Bilingual Parent Council

Parents: The Voice That Makes the Difference:

One of the most important components of the New Brunswick Bilingual/ESL Program is parental involvement. Communication between families and schools is one of the goals of the New Brunswick Public Schools. It is recognized that parents are their children’s first teacher and their involvement in the education of their children is encouraged and supported.

- The Bilingual Parent Council holds 4 informational meetings for parents/guardians of students in the program. The purpose of these meetings is to inform parents about the Bilingual/ESL Program and to offer an opportunity for parents to communicate their concerns and to receive answers to their questions.
- Workshops address educational topics and strategies parents can use to support their children’s education. Parents are encouraged to voice their concerns and opinions in an effort to cater to their needs.
- Also provided are 3 Family Movie Nights in which parents and students are encouraged to share family time among other bilingual parents and students while enjoying a free movie theater experience in a safe environment. Refreshments are sold and all proceeds benefit the Joan M. Bornheimer Scholarship Fund.

Meetings are held at Roosevelt School on Thursday evenings from 6pm – 8pm on the following scheduled dates:

*Link for BPC Meeting Schedule for 2013-14 School Year*

Family Movie Nights are held at Lord Stirling Community School on Friday evenings from 6pm – 8pm on the following scheduled dates:
Joan Marino Bornheimer Memorial Scholarship

The Joan Marino Bornheimer Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who has participated in the district’s Bilingual/ESL Program for at least one year. The following criteria must be met by any candidate wishing to apply:

- The student must have been a student at New Brunswick High School or New Brunswick Health Sciences Technology High School for 4 years
- Has a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Has been involved in school activities
- Has been accepted to a two or four year institution of higher learning

Bilingual Community Agent

The Bilingual/ESL students and parents have access to our Bilingual Community Agent:

Lindy Zeledón at Ext. 5457, whose goal is as follows:

- Serve as a liaison between parents, schools and the community.
- Provide advocacy for parents and guardians of students from the Bilingual/ESL Program
- Provide language interpretation to promote effective communication between parents/guardians and faculty/staff
- Link available community resources, including but not limited to food, housing, and social services.
- Plan and organize Bilingual Parent Council meetings to provide timely information as well as address parental concerns and issues.