



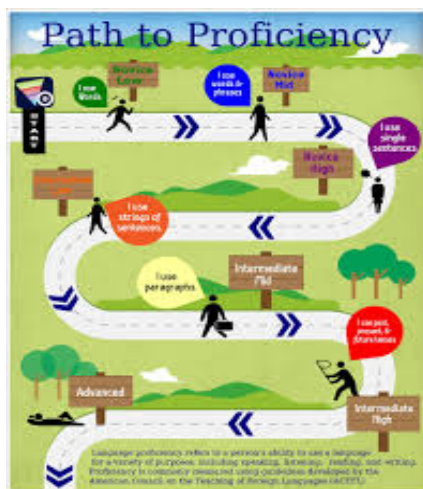
Dear Parents and Guardians,

We, the Oak Middle School World Language teachers, are excited to welcome your child to Oak for the 2022-2023 school year. We are looking forward to getting to know them and to helping them grow as learners!

This letter is a prelude to the regular world language newsletters you will receive during the year. In them you can expect to find information and pictures about what's going on in your child's class, information about language proficiency, and important upcoming dates.

Important upcoming dates:

- **Professional development Day:** Friday, September 2, 2022—no classes for students
- **Labor Day:** Monday, September 5, 2022—no school
- **Picture Day:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022
- **8th grade Curriculum Night:** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 (6:30-8:00pm)
- **7th grade Curriculum Night:** Thursday, September 22, 2022 (6:30-8:00pm)
- **Professional development Day:** Friday, October 7, 2022—no classes for students
- **Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day:** Monday, October 10, 2022—no school
- **Parent-Teacher Conference Day:** November 8, 2022 **Individual teacher sign-up links will come out in the October newsletter.*
- **Veteran's Day:** Friday, November 11, 2022—no school



Language learning spotlight:

A key word in language learning is “proficiency”. Proficiency is a continuum and is measured through consistency of skill. Students start at the “novice” levels and progress through “intermediate” and “advanced” levels. Progress in the “novice levels” is faster, slowing as a language-learner enters the “intermediate levels”, and slowing even more as one reaches the “advanced levels”. Our goal for the end of seventh grade is for students to be in the “novice-mid/novice-high” levels; while the goal for 8th grade is for students to end the year in the “novice-high/intermediate-low” levels.

Need tech help?

1. Try resetting the iPad—it's amazing how many issues can be fixed this way!
2. Talk to a teacher if the issue persists.
3. Send a tech ticket with information about the problem to

oaktechsupport@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

Please feel free to contact your child's language teacher if you have questions. We look forward to having your children in class and to working with you this year.

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