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WTL PODCAST EPISODE TO COME OUT...



Preview of the Next Episode

EPISODE 69: ENGAGING ALL LEARNERS WITH LESLIE
GRAHN

On Friday, Leslie Grahn, professional developer extraordinaire, is on the podcast to talk about the book she published last year, *The Keys to Strategies for Language Instruction*, co-authored with Dave McAlpine and published by ACTFL. And I have some good news...

WE'RE DOING ANOTHER BOOK GIVEAWAY!!!

ACTFL has provided us with a copy of Leslie's book AND with a seat at her Virtual Learning Module (VLM) on engaging learners in the language classroom. Tune in on Friday to learn about student engagement from Leslie and find out how you can be one of the lucky winners.

It's being mindful about who your students are, what they need, what the data you're collecting tells you about their learning.

-Leslie Grahn



RESPONSE TO EPISODE 68: LEAD WITH LANGUAGES WITH ERIN WHELCHER

This week's episode reaction is from Caroline Schlegel. Caroline is the 2018 Maryland Foreign Language Teacher of the Year. She also tweets @senoraschlegel with the hashtag #crazyspanishteacher.

Language is "really not a nice-to-have anymore...95% of the world's consumers exist outside of the US border and 75% of those people do not speak English," Erin Whelcher is ACTFL's Outreach Manager for the Lead with Languages Campaign which addresses the urgency of not just learning language in the United States, but teaching language and advocating for language. Language advocacy and education are critical to the prosperity of our economy and there are many ways as students, parents, teachers, educational leaders and community members that we can support the importance of language learning. This episode showcased how Lead with Languages offers a host of resources for all stakeholders to jumpstart their advocacy at the state and local level. I was excited to hear that scholarships are being offered to students who want to travel abroad and that Lead with Languages is setting up a toolkit for educators to bring a club of sorts to schools that helps nurture young people interested in pursuing a career in language education. This could not be at a more crucial time. As Erin notes, "44 of our states have a critical language teacher shortage." Erin mentions a study where 1200 employers were surveyed, 90% of them cited that they rely on employees with language skills. An additional study by New American Economy found that between 2010 and 2015 jobs postings online requiring language skills doubled, 60% of which do not require a bachelor's degree! How powerful is that? This episode was packed full of ways we can all Lead with Languages!

As always, share your reactions to this episode with us on Facebook, Twitter, or in the comments section on our website weteachlang.com!



Reactions to past episodes:



Nancy McLaughlin
AUGUST 25, 2018 AT 6:47 AM | EDIT

Excellent interviews – I've followed both and am encouraged by what this department is doing. Thank you all for sharing!!



Travis Murray
@ProfeMurray

Following

"You have to trust that the input will lead to the output." Teaching in a input-oriented but student-centered classroom can be scary but it works. It just does. [@weteachlang](#)



Luci Galvan
@lucigalvan

Following

"Respect the developmental level of the learner. " ...in regards to feedback on student writing. Thank you Dr. Heather Willis Allen and [@weteachlang](#) for the wonderful interview.



Janina Hanson
@janina_hanson

Following

What are we doing to advocate for languages education? 😞 Is it too late? 🗣️ Where do we start? 😞 I hope you'll find this episode as thought provoking as I did. 😊 You and your kids can be part of this inspiring movement [@LeadWLanguages](#) [#langchat](#) [#charlaele](#) [#CI](#) [#teachers](#) [#educhat](#)

Resource Corner

- In the Lead with Languages toolkit, there is a new quiz for students to take to kick off the 2018-2019 school year.
- This article explains the benefits of teaching police officers Chinese in Houston.
- There are even more advantages to being bilingual for the mind and body.

Updates from Past Contributors



Heather Willis Allen (episode 55) has recently published an article Redefining writing in the foreign language curriculum: Toward a design approach in the Foreign Language Annals, The article is currently available online.



Walter Hopkins (episode 32) is going to participate in a new podcast starting September 12th. It is called Talkin' L2. The podcast will be live each Wednesday at 6 pm EST. You can listen live or to the recording.