

Immersion Day at the Minnesota State Capitol

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

9:00 am- 4:00 pm

Room 229

Objectives

1. Inform legislators about language immersion education.
2. Invite legislators to be "Champions for Language Immersion" and provide legislative support to immersion schools in Minnesota.
3. Demonstrate language immersion classroom activities with students in Chinese, Ojibwe, French, Spanish, Hmong, and German.
4. Present videos produced by MAIN and the U of M.

Activities

- 9:00 AM Introduction to Language Immersion Education, Diane Tedick.
- 9:30 AM Immersion Parents, Colleen Simmons.
- 10:00 AM MAIN Advocacy, Claudia Baldwin, Elizabeth Dwight, Richie Kucinski, Dr. Fatima Lawson, Kim Miller, Megan Unger. Immersion video produced by MAIN.
- 10:30 AM Demonstration of immersion class in Mandarin Chinese by Ms. Niu, 2nd grade, XinXing Academy, Hopkins.
- 11:00 AM Demonstration of immersion class in Ojibwe/Dakota by Ms. Flanagan, Pre-Kinder, WICOIE Nandagikendan, Minneapolis. Executive Director, Betty Jane Schaaf.
- 12:00 PM Video of school choir in French by Normandale Elementary, Edina. Principal Gerry Lukaska.
- 12:30 PM Demonstration of immersion class in French by Mr. Beni, 3rd grade, L'Etoile du Nord, St. Paul. Principal Dr. Fatima Lawson.
- 1:00 PM Demonstration of immersion class in Hmong by Ms. Vue, 2nd grade, Phalen Lake Hmong Studies Magnet School, St. Paul. Principal Catherine Rich.
- 2:00 PM Demonstration of immersion class in Spanish by Mr. Rice, 3rd grade, Adams Spanish Immersion, St. Paul. Principal Heidi Bernal.
- 2:30 PM Q & A with students and parents as to why they continued with Spanish immersion past grade 5 by Mr. Patrick Brown, Cottage Grove Middle School, Cottage Grove.
- 3:00 PM Presentations of German culture, religious diversity and poetry in German by Ms. Solahkau, Drama Teacher, students grades 5, 6 and 8, Twin Cities German Immersion, St. Paul. Principal Ann Jurewicz.
- 3:30 PM Immersion Parents
- 4:00 PM Adjourn