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Updates for the School Committee

Adult ESL

In its 36th year, Framingham Adult ESL continues to be one of the largest publicly-funded adult education programs in the state, with over 800 students enrolled this semester. However, the demand still exceeds the supply. At our registrations, this January, almost a thousand people showed up for less than a hundred available spaces. With such a long waiting list, the program's administration continues to seek other sources of funding through its fundraising arm, the MetroWest ESL Fund. We have also begun offering workplace instruction.

Framingham Adult ESL Plus is creating and piloting a new Curriculum to help immigrant parents to guide their kids through the dangers of social media. These lesson plans and materials will be designed for students with limited English. This project was funded by First Literacy, and the revised versions will be made available to all of our schools and community partners.

The program is proud to offer crucial wraparound services to its students. This semester, students at Framingham Adult ESL Plus will be able to access qualified legal and mental health advice onsite at no charge. We thank Massa Viana Law and the Metrowest Health Foundation for making this possible.

BLOCKS

As of 2/3/20, BLOCKS enrollment is as follows:

- Total = 349 students (includes preschool children at Juniper Hill and FHS)
- Standard Curriculum = 186 students or 53%
- Special Ed = 163 students or 47%

Three Highlights this year include:

- Now that the **library repair is now complete**, our support staff, therapists and speech pathologists have offices where they have a more conducive environment to carry out evaluations, consult with families and professionals and provide services to students. Our stage is once again available to be used for our family nights, presentations and creative arts performance now that we were able to move back the furniture/materials back to the library. Children and staff have already noticed the change and are enjoying returning to a more appropriate learning and teaching environment.
- **Our First Annual Turkey Trot** was held on November 25 & 26 with children/families bringing over 600+ canned or boxed items for **donations to Daniel's Table** for use after the Thanksgiving holiday. Our children understood that their donations were helping other families who might be hungry and could use more food to eat.
- This year **Blocks Preschool received a \$10,000 grant through the Early Childhood Special Education Discretionary Federal Program Grant (298)**. The grant funding is focused on social/emotional learning and includes the following:
 - Children's literature focused on social skills, coping skills, feelings, and self-regulation
 - Curriculums/Resources focused on social/emotional learning.
 - Activity areas for less structured play times to enhance social integration

CRD

- CRD launched Flyers by Night, in Spring of 2019, a program offering continuing education and enrichment courses for the whole community. To date, the program has offered over 30 courses including cooking classes, badminton, ESL, Yoga, etc.
- The Explorers programs, our Pre-K and elementary before and after school program has offered over 50 clubs across all programs, open to all FPS students. Clubs include a variety of community partnerships such as Farrington Nature Linc., Metrowest Mediation Services, Wellesley College, and more!
- Our Middle School programs have rebranded as Flyers After School, currently, has over 500 students attending between all three middle schools. Middle School Programs have offered over 100 clubs to date.

ECAF

- Signature Play, Learn, and Grow Together (PLGT) Groups
 - PLGT group information - 148 groups/ 904 families/ 1095 children
 - Fall/Winter PLGT Curriculum – Concepts introduced were as follows: the three literacy areas: Early Literacy, Social-Emotional Literacy, and Financial Literacy. STEAM concepts began in January with recycling, block building, and magnets.

- ParentChild Plus Framingham
 - 20 families enrolled 34 siblings impacted
 - A nationally recognized home visitation program focused on early literacy and school readiness. To be eligible the target child must be age 18 to 36 months at the time of enrollment. The EEC funding allows for 20 families.
- Family Education
 - Baby Talk – a 10-week discussion addressing common topics for families with an infant birth – 9 months
 - PJ Family Story Hour - monthly evening program focused on family bedtime routines
 - Dads, Donuts, and Discoveries in collaboration with the FPL - the first Saturday of the month
 - Let's Go to Kindergarten – a weekly group emphasizing a school readiness curriculum for 4 and 5-year-olds along with preparing their parent(s) prior to entering school.
 - Collaboration with Regis College Nursing Department to provide a Health Series introducing health and nutrition topics to families that include the following: sleep, feeding, nutrition, inside and outside safety, child development, hearing and vision guidelines, dental health, well care and immunizations, germ prevention and the importance of handwashing. Thank you Cindy Stone and her team for this partnership offering this high-quality family education program that reinforces messages of healthy habits and ensures wellness.
 - Collaboration with Outdoor RX to provide nature-related hands-on education.
 - Completed over 40 Ages and Stages (ASQ) Parent Questionnaires. The ASQ is used as a family education tool for parents to learn more about their child's overall child development. We offer the ASQ SE as well to begin the conversation about social-emotional learning. Group facilitators and early learning specialists incorporate the ASQ tips into their planning of family activities creating intention to further parental knowledge and understanding of child development.
- Resource & Referrals
 - 500 referrals provided, 23,611 communications providing awareness of ECAF programming
 - Resource and referrals included: Early Intervention, groups, special education resources, mental health consultation support, basic need support, child care/preschool, transportation, holiday and new baby donations, and ParentChild+
- Community Early Childhood Signature Event
 - The 8th Annual Framingham Family Fair: Celebration of Young Children and the Importance of Early Education event is scheduled for April 4, 2020.
 - ECAF Community Partner Resource List is posted on our website www.framingham.k12.ma.us/Domain/72.

PIC

- Parents can now choose their appointment time online once they are done filling their pre-registration form!
- PIC now registers all new BLOCKS students
- Student enrollment as of 02/01/20 from Preschool to Grade 12:
 - There are 9,244 students enrolled and physically in our buildings
 - The grade with the highest enrollment number is Grade 1 with 821 students
 - PIC has registered 1,426 students since July 1, 2019, of those, 125 have already left the district.
 - PIC has received 576 pre-registrations for the Kindergarten class of 2020-2021 as of 01/29/20.
 - 190 are Ks for next fall, the rest are pending registrations for the following reasons:
 - Parents have not brought documents over to finish registration,
 - Pending assignment by SPED or Bilingual Dept,
 - Pending at the school level and student has not started yet.