
THE NEWS BRIDGE

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Language Academy to Open

The Bridge Language Academy debuts in South Lake Tahoe



We are excited to announce the opening of The Bridge Language Academy! Programs will begin this summer in our new classroom at Al Tahoe Elementary School in South Lake Tahoe. Co-founders Kathy Haven and Karen Goldberg are committed to providing a rich language curriculum for children, adolescents, and adults. We strive to foster a multilingual community by connecting the people of our diverse society through the bridge of a shared language. Students at The Bridge Language Academy will be partners in an engaging, student-centered learning environment as we learn a second language through singing, games, projects, reading aloud, and physical activities. In our classroom, the teacher will act as a coach, modeling vocabulary and pronunciation as well as joining them in a variety of activities from other cultures.

We are opening with the *De Colores* Pre-kinder Immersion Program, *El Puente a TWI* intensive week, and the *Multicultural Music* class.

Join us this year for a learning adventure at The Bridge Language Academy.

Benefits of Bilingualism at an Early Age!

Children who learn a second language at an early age.....

- enrich and enhance their mental development
- develop more flexibility in thinking and are better at solving complex problems
- have and improved understanding of their native language
- have the ability to communicate with people they would otherwise not have the chance to know
- develop an understanding and appreciation of people from other cultures
- gain greater self-confidence as they communicate in another language
- develop a more native-like pronunciation
- “can also master reading faster” (American Psychological Association)
- may have a higher level of success in other studies, particularly English and math

KID'S CORNER

1 Crossing cultural lines: Make a new friend! Find someone who speaks a different language than you. What do you have in common?

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M U S E K H I F D C N
D I D O C O F E V Ó M
O N P E R L O M C M L
O B H O W A R E Y O U
G U Y E S Z C S A E W
Y M V D B R O P E S P
R C A O W S Í X P T R
E B M S E A C T L Á E
V N E I B Y U M M S Y

Bilingual Scramble

Find the following words & phrases above:

HI HOLA YES SÍ NO
CÓMO ESTÁS HOW ARE YOU
VERY GOOD MUY BIEN



Pre-kinder Immersion Program

This program is designed for children ages 3-5, and meets once or twice weekly from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We will offer 12 weeks sessions in the fall, winter, and spring. All activities will be conducted in Spanish with the instructor employing a wide variety of instructional strategies to support students in their understanding and learning. Your child will be part of a fun, exciting, and truly supportive learning experience that can open the door to a life-long appreciation of other languages and cultures.

*Applications are available online
at*

www.thebridgelanguageacademy.com

*or call (530)545-9317 to have
one mailed to you*

¡Nos Vemos en septiembre! (See you in September!)



MULTICULTURAL MUSIC

Children (ages 3-5) will participate in rhythm activities, music and movement, and singing songs. The goals of this class are for children to learn simple songs and musical games fostering a love of music and a familiarization of music from other cultures. American, Irish, African and Spanish music will be included.

This program will meet twice a week immediately after the *De Colores* Prekinder Immersion Program on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12pm to 1pm for 12 weeks beginning on September 15th. (This class will also be offered during the winter and spring sessions of *De Colores*.) The first half an hour will be the children's lunchtime (which will be staffed and supervised), and the music class will run from 12:30 to 1pm.



El Puente a TWI

This Spanish language program is designed for students who will be entering the Two Way Immersion Program at Bijou Community School as kindergarteners in the Fall. The course will meet daily from Monday, August 17th through Friday, August 21st from 8:35 to 10:35 a.m., in order to prepare students for the 8:35 a.m. start time at Bijou. Upon successful completion of the program students will be able to:

- respond to introductory questions about their name, age, and well-being;
- recognize common classroom vocabulary;
- recognize and respond to questions and directions common in a classroom.

Join us for a fun and exciting introduction to the Spanish language classroom!

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Quote for the Month!

From Cognitive Advantages of Bilingual Children Related to Labeling Ability

"Bilingualism has been linked to a variety of positive cognitive benefits, including early reading, improved problem-solving skills, and higher scores on the SATs, including the math section." Myles also claims that bilingual children have been shown to demonstrate "better listening perception" and that they "recognize earlier than monolingual children do that language is symbolic... and...are more skilled at interpreting and manipulating grammar to communicate clearly."

Ditza L. Oren, Stanford University; Journal of Educational Research

Karen Goldberg-

Co-Founder & Lead Teacher

Biographical Sketch

Karen brings a passion to the classroom born of her personal love of languages and joy in teaching others. Karen's professional experience includes teaching Spanish and English as a Second Language at Lake Tahoe Community College, teaching math and English Language Learner after school programs at Bijou Community School, teaching Spanish at the high school level, serving as a high school vice principal, and teaching linguistic anthropology at the University of California, Davis. Karen is academically prepared with a Bachelor's degree in Spanish and a Master's degree in

Linguistic Anthropology, both from U.C. Davis. Karen has also earned California credentials as a Spanish teacher and school administrator. As the mother of two small children, Karen's commitment to excellence in the classroom is personal. Karen feels that it is both a powerful responsibility and a heartfelt privilege to serve as your child's teacher.

The Bridge

Language Academy

Connecting our community through shared language

Brought to you by Kathy Haven and Karen Goldberg

We are excited to introduce the ***De Colores* Pre-kinder Immersion Program**, a **Spanish** language class designed for children ages 3 to 5 years! Students will be partners in a learning adventure as they communicate in Spanish about themselves and the world around them.



Pre-kinder Immersion Program

We are currently
accepting
applications for our
Fall 2009 Program.

Program Information:

- The Bridge Language Academy is located at Al Tahoe Elementary School, 1100 Lyons Ave. in South Lake Tahoe
- Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or Friday only from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Multicultural Music classes will also be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

For more information & an application:

(530) 416-2505 or (530) 545-9317

Or visit our website at

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Una escuela nueva fundado por Kathy Haven and Karen Goldberg

Bienvenidos a **De Colores Pre-kinder Immersion Program**, un programa con instrucción en español para niños de 3 a 5 años. Los estudiantes serán compañeros en una aventura de educación mientras comunican en Español sobre sí mismos y nuestro mundo.



**De
Colores**

Pre-kinder Immersion Program

**Inscripciones
disponibles ahora
para el programa del
otoño de 2009**

Información sobre el programa:

- The Bridge Language Academy está en la escuela primaria Al Tahoe, 1100 Lyons Ave. en South Lake Tahoe
- Tenemos clases los martes y miércoles de las 9:00 a.m. a las 12:00 p.m. o los viernes de las 9:00 a.m. a las 12:00 p.m.
- Una clase de música está ofrecida los martes y miércoles de las 12:00 p.m. a la 1:00 p.m.

Para más información:

(530) 416-2505 (se habla español)

O en el internet

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