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Congratulations, Westminster School District!



Photo: The first Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion kindergarten class and their families, along with many whom support the program.

California's First Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion Program Kicks Off!

NRCAL would like to congratulate WSD for being the first in California to offer a Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion Program at DeMille Elementary! Ms. Shannon Villanueva, DeMille School's principal, and Ms. Renae Bryant, Executive Director of the Office of Language Acquisition, are instrumental in leading the implementation of the program. Together with other community associations and organizations, NRCAL is proud to support WSD and Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion programs!

The first day of school was Wednesday, September 2, 2015 – a notable day in California history! Continue reading about this monumental event inside!

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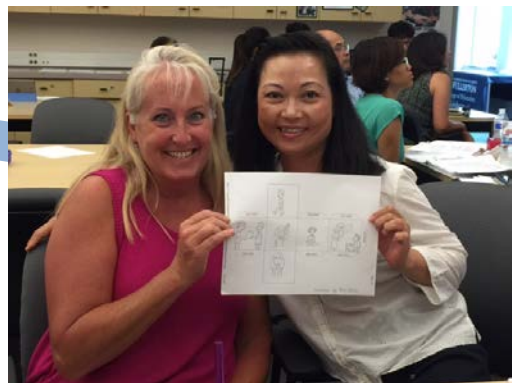
Great cultural events and programs

- A new musical, "Peace On Your Wings", inspired by Sadako Sasaki and her thousand paper cranes is presented by Japanese American Cultural & Community Center and Ohana Arts. Sept 18 & 19 at Aratani Theatre in LA. For more info: www.jacc.org
- Santa Ana's Old Orange County Courthouse exhibits Vietnamese American's stories: "Vietnamese Focus: Generations of Stories" LA Times article: <http://www.latimes.com/local/orange-county/la-me-0830-viet-focus-20150830-story.html>
- K-Pop Singing and Dancing Battle (The Korea Daily & LA Korean Festival Foundation) Wednesday, September 23, 2015 from 6-9pm at Korean Cultural Center LA. Free admission. <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/kpop-singing-dancing-battle-registration-17946120329?aff=es2>

Take a closer look at WSD's Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion Program



Shannon Villanueva –
DeMille School Principal
Renae Bryant – Exec.
Director, Office of Language
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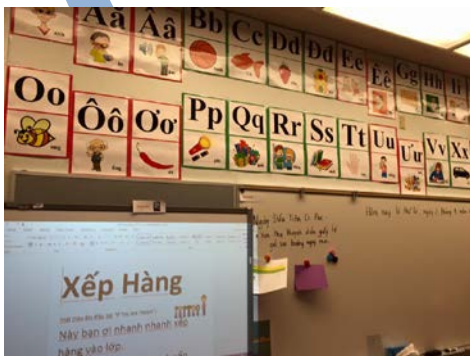


Teachers Patty Pelton and
Huong Dang



The first day of school!

Vietnamese alphabet cards
in the classroom



CSUF's C-REAL and NRCAL teams



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Save the Date!
Fall Professional Development
Pollak Library, CSUF
October 27-29, 2015

Learn about:

- ✓ Community Resources
- ✓ State Standards Alignment
- ✓ Teaching for Cultural Understanding
- ✓ Proficiency Level Student Engagement
- ✓ Navigating Cultural Differences
- ✓ Integrating Technology
- ✓ Collaborative planning on using games, language specific unit planning, and much more!

For more info: nrcal@fullerton.edu

Professional Opportunity

• **8th Annual Asian and Pacific Islander American Leadership Conference**

The Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association-Southern California Region (APAPA-SCR) will host its Leadership Conference in Diamond Bar. The mission of the conference is to empower API people, educate, and nurture leaders in the community. Event is free and open to the public. Program includes speeches, panel discussions, and performances. For more info & their flyer: <http://apapa.org/> (look under the heading, Spotlight)

Professional Development

- Training teachers to develop innovative instructional materials, effective pedagogies, and appropriate assessment tools will heighten students' interest in learning multiple languages, thus preparing students to become competitive members of a multicultural global economy.
- Professional development sessions for are held per year with 3-day pull-out sessions during the academic year, and one intensive 5-day Summer Institute session, all strategically designed to provide teachers with on-going support.

Benefits:

- Receive training from content and teaching experts
- Network with educators teaching Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese, and Japanese languages



Westminster SD's Office of Language Acquisition Team:
(L to R) Genise Battaglia, Renae Bryant, Lori Florgan

Informational Webinar Sessions

Access recorded sessions: www.nrcal.com/webinars.html

➤ **Posted by September 23, 2015:** Dr. Adrian Jung from the Dept. of Special Education
Content enhancement techniques

- Please contact nrcal@fullerton.edu if you would like to facilitate a Webinar
- For archived webinars see www.nrcal.org/webinars.html

Exploring Partnership Opportunities in Korea

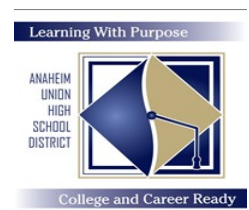
- ❖ President Mildred García has been meeting with educational leaders in Korea to establish partnerships and collaborative opportunities.
<http://news.fullerton.edu/2015su/President-Korea.aspx>

Saving the Oral Histories of Japanese Internees

- ❖ Cal State Fullerton is one of 15 California State University campuses collaborating on the digitization of almost 10,000 documents and more than 100 oral histories related to the confinement of Japanese-Americans during World War II.
<http://news.fullerton.edu/2015su/COPH-digitization.aspx>

Technology Tips

- ✓ Teacher leaders share how they've used technology tools in the classroom to help students learn languages: <http://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2012/nov/07/languages-teaching-tips-technology-ideas>
- ✓ Hello Talk App: a language learning app that can connect you with native speakers around the world. www.hellotalk.com; an article reviewing the app: http://www.iwillteachyoualanguage.com/hellotalk-app-review/#disqus_thread
- ✓ This article discusses the use of technology for language teaching and learning; benefits come with a change of pedagogy: <http://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/teacher-blog/2014/may/12/technology-language-teaching-learning-pedagogy>



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