

Bilingual Department

The ACCESS 2.0 test will be taking place during the window of January 17, 2017-February 17, 2017. This is a required assessment for all English Learners across the state of Illinois. This new format will be administered on the computers for students in grades 2-8 for the Listening, Reading and Speaking portions of the test. Grades 1-3 will take the Writing section in paper-pencil format, while 4th to 8th grade students will complete the Writing section on the computer. Kindergarten ELL students will continue to be assessed individual and in paper format.

Over the next few weeks, we will be practicing the assessment with the students in order to familiarize them with the format of the test. You may go on the website as well to practice with your child at home on the computer.

1. Type in www.wida.us into the search bar
2. Hover over the ASSESSMENT tab at the top of the screen and select the first link to ACCESS for ELLs 2.0.
3. Scroll to the bottom of the screen and select **Link to Interactive Sample Items**

Red Envelope Art Contest

We encourage all students to participate in the “**Lucky Red Envelope**” Art Contest. Students will work on their red envelopes during winter break. Each classroom teacher will pick the best two designs of their class and submit them to Ms. Hawkins Smith or Ms. Cheung by Friday, January 20.

Chinese New Year Celebration

Bilingual department will have our students to perform on Monday January. 30 (The 3rd day of Chinese New Year’s Day-The year of Rooster) to start our Haines’ Chinese New Year Celebration tradition. In addition, we will announce winners from each cluster of the “**Lucky Red Envelope Art Contest**” & each winner will receive a prize on the 30th. The last but not least, we encourage all faculties, students and parents to wear red or Chinese costumes on these marvelous cultural event days.

Chinatown Parade: Chinese New Year Celebration

Date: Sunday, February 5, 2017

Time: 12:00 – 3:00 pm

Location: Chinatown: S Wentworth Ave at w 24th Place parade starting point