



ESOL Program
Family Outreach

Success Stories

2008 - 2009 School Year

- ✚ Parent Advisory Board has 18 members now and it is working hard on organizing and participating in parent workshops.
- ✚ Refugee Community Advisory established in December 2008 with 18 members.
- ✚ Gibbs ESOL Club started the Interpreting Services in November with 5 languages presented, including Spanish, Albanian, Chinese, Bulgarian and Turkish.
- ✚ Parent workshop at Pinellas Park Middle "Jobs" on December 9 was attended by 65 people thanks to great PPM ESOL Team work as well as support of all other ESOL teachers, bilingual assistants, parent leaders and community partners!
- ✚ "Free Community Programs" parent workshop will be held on Jan. 13, 2009 at Clearwater High Student Cafeteria. All parents and students are welcome!!!

2007 - 2008 School Year

February 2008

- Our ESOL Community Resource events for the high school students and their parents were successful. There were:
 - 50 parents and students
 - 10 staff and
 - 6 community partnersworking together on presenting the needs and providing resources for our ESOL families during these two events.
- We established Gibbs High ESOL Student Advisory Board on February 20th, with 24 student members.

November/December 2007

Close to 170 ESOL Parents Attended ESOL Informative Workshops in November and December

- 60 parents and students attended ESOL parent information nights about scholarships
- 109 parents and students attended ESOL parent information nights about high school programs



- During these events, several parents and students were helped with needed community resources, such as to apply for different immigration statuses, to connect with SPC departments, to apply for scholarships, to find desired volunteer work, etc.

- Bilingual assistants helped organize the events and with interpretations



- Several students helped as guest speakers and recruiters.

During the second part of the 2006/2007 school year:

- 1) There were 15 career fieldtrips to Pinellas Technical Education Centers (PTEC), St. Petersburg College, and Sea World organized by ESOL high school students. There were 380 students and 53 chaperons (including staff, parents, and grandparents) that participated.
- 2) There were 19 classroom presentations about local technical career opportunities to 400 ESOL high school students.
- 3) There were 44 students that showed interest in PTEC dual enrollment or after high school programs. The statistics is based on the student's written feedback and/or requests for help to enroll in such programs.
- 4) Two ESOL students received Doorway Technical Scholarships.
- 5) More than thirty students and their parents were helped with consultations; drop out prevention, language barriers, and referrals to tutoring and other community resources.
- 6) The students reported that the program helped them: to stay in school, to see brighten future, and to improve relationships with parents.
- 7) The program reached out to more then thirty community resources to be useful for parents and students.
- 8) The program will continue with advocacy for equal access to education and other resources for ESOL parents and students.