

ONE WORLD, MANY CULTURES

Rowan Salisbury English as a Second Language Newsletter

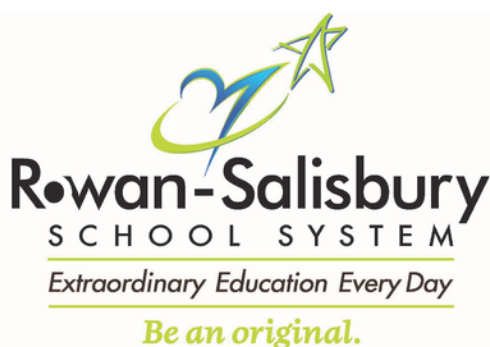


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BACK TO SCHOOL

Reopening under Plan B



Welcome back, Rowan Salisbury Schools! It has been a hectic and exciting time preparing for this upcoming year. Students are returning to school either in a blended environment or attending our virtual academy. Our district serves over 1500 English Learners in grades K-12. As the school year starts we are working with our students, classroom teachers, and parents on how to learn remotely as well as during a pandemic. It takes dedication and teamwork to provide the services our students and families need.

ESL STAFF



Fortunate for our students and department, we have exceptional staff

There have been several changes in our staff for this school year. Our students are fortunate to have such talented and experienced teachers working on their behalf.



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Hello, my name is Kathy Powell. I have been in education 18 years. I taught 3rd and 4th grade and was an Elementary Curriculum Coach for 5 years before I decided to become an ESL teacher. Two summers ago, I became interested in learning Spanish. I then took a conversational Spanish course at RCCC. From there, I began to volunteer for an adult ESL class two nights a week. I enjoyed it immensely. That experience influenced me to want to become an ESL teacher. Since I worked in elementary my whole career, I decided to try high school. I absolutely love teaching ESL to high school students and hope to make an impact on their learning.



Hello! My name is Deborah Jackson and I am the new ESL teacher at North Rowan Elementary School. I am very excited to be a part of the Steamer family! I have been in education for 20 years. I started as a teacher assistant and later earned my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education (K-6) with ESL certification from High Point University. I've taught in Davidson County Schools (grades 1 and 2). I also taught 4th/5th AIG for 1 year in Lexington City Schools before coming to Rowan Salisbury Schools. One of the great things about this year is I will get to work with Kindergarten through 5th grade. I look forward to building relationships with my students and helping them grow socially and academically!



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Elementary

Bostian - Nicole Gardner
Overton - Marcela Puerta
China Grove - Anna Irvin / OPEN
Koontz - Ashley Fields
Enochville - OPEN
Faith - Nicole Gardner
Granite Quarry - Farah Conklin
Isenberg - Nancy Munoz
Dole - Julie Darnell
Hurley - Emily Rider / Marcela Puerta
Knollwood - Katie Gardner / Johanna Vargas / OPEN
Landis - Amanda Folino
Millbridge - Farah Conklin
Morgan - Julie Darnell
Mt. Ulla - Toyrie McPhaul
North Rowan - Deborah Jackson
Rockwell - Farah Conklin
Shive - Nicole Gardner
Summit K-8 Virtual - Suzanne McMahon / Mariel Gomez de la Torre
West Rowan - Toyrie McPhaul

Middle School

China Grove - Gail Safrit
Corriher Lipe - Gail Safrit
Erwin - OPEN
Knox - Jessica Washington
North Rowan - Katie Bostian
Southeast - Shaquavia Chiles / Sherry Cox
West Rowan - Sherry Cox

High School

Carson - Lauren Martin
East Rowan - OPEN
North Rowan - Shanna Hinson
Salisbury - Kim Wright / Kathy Powell
South Rowan - Richelle Bates
West Rowan - Jeremy Bullard
RCEC/Henderson - Shanna Hinson

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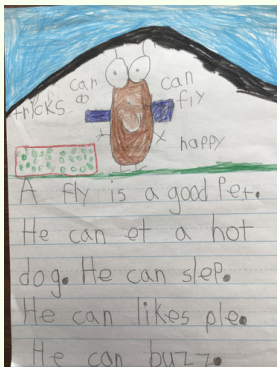
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From North Rowan Elementary

