## **NEWCOMER NEWS**

Monthly Newsletter



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## Did you know?

Students from
Sudan and Syria
enjoy watermelon
seeds as a treat!
They look similar
to sunflower seeds
and you break
them open the
same way and eat
what is inside.



Newcomers are often without English books in their homes!

Winston Churchill High School in partnership with Lethbridge Family Services is running a book drive called Home for Books. Please contact Heather Brantner if you have books to donate.

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#### In the ELL classroom



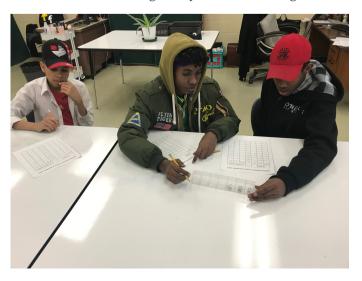
Students at Winston Churchill High School work with Grade 1 students at Park Meadows Elementary School weekly on phonics.



Students in an ELL transition class at Winston Churchill try poutine for the first time.

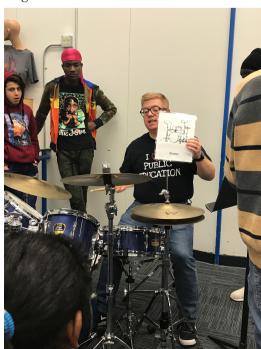
# Instructional tips and tricks

Use Manipulatives and Games: English Language Learners enjoy hands-on manipulatives that they can use to figure out problems, especially in math. Working in groups with peers who speak the same language allow students to fully engage with mathematical thinking and problem-solving.



#### Present Visuals Through Instruction:

Kade Hogg is a music teacher from Winston Churchill High School who uses visual cards from esllibrary.com as a targeted support for students learning English



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#### Student profile: Hozan Ibrahim



Hozan Ibrahim is attending Winston Churchill.

Hozan Ibrahim is a Grade 12 student who lived in Syria and Iraq before coming to Canada two years ago.

He speaks Kurdish, Arabic, and
Turkish, and is proud to be learning
English. Hozan attends Winston
Churchill High School and has
developed English well enough to
attend classes outside of the
Limited Formal Schooling
Program. When asked about his
experiences in Canada he said, "I
have freedom in Canada, not in
Syria. People respect you."
Education has been different in
Canada, but he mentions, "School is
good. The teachers help. They are
like friends."

Hozan was a barber in Iraq but wants to be a teacher or doctor now that he is in Canada. His favourite things to learn at school are in Science and have to do with the body and plants. Food has been different in Canada, but he has developed a liking for poutine and sushi.

#### RESOURCES

Google Translate is a free multilingual machine translation service developed by Google, to translate text and websites from one language into another. It can be installed on most smartphones or iPads. You can also translate live and have conversations through the app!



