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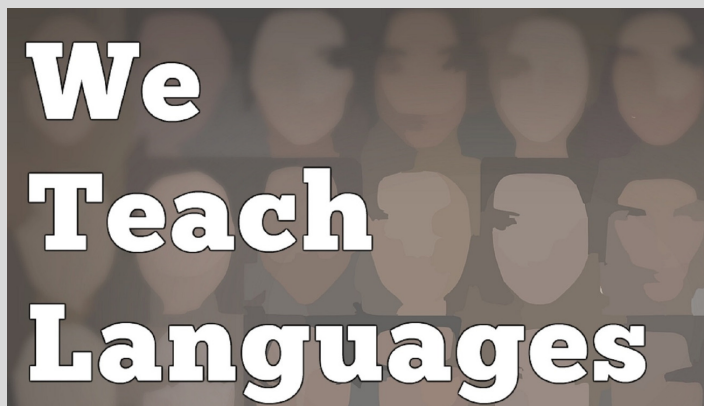
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WHILE YOU'RE WAITING FOR THE NEXT
WTL PODCAST EPISODE TO COME OUT...



Preview of the Next Episode

EPISODE 71: INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE PRESERVATION
AND REVITALIZATION WITH ALIANA PARKER

How much do you know about the indigenous languages and cultures of the land where you live? In this interview with Aliana Parker, the Language Programs Manager at the First People's Cultural Council (FPCC), we learn how the FPCC is working toward the preservation and revitalization of the First Nations languages of British Columbia, Canada.

I predict this is one of those episodes that will inspire you to action. In fact, I believe this episode is so important that we will be releasing a couple of accompanying resources along with the episode to make sure that everyone has access to this important information. Keep your eye out for those resources, and please share your thoughts with us on Twitter or Facebook!

I would recommend the very first thing to do would be to just to find out whose territory you live on. What nation was there originally in your area? What is their language?

-Aliana Parker



RESPONSES TO EPISODE 70: ADVICE FOR NEW TEACHERS WITH ALBERT FERNANDEZ, BILL DENHAM, AND YING JIN

This week, we asked for tips for new language teachers and are highlighting suggestions from the responses:

Stephanie Carbonneau suggests that new teachers shouldn't be afraid to try a hybrid approach. She adds that you can adopt units from teachers to make them work for you and your students. You can find a PLC (Professional Learning Community) to support your growth, and finally it is ok to have an off day! All teachers definitely have off days.

Angela Williams echoed Stephanie's statements on finding a mentor or support group. These teachers can help you find your way through your first year.

Leah Devine summed up her advice with "Aim, Balance and Connect." She said "Aim for Proficiency by using the language in the classroom and creating a safe environment for your students to do the same. Incorporate authentic resources. Interact with your language outside of school in ways that interest you. Balance school & teaching with the things and project you love. A healthy happy teacher is a more effective teacher. Connect with colleagues at conferences, in your district, & online. Connect with yourself & reflect often. You are a part of an important community of language teachers. We are here for you & we are glad you are here!"

Erin Carlson tweeted some of her advice for teachers with large classes; however these tips are applicable for all teachers! She suggests setting up procedures for everything- turning in homework, starting class etc. She notes that consistency is important. Also overlap the end of the first activity and the beginning of the next activity to minimize any idle time. Finally, figure out how many students you need to observe each day to make sure that you listen to all of your students.

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



Resource Corner

- Albert Fernandez discusses how he recalibrated his year to focus on the positive.
- In this post, Albert also explains how he made the transition to a deskless classroom.
- Bill Denham encourages teachers to be bold!
- Allison Weinhold details 10 ways to rock your first year as a teacher.

Updates from Past Contributors



Florencia Henshaw (episode 57) is organizing webinars and workshops through the Center for Language Instruction and Coordination (CLIC). You can sign up and see more information on Facebook.



Liz Lake and Stephanie Hernandez (episode 15) have started their new season of the podcast Voc/zes! In this show, they are at the Minnesota State Festival. You can check it out on Soundcloud.



Catherine Ousselin (episode 19) was interviewed on the most recent episode of the podcast Inspired Proficiency. On this episode, she discusses how to thoughtfully use technology.




The We Teach Languages episode 39 with Gabriele Dillman was featured on the Leading Lines podcast. If you missed it the first time, make sure you catch it there!



Reactions to past episodes:

 **Tim Eagan**
@tjeag Following

Just finished this episode on drive into work today. Leslie Grahn has such a wealth of resources to share w teachers of lang. Listened and check them all out. I guarantee you that you will happily spend your entire weekend digging through them 😂.

 **Jodi Weiler**
@JodiWeiler Following

@weteachlang episode69 Empowering teachers and students with an understanding of the @ACTFL proficiency scale keeps both from getting distracted.

 **Dorie**
@doriecp Following

Knowing that I helped connect people to the @EarlyLang network makes me so happy! Thanks for the shoutout @lucijgalvan #earlylang

 **Robin Boling**
@SoyBolingual Following

Favorite phrase from @grahnoforlang: professional generosity. Describes #langchat perfectly!

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 **Darcy Rogers**
@RogersDarcy Following

Replying to @senoraschlegel @weteachlang

It's all about relationships! The base of any learning environment.


 **Caroline Schlegel**
@senoraschlegel Following

Replying to @weteachlang

I love that Leslie emphasizes how important it is to build relationships with your kids to help you select which strategies will work best!


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This episode came at exactly the right time for me (apart from me listening while on the treadmill haha). I've always been under the impression that strategies work no matter what and I'm realizing that just isn't always the case. Leslie mentions that your students dictate the strategies you use- not what a methods professor claims will always work. We know our students better than anyone else so having that "tool kit" of ideas and using what you need when you need it is huge.

 **Jenny Santilli**
@jennysantilli1 Following

Replying to @weteachlang @profedenham and 2 others

Good advice.

 **Jessica Gillespie**
@MmeJGillespie Following

Replying to @weteachlang @grahnoforlang @actfl

Looking forward to reading this to find more strategies to help students be more successful in French class.

New Resources on our Website!

Check out the We Teach Languages website for two exciting updates! We have a **listening guide** for episode 68 from Lead with Languages with Erin Whelchel. Plus, Luci Galvan wrote a guest blog post where she shared **her favorite episodes** for elementary language teachers.