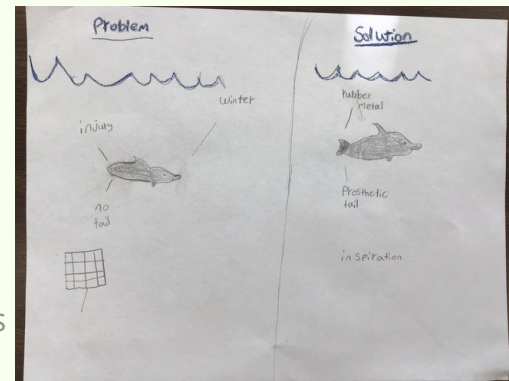


The kindergarteners have been working on speaking more. They drew a self-portrait of themselves, then took a picture of their portrait on the iPad, and they recorded themselves stating their name, day of the week and the date. After they recorded themselves they played it back, listened and they loved it! They couldn't wait to go back and show their teacher. They also shared it with their parents when they got home! This was huge for some of them that are really shy!



From China Grove Elementary

Anna Irvin's students are integrating art and writing through labeled drawings about their latest book studies. Here are samples of student work. One is first grade studying "Hi Fly Guy" and the other one is third grade studying the problem and solution in "Winter's Tail".



From Corriher Lipe and China Grove Middle:

Gail Safrit has created a Canvas course just for her Newcomers that includes activities that develop her EL's speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills.

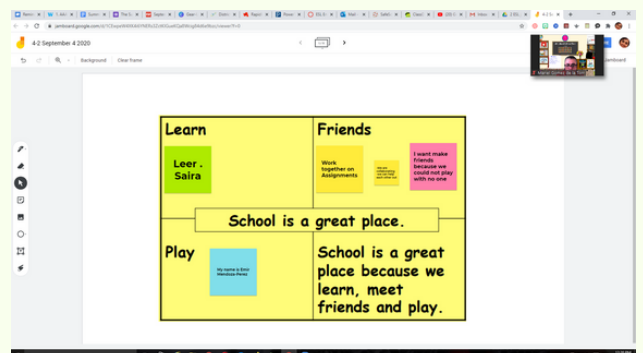
From North Rowan High:

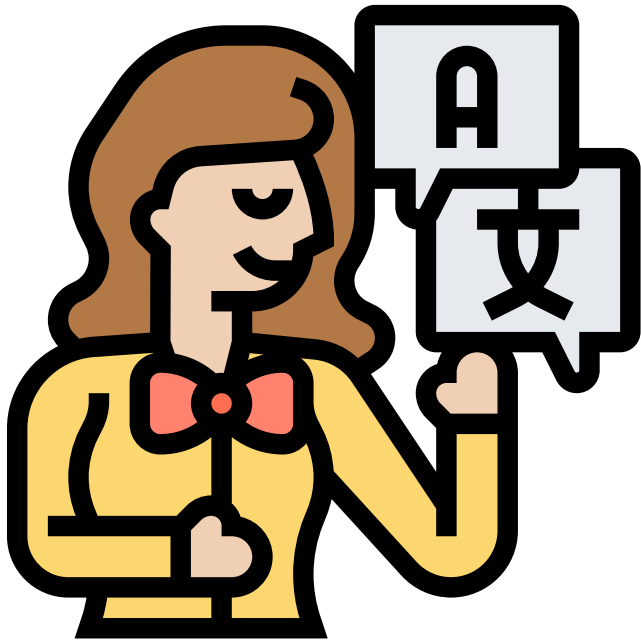
Shanna Hinson is working with her students on taking some of their classes through Rowan Cabarrus Community College. This is enabling them to earn college credit while still in high school!



From Summit Virtual School:

Marisel Gomez de la Torre is working with her ELs using Google's Jamboard, an interactive whiteboard included in our Google Education suite.. For access to a sample Jamboard, click [here](#).





