

Multilingual Association of Regina

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Indu Jaiswal: President's Message



As President of MLAR I am happy to welcome to the New School Year the many Heritage Language Schools who are members of MLAR for 2011-2012.

As was explained at the Principals Meeting held at the Travelodge recently on August 29th, 2011 there have been some changes to the availability of classrooms, especially for the schools using Balfour Collegiate. The main reason for this was to allow Balfour's regular classroom teachers who want to be able to access their classrooms to prepare for the upcoming week for regular students, the opportunity to do so either on Saturdays or on Sundays this year.

Since there are more classrooms available on the second floor and Heritage Language Schools requesting classrooms on Saturdays need 24 classrooms, a decision was made that those requesting classrooms for Saturdays would have to use available classrooms on the Second floor on Saturdays.

This will allow regular Balfour Teachers who want access to their classrooms on weekends, access to their classroom on Saturdays if their classroom is on the first floor.

Heritage Language Schools using Balfour on Sundays are now assigned rooms on the first floor only, so regular Balfour Teachers with classrooms on the second floor can access their classrooms on Sundays.

As a result of the above Balfour and Regina School Board decision, fewer classrooms will now be available at Balfour, especially on Saturdays, and

requests for changes will therefore now be more difficult to accommodate. However, every effort will be made to accommodate all schools, within the new rules explained above.

At the Principals' Meeting held at the Travelodge on August 29th, the above and other matters were dealt with. Principals who did not attend the above meeting will be emailed a PDF format of the agenda and handouts provided at the Principals meeting, for their information and required follow-up.

More information about planned MLAR functions and activities are covered in other parts of this newsletter. A special thanks to the Regina Bangla School and the Latinamerican Spanish School for contributing to the current edition of our newsletter. We encourage other schools to submit articles of their success stories for future editions.

Heritage Language School Reports

The Bangla School of Regina held a very successful Day Camp for students. The following pictures were submitted by Principal Subrato Kumar Ghosh, depicting some of the activities that were held as part of the Day Camp which was very well attended.



Above:
Workshop Photo of Bangla Students and Teachers



Photo identified as “Tree Teacher” at the Regina Bangla School Day Camp. Other activities that made up the “Day” included the awarding of prizes, as well as some fun at the Beach, as shown in the two photos below.

The following 2 photos were taken during the **Salvador Allende Latin American Spanish School Summer Camp** held earlier this summer 2011.



Below, students from the Salvador Allende Latin American Spanish School **say good-bye** at the end of another successful school year 2010-2011:



Awarding of Prizes



Bangla Students having Fun at the Beach



Above Photos supplied by Principal Olga Santander

List of Heritage Language Schools 2011-2012	
School Name	Phone Contact
Balatan Hungarian Language School	757-6794
Bangla Heritage Language School	790-9007
Bazam E Faroque Urdu Language School	584-8407
Chinese Language School	586-1512
Ethiopian Language School	352-3806
German Language School	569-7251
Gujarati Language School	351-3033
ICA Hindi Language School	209-5424
Igbo Cultural Language School	581-4493
Korean Language School	501-0789
Marconi Italiano Language School	775-2576
Nepali Bhasa Language School	352-4600
Nepali Language School	584-0639
Punjabi Language School	359-7700
Queen City Japanese School	525-5725
Regina Bangla School	584-5542
Regina Nippon School	565-3464
Regina Salvadorean Spanish School	789-4731
Regina School of Chinese Studies	789-7872
Russian Language School	351-4281
Sadochok Ukrainian Pre-School	541-5866 584-9248

List of Heritage Language Schools 2011-2012	
School Name	Phone Contact
Salvador Allende Latinamerican Spanish School	787-2988
Salvadorean Spanish Language School	924-5497
Scandinavian Languages School	586-0406
St Paul Greek Language School	584-2129
The Bahr el Ghazal Sudanese Language School	359-0499
Tigrinya-Eritrian Language School	775-0132
Ukrainian National Federation Language School	757-1476 543-0603
Vietnamese Language School	777-4754
Yoruba Language School	783-3304

CURRENT MLAR BOARD MEMBERS

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Website Update Reminder

Heritage Language Schools are reminded to review the information about their schools on the MLAR Website mlar.ca. Some of the information is out of date. Please provide the corrections to MLAR Office so the website administrator can update your information.

As noted earlier, the annual **Heritage Language School Principals' Meeting** was held this year on August 29th, at the Travelodge Hotel. A number of important matters were discussed as part of planning for the new school year. If you missed this meeting, a copy of the material handed out can be emailed to you in PDF format for your information, upon request, as some important matters were dealt with regarding access to collegiate facilities, as well as funding available through SOHL.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Teacher In-service Training
 MLAR and SOHL in their continued support of the professional development of our heritage language schools teachers, will be hosting a **WORKSHOP on EFFECTIVE TEACHER-STUDENT COMMUNICATION** November 19th, 2011
 Travelodge Hotel,
 South Albert Street, Regina.
 Application forms and
 Further details
 Will be sent to all Principals
 By early October 2011

DATES WHEN CAMPBELL NOT AVAILABLE

December 17 through to January 4 2012
Wednesday, February 8, 2012
February 20 through to February 24
April 6th and April 16th
 Last day of School classes is June 16, 2012
 Campbell is NOT be available for
 Heritage Classes in **June** unless previously
 Approved by Campbell through MLAR

**NOT AVAILABLE DURING
 SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

Balfour Collegiate

NOT AVAILABLE as follows:

Sept 3 to 5	Labour day
Sept 20	Academic Awards
Oct 8 to 10	Thanksgiving
Nov 11 to 13	Remembrance Day
Dec 9 to 11	Balfour function
Dec 19 to Jan 4	Christmas Break
Feb 17 to 26	Family Day
April 6 to 15	Spring Break
May 18 to 21	Victoria Day

Last day available: June 17, 2012

Balfour not available throughout the

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

MLAR MEMBERSHIPS 2011-2012

A reminder that to qualify for services from MLAR, Heritage Language Schools must **renew their MLAR Membership each year** by submitting the completed Membership Form for 2011-2012 and submit payment of the \$ 20 annual Membership Fee before the end of September 2011 to qualify for MLAR services, including free access to Balfour and Campbell Collegiates for classrooms to teach Heritage Languages, as per an agreement with the City of Regina and the Regina Public School Board.

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