



World Language Learning Center

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# Happy Spring from the **World Language Learning Center**

Introducing students to languages, cultures, the world, and each other

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This past quarter has been full of planning, studying, and preparation for the WLLC and its students. Although the amount of large events were very few--we did have our annual Culture Week, completely online and virtual this year--all have been hard at work writing their speeches for the upcoming Speech Festival to be held, VIRTUALLY, this April! Also in the works have been the plans and logistics for another new and exciting event to occur very soon: the first-ever WLLC Virtual Storytime event! Even with the adversities of distance learning, students have continued to learn and perform greatly throughout the school year; we cannot wait to see and hear their progress at our annual festival, and to share knowledge and skills with others.

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# Culture Week 2021

A few words from two World Language Students about their experiences with this year's virtual Culture Week

From Alyssa Jose, a Spanish language student:

“During culture week this year, we explored spanish cities like Panama through videos from Panama locals. We learned about what life is like there, some of the culture, common traditions, and events. I really enjoyed getting to learn and experience life in Panama, as well as getting to compare it to life here in Hawai'i. Overall getting to learn about a new culture, and their etiquette was really interesting and engaging!”

From Abcde Morales, a Hawaiian language student:

“Hawaiian 2 had an amazing experience with our presenter this year. Even with everything being virtual our presenter still managed to make culture week entertaining. We gained so much more knowledge about the history of the hawaiian language. We learned about being a child on this island, about being a proud hawaiian. Our presenter gave us her own experiences about living on this island. Hawaiian 2 was able to connect with someone that is also a hawaiian and who goes through some of the same things that they do. We had gained so much more knowledge than we had before. We learned so much more about the language and we learned their stories to be able to build upon and create a new story for ourselves. She taught us how to be more proud in ourselves, our land, our people.”

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## WLLC Virtual Storytime Event

An upcoming virtual event to immerse students in language learning and culture through storytelling and personal connection

A continuation of our previous Learn a Language Program endeavors, this Virtual Storytime event will feature live readings, fun activities, and new perspectives of language and culture to help students and the community connect with those and the world around them. Students from the Moanalua language classes, WLLC, and Spanish and Japanese clubs have teamed together to volunteer in this feat, and have developed DIY activities and interactive lessons that are sure to make the language and cultural concepts of their focus sessions meaningful and memorable.

“Froggy y su papá” by Jonathan Longon, “Ohana Means Family” by Ilima Loomis, and the story of Momotaro are the three stories to be offered during this event, which will be **held over WebEx from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Thursday, April 1st, 2021**. This Virtual Storytime is truly open to all ages and grades--all and any who may be interested in learning more about the Spanish, Japanese, or Hawaiian languages; who wants to meet new people and make new friends; and who simply wants to enjoy a good, live story reading, which has been a rarely offered activity throughout this past year. If you are interested in attending the Virtual Storytime event, please make sure to fill out and submit this [Google Form](#) before the event date and keep on the lookout for more details (supplies for activities, time updates, etc.) through the email that you list! Again, this is open to ANY and ALL ages and grades; all that you really need is a good, positive attitude and a drive to engage and learn!

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# Stories from the World

Listen to exciting stories from another language and culture!  
Participate in fun games and activities!  
Meet new people, make new friends, and learn more about the world around you!

April 1st, 2021 | 3 PM - 4 PM  
Over WebEx!

Please fill out and submit the following [Google Form](#) by the event date using a personal email address to sign up! The link can also be found at [moanalua.wile.weebly.com](http://moanalua.wile.weebly.com)

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## This Year's Speech Festival

Now virtual, open to more, and the best that we can make for our students and community

As has become the usual and necessary route for most traditionally large gatherings and events, the 2021 Annual Speech Festival will be held virtually in late April of this year. While students are still prompted to prepare speeches based on certain given prompts and under the critique of rubrics and volunteer judges, the logistics for this year's festival are another first-ever plan in the history of the Moanalua Complex World Language Speech Festival.

Instead of presenting directly to a panel of judges in a classroom, students will now be presenting to a panel of their own peers. Judges will still be present in each virtual room to observe and take note of each presentation, but a new, competitive component has been

added to the process of such presentations. At the end of all of the room's speeches, students will be prompted to provide constructive feedback to those that they listened to and observed in their rooms. Such discussions will end with a conclusion of who they believe presented the best speech according to the rubric and the context of their sharing, and the chosen individual will be awarded and recognised for their apparent prowess and outstanding performance in exhibiting their language skills. Regardless of being chosen, however, all students will continue to be observed and critiqued by an adult judge, who will also provide their own comments and feedback on the speeches (as per the typical Speech Festival's purpose). Before and after presentation sessions, students will also be able to join different activity rooms hosted by various school and community organizations to enjoy games, lessons, and virtual fun!

We hope that the new Speech Festival plans will better incentivise investing in language learning and competency, and that it will encourage more collaboration and camaraderie between students in discussing and working towards goals together. This event is also open to students from schools outside of the Moanalua administration and the Moanalua Complex! If you are not a student or teacher from Moanalua High School and are interested in participating or having your students participate in the Speech Festival, please contact [Mrs. Jamie Lyn Tateyama](#) to arrange your registration **by Wednesday, March 31st**. The more the merrier; the more variety of language usage and stories students get to hear, the more they will get to learn about the world and each other, and better they will be able to improve on their own skills!

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## Tips for Tech Etiquette!

Infographics made by Rosalyn Sproule and Janelle Terrado to help students prepare for the virtual Speech Festival

The infographics can be found on our website under the page 'TECHNOLOGY ETIQUETTE INFOGRAPHICS'!

Students should also take a look at this infographic on [providing good, respectful and constructive feedback](#) for your group members during the Speech Festival session discussion time.

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## Upcoming Events & Dates

<b>Wednesday, March 31st</b>	Deadline for outside (not Moanalua High
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	School) schools to apply to participate in Speech Festival, contact Mrs. Tateyama (linked above)
<b>Wednesday afternoon, March 31st</b>	Sign-Up Google Forms (linked above) for the Virtual Storytime event should be submitted
	Final day for non-MoHS schools to sign up for the Speech Festival with Mrs. Tateyama
<b>Thursday, April 1st from 3:00PM-4:00PM</b>	The <i>first ever</i> WLLC Virtual Storytime event! Make sure to have the supplies you need and access to WebEx
<b>Thursday, April 22 at Lunch</b>	Moanalua High School WLLC representatives meeting (Google Classroom)
<b>Saturday, April 24th</b>	2021 Annual WLLC Speech Festival



If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to get in touch with our director or any of the officers, our information can be found in the ‘CONTACTS’ section on our website (link at the end of this newsletter). Our website also has information on the different events that we organize and attend, as well as where/how you can sign up to participate in some of them!

We look forward to serving you all this year, and hope that you are just as excited for the amazing things to come!

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