Our Interpreters/ Translators

Our interpreters are always accessible through the general email of interpreters@rss.k12.nc.us.

Each one is assigned a specific school community to serve.

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From ESL Timeline 20-21

September 9th

- Detailed ESL services schedule due in Ellevation for each student.
- Provide testing coordinators with a list of all student accommodations.

September 16th

- NEW ESL teacher Zoom Meeting

September 22nd

- All initially enrolled students must have Screener testing completed.

September 30th

- All Initial Placement Meetings /SEPs must be created and finalized for all Els; Parent Notification Letters sent home.
- Teacher Collaboration Log updated in ESL Shared Drive
- Transitional Student Log updated in ESL Shared Drive

October 21st

- NEW ESL teacher Zoom Meeting
- First Quarter Monitoring Forms Due

October 30th

- Teacher collaboration contact log updated in ESL Shared Drive
- Update Transitional Student log in ESL Shared Drive

November 18th

- District ESL PLC Meeting

November 20th

- High School ESL prepare Spring Schedules
- Fall Parent/Family/Community Engagement completed, and documentation uploaded in ESL Shared Drive
- Fall Staff Development completed, and documentation uploaded in ESL Shared Drive

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Supporting ELs

Here is a list of self-paced courses available for all teacher and administrators.

SIOP (Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol) - Submit your interest here!
All costs are covered by Title III.

K-12 teachers, Coaches, and Administrator Interest Form
<https://bit.ly/3bYwQMw>

WIDA eLearning Courses Supporting English Learners

K-12 Teachers and administrators
Self-Paced - Login must be requested
<https://bit.ly/2Dpgdg4>

Supporting Newcomers in the Mainstream Classroom

K-12 Teachers Self-Paced Canvas
<https://rss.instructure.com/courses/50971>

Academic Conversations

K-12 Teachers Self-Paced Canvas
<https://rss.instructure.com/courses/32002>

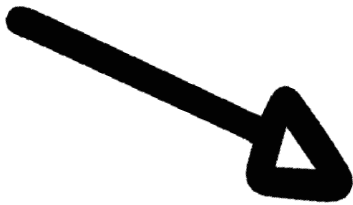
Focus your classroom teachers on learning
how to support ELs through Ellevation's
Instructional Strategies

<https://app.ellevationeducation.com/Strategies/Collections>



PF&C Engagement

This year we are working towards having monthly community meetings to help keep our parents informed during the school year. It is critical that parents know where to go for information and have access to connecting in their native language as much as possible.



Communication is Key

Here are some simple tips that you can share with parents and guardians who may need extra support in working with their students and ensuring that distance learning is happening at home.

Colorin' Colorado has a guide that includes these strategies:

1. Provide a place where your student can do their school work with out distraction
2. Check that the school work is completed by each afternoon.
3. Ask your students what they learned each day.
4. Keep in regular contact with your student's teacher(s) through Seesaw, Class Dojo, or Canvas about his progress.
5. ASK questions any time that they arise.
6. Read and tell stories in their native language.



From the office

Listenwise



We are still using Listenwise with our ESL students to grow their academic language using real broadcasts. We will have a short refresher course in the next few weeks.

Extempore



This app is available in Self Service for use in our middle and high school students. It provides practice for speaking and teachers and students can exchange audio and video.



New Curriculum is Coming



Over the next couple of weeks, a new curriculum is coming to our schools to support English Learners. Look for dates for training from Vista Learning for Middle and High School teachers. Elementary and Middle School teachers will receive training from Teacher Created Materials.



Student Goals



Remember when working with your English Learners, we want to show the progress that the students are making. In Ellevation, the Student Goals are set up by Key Uses and Can do descriptors. What do your students need help with the most? Work with them on setting up goals, provide instruction, and then monitor their progress.

Showing our ELs that achievement is more than a score or letter grade will boost their confidence and show them how well they are progressing.

Need Help? Questions?

Do not hesitate to call, text, or email.

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