



Parent Café Note: Globalization implies communication not only between speakers of different languages, but also between different varieties of the same language. Basic Spanish seems to be the answer to the communicative needs of this language, although there is a diversity of opinions on the subject, almost as many as there are varieties of Spanish.

**Activities for the Year:**

Workshop	Parent Café	Parent Classes
February 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2020 Plainfield Central High School 5:30pm-8:00pm Food Donations Ferney Ramirez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Topic: Effect Resilience: A Guide to Deal with Emotions to be successful in school</li> </ul>	February 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 Creekside Elementary Media Center 9:30-10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High School Equivalency Classes (GED) Classes at Timber Ridge Middle School every Tuesday and Thursday night 6-8 pm. Please contact Oralia Guzman for information at 815-577-4011.</li> </ul> Classes Start January 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2019
May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2020 Plainfield Central High School 5:30pm-8:00pm PAWS: Pet Adoption Ferney Ramirez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Topic: Who do you want to be? Strategies to help build self esteem</li> </ul>	April 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 John F. Kennedy Media Center 9:30-10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Citizenship Classes Coming Soon in Spring of 2020.</li> </ul> Classes Start January 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2019



# MEET THE BILINGUAL PARENT ADVISORY BOARD FOR PARENT CAFÉ



Left to Right Margarita Morelos, Sonia Arteaga, Marlen Pineda, & Sandra Hernandez; Christian Areaga not photographed

The Bilingual Parent Advisory Board are parents in the bilingual community who volunteered to support and develop programs for the community. The bilingual parent advisory board works with the director of multilingual services and the parent liaison to schedule events, create classes, and offer input for federal grants. The board members meet throughout the school year and over the summer. These parents help influence the wonderful opportunities for all bilingual parents and students. Below are the biographies of these dedicated parents.

Sonia and Christian Arteaga: We are Sonia and Christian Arteaga and the main reason we are part of this committee (Bilingual parents Café) is because we are a Mexican family that is very interested about our daughters' education. Being a bilingual family and bicultural is very important that we keep our language, our culture, our mores, our traditions, and our morals. This committee focus is on helping these Bilingual families to understand the importance of being an immigrant in this country and the importance of teaching our children that bilingual education is very important and to be proud of it. To all bilingual parents please feel free to ask any questions and please join us in this journey of teaching all immigrants all bilingual families to be proud of our origins.

This program has a lot of information about helping our kids, how to be better, how to prepare our kids for the future, how to help our kids to be successful.

Margarita Morelos: The main reason why I wanted to be part of the Bilingual Parent Cafe is because I wanted to get more involved with the program that my son is part of. Since I found out that district 202 had a bilingual program I thought this would be great for my kids because by being in this program they can learn two languages from a very young age. Students learn how to speak, write and read proficiently in two languages. So, I think this is a fantastic opportunity for students to be bilingual even before they start high school. Once they start high school, they will be ready to learn a third language, which in so many levels, is a great preparation for their future! So now that I'm part of the Parent Cafe I've learned that bilingual students and parents are encouraged to participate in the different activities and meetings that Parent Cafe offers because it will help both students and parents to establish that connection with their culture and language from their native country and it also helps in the transition of learning a new language. Overall, I think it's great that parents get involved with the bilingual Parent Cafe because we as parents can help more of our children with their education.

Marlen Pineda: I'm a mom worried and interested about my kid's future. That's why I love to be involved in their education. As an immigrant mom it's very important to me to keep my kids' home language strong and raise them like a bilingual person and careerist. I'm thankful for District 202 because of their effort and support for our kids and community. I'm an active parent and enjoy being part of BPAC and I would like our committee to grow, so you're welcome to join us!!

Sandra Hernandez: I am a Mexican immigrant mother. I am very happy to belong to the family committee, since the program offered by this committee is to promote guidance and support and as an immigrant parent we sometimes ignore. The board encourages and develops programs that help expand and improve our children's educational success, improving the link between school and parents.

As a mother, I want my daughters to be proud of their culture and language. Let them graduate and continue their higher education.