



Hillsdale PTO Elementary Foreign Language Program

2017-2018 REGISTRATION

Are you interested in exposing your children to a foreign language and culture?

The Hillsdale PTO sponsors a self-funded cultural enrichment foreign language program. This program is designed to develop enthusiasm and interest in learning a foreign language by exposing the children at a young age to the joy and excitement of other languages and cultures. Language is introduced to the students in an informal class setting, using games, songs, skits, videos, computer software and special events planned by each class. There is no required homework or tests.

Classes in Chinese and Spanish languages are currently being offered. They are held for 15 weeks, beginning in January and running through early May. Both Chinese and Spanish are being offered to grades K - 5th one day/week and will be taught by Mrs. Martin-Montgomery (Chinese) and Mrs. Brown (Spanish).

All students are grouped based on grade and language experience. Classes are held 8:10a.m. – 8:55 a.m. Specific day schedule will be determined according to enrollment on a **first come, first served basis**. It may be necessary to cancel a specific class if a minimum number of students do not enroll.

Our language teachers have both formal language education & experience living abroad:

Mrs. Claudia Brown is a native Spanish speaker, originally from Panama who has been living in Chester County since 1989. She received her Elementary Education Degree from the Normal Rubiano Institute and a Law and Political Science Degree from the University of Panama. She loves teaching Spanish to children through history and imaginary trips to Latin countries by presenting maps, stories, songs and riddles!

Mrs. Martin-Montgomery is the founder and director of Chinese for Families and has worked with children, teens and adults teaching Chinese language for over 10 years. She holds degrees in International Relations (BA), Middle East Studies (MA), and Anthropology (MSc). She trained as an archaeologist and brings ancient Chinese history into her program. Her goal is to make learning Chinese fun for students of all ages.

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Registration Deadline: **December 22nd** - Return all forms and payment to the school office; Make checks payable to "Hillsdale PTO".

Tuition: \$100.00 per student; includes all materials and book or language cd.

~ Fee is refundable if classes are filled; tuition refunds of \$80.00 will be allowed through 2nd week of session.

Schedule: Classes meet 8:10am – 8:55am, the day of the week determined by enrollment. Parents are responsible for providing student's transportation to the school.

Class Assignments: Class assignments will be distributed the week of January 8th. **Classes will begin the week of January 16, 2017.**

Late Openings: Regarding inclement weather and snow delays, if the District has a **one-hour delay**, foreign language classes will begin at **9:10am**, and if the District has a **two-hour delay**, foreign language classes will begin at **10:10am**. As with any other day, parents must provide transportation. If the District cancels classes due to snow or other emergency, no foreign language classes will be held that day, but will be made up at the end of the 15-week schedule.

Questions: Please direct all questions to the Foreign Language Program Coordinators:

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Return the attached registration form with your payment by **December 22nd**.