<sup>th</sup> – Dual Language Parent Committee Meeting at Palmetto Elementary
- ☀ June 9<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of School (Students)
- ☀ June 14<sup>th</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup>: Dual Language Conference at PSC Winter Haven Campus

### Words of Wisdom



"He who does not know foreign languages does not know anything about his own."

~Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, *Kunst and Alterthum*



The Rub' al Khali, which translates as **Empty Quarter** in English, is one of the largest sand deserts in the world. It's located in Southern Saudi Arabia, and areas of Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen. The desert covers 250,000 sq mi, that's more than the combined land areas of the Netherlands, Belgium, and France. Summer temperatures are nearly 131 °F and the sand dunes are over 1,080 ft which make this area a forbidding environment. Geologically, the Empty Quarter is the second most oil – rich place in the world. Vast oil reserves have been discovered underneath the sand dunes

# Global Flavors

## Homemade Hummus (Middle Eastern Style)

### Ingredients

- \*15-ounce can Publix Garbanzo Beans (rinsed and drained)
- \*1 Clove Garlic (minced)
- \*1/4 cup Tahini (Sesame Seed Paste)
- \*1 Tablespoon snipped Fresh Parsley
- \*1/4 Cup Lemon Juice
- \*1/4 Cup Olive Oil
- \*1/4 Teaspoon salt
- \*2 Tablespoon Pine Nuts, Toasted (Optional)

### Directions

- \*In a blender or food processor combine garbanzo beans, garlic, tahini, lemon juice, oil, and salt. Cover and blend or process until smooth, scraping sides as necessary.
- \*Spoon the hummus onto a serving platter. If desired garnish with pine nuts. Sprinkle with parsley. (Makes about 1 2/3 cups dip)

# Web Watch

## WHAT'S ONLINE FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATORS

### French Language Exercises

[www.wildfrench.co.uk](http://www.wildfrench.co.uk)

### French Magazine for Teens

[www.phosphore.com](http://www.phosphore.com)

### Russian Alphabet Lesson

<http://listen2russian.com/lesson01/a>

### Japanese Language Study Materials

[www.manythings.org/japanese](http://www.manythings.org/japanese)

### Multimedia Chinese Dictionary

[www.whatkidscando.org/china\\_site/dictionary.html](http://www.whatkidscando.org/china_site/dictionary.html)

### Videos and Activities for Spanish Teachers

<http://profeland.blogspot.com>

### Spanish Verb Conjugation Trainer

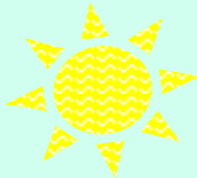
[www.spaleon.com/index.php](http://www.spaleon.com/index.php)

### Free Materials for Language Teachers

[www.miscositas.com](http://www.miscositas.com)

### World Languages Website:

<http://www.polk-fl.net/staff/teachers/worldlanguages.htm>



## Curriculum Maps



## Working Diligently on World Languages Maps



# Results of FASG Convention

### \*3<sup>rd</sup> Place Trophy – Level One Quiz Bowl-

Team Members:

**Alonzo Barrera**  
**Bianca Bunnars**  
**Aisha Krueger**



### \*4 Excellent (Augezeichnet) Medals

**Alonzo Barrera** – Grammar Level 1  
**Aisha Krueger**- Poetry Level 1  
**Oscar Cabreja**- Poetry Level 2  
**Melanie Anrade**- Reading Comprehension Level 2

**Hervorragende Arbeit!**

### \*2 Very Good (Sehr gut) Medals:

**Bianca Bunnars**- Culture Level 1  
**Melanie Anrade**- Reading Comprehension Level 2

### \*3 Good (Gut) Medals:

**Alonzo Barrera**- Vocabulary Level 1  
**Bianca Bunnars**- Poetry Level 1  
**Aisha Krueger**- Culture Level 1

## Good News from Dual Language

A kindergarten student from Eastside Elementary was a winner in an essay contest with the topic being "Why I like to live in America".

The students from Eastside Elementary SAT 10 scores from grades 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, were the highest of their grade level!

Also, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Dual Language students did an amazing job on their FCAT and beat the scores of the other 3<sup>rd</sup> graders!

**Congratulations to the Dual Language team for doing such an amazing job!**

# Florida State Spanish Conference 2010



Bartow IB 2nd Place Winners



Bartow IB Won 2nd Place Under 4A Division



Getting all Awards and Trophies



Magdalene Dupree  
One of 25 Best Spanish Essay  
\$100.00 Check



State Conference



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## George Jenkins students:

Finished their fable using preterit and imperfect and did the presentation today. It was a very successful project to say the least.....



Dual Language Teacher Meeting

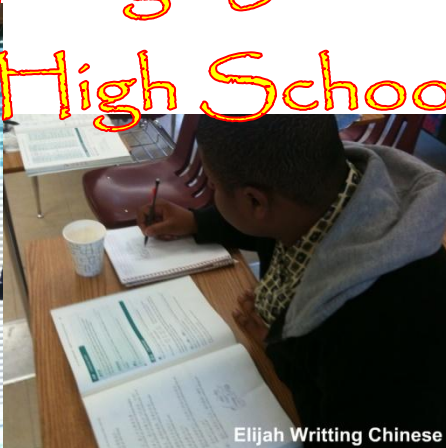


Mr. Alvarez  
Principal - Palmetto Elementary

# World Languages Competition



## George Jenkins High School



*Our Mission:*  
 To ensure rigorous, relevant learning experiences that result in high achievement for our students.



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