

# News in GA World Languages

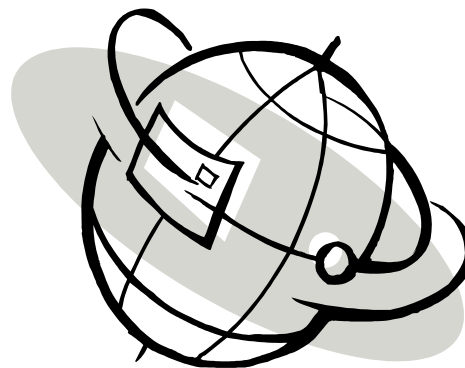
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## GA Dual Language Immersion Schools in the News

Dual Language Immersion Programs grew by 214 % from 2012 to 2014 in GA. There are currently 14 public schools that offer either Chinese, French, German or Spanish mostly in the 50/50 model which means that students receive 50% of the day content instruction for Math, Science, Social Studies and Literacy in the target language. The newest programs opened this year in Gwinnett County. Here is a wonderful article about the French DLI program at Trip Elementary:

<http://www.gwinnettdaily.com/news/2014/dec/09/trip-elementary-kindergarteners-flourishing-in/>



The Chinese DLI program at Dutchtown Elementary in Henry County was also featured on 11Alive News with Donna Lowery:

<http://www.11alive.com/story/news/education/2014/11/27/henry-county-mandarin-program/19594609/>

The International Charter School of Atlanta is scheduled to open its doors in

2015/2016 with DLI programs in Chinese, French, German and Spanish. Interest in these programs is growing state-wide. Please contact Dr. Greg Barfield or Mrs. Michaela Claus-Nix if your school or district is interested in learning more about Dual Language Immersion programs. Contact info can be found at the end of this newsletter.

## Free Upcoming Webinars – Quality WL PD

### February 5, 2015:

**Dr. Robert Patrick,**  
*Embedded Readings:  
Acquisition and Literacy  
in the Latin Classroom*

#### Abstract:

Dr. Patrick will

demonstrate how to take texts that Latin teachers want their students to read and create embedded readings out of them.

### TBA:

Best of FLAG 2014:

**Edith Heard,** *Saludos.  
Questions / Answers /  
Conjugations and  
Conversation*



**German Market at**  
South Forsyth HS:  
<http://www.forsythnews.com/multimedia/554/>

The coverage on the German Market starts at 3:45 minutes into the video.

**German Career Day at Whitewater HS**



Organized by the German Cultural Center Atlanta

GaDoE signs new Memorandum of Understanding with Baden-Württemberg, Germany on December 1, 2014!



## Campbell HS Wins Greenopoly Competition



German Consul General Christoph Sander proudly presented Campbell HS with a \$6,000 check for winning 1st prize (\$3,000), 2nd prize (\$2,000), and 3rd prize (\$1,000) on December 8, 2014. This

amazing result was due to the dedication, creativity and knowledge that the school's teams had applied to their "Greenopoly" board game creations. Please read the full article at:

[http://www.germany.info/vertretung/usa/en/\\_pr/GKS/ATLA/2014/12/08\\_Greenopoly\\_PR.html](http://www.germany.info/vertretung/usa/en/_pr/GKS/ATLA/2014/12/08_Greenopoly_PR.html)



## GA Schools Celebrate Fall of the Berlin Wall

On November 9, 1989 the Berlin Wall fell. Many Georgia schools celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in creative ways.

German Teacher Jonas Strecker's students at South Forsyth High School built a wall in cooperation with Art and Social Studies and had an official event to tear it down:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0uOpXP5\\_KYJSW0zX01RZmIzU1U&usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0uOpXP5_KYJSW0zX01RZmIzU1U&usp=sharing)

German Teacher Patrick Wallace at Whitewater High School also erected a wall with students in the cafeteria and encouraged students from the entire school to write messages about what freedom means to them. They also had a school-wide poster

competition, a lecture from a visiting professor and upper level German students wrote persuasive essays on which freedoms are most important and why.



## Looking for a Partner School?

The GaDoE is fortunate to have several Memoranda of Understanding with partner states and countries. The purpose is to promote and increase collaboration between Georgia's educational institutions and those of the partner state or

country. Schools interested in partnering with a school in one of our MoU partners' regions should contact the WL Program Specialists (contact info below) at the GaDoE. Current MoUs have been negotiated with France, Germany and

Korea. Schools determine the scope of the partnerships which may include collaboration on projects, Skype or email/pen pal partnerships or exchanges. There are also opportunities to collaborate specifically with CTAE and STEM schools.

## Upcoming Events

Please send us your upcoming World Language events! Please see our website for a more detailed calendar!

### January:

**30-31** State German Convention with DYKO concert

### February:

**27-1** French Immersion Camp

### March:

**5-7** FLAG/SCOLT Conference

**14-28** Atlanta Francophonie Festival

**20-22** Spanish Immersion Camp

**21** FLAG MS/HS Spoken Language Contest in Savannah

**28** AATG-GA Sprachbad

**28** FLAG MS/HS Spoken Language Contest in Atlanta

### April:

**11** FLAG MS/HS Spoken Language Contest in Albany

**25** FLAG FLES Spoken Language Contest in Suwanee

Free webinars for WL teachers:

<http://home.transparent.com/transparent-language-online-for-education-webinars>

## GA WL People in the News

We would like to welcome two new staff members to the **Consulate General of France in Atlanta** who are responsible for supporting educational and cultural programs in the Southeast:

**Alexandre Durand, Cultural Attaché**

and

**Solène Vilchien, Deputy Cultural Attaché, in charge of Educational and University Affairs**

Bienvenue en Géorgie!



Our own **Dr. Peter Swanson**, professor at GSU, was voted **President-Elect of**

**ACTFL!** Pete will start his term as ACTFL President in 2016. Congratulations!



AATSP GA Vice President, **Michelle Peace**, a **finalist for the 2015 Georgia Teacher of the Year**, has been chosen to **represent FLAG in the 2015 SCOLT World Languages Teacher of the Year** competition. The SCOLT TOTY goes on to the ACTFL National Language Teacher of the Year program. We are proud of Michelle and the way she has worked to represent and advocate for language teachers and students in Georgia!



Miyuki Johnson was selected as a Final Four Candidate for Teacher of the Year Fulton County School System - Legacy of Excellence Awards

Ms. Miyuki Johnson of Elkins Point Middle School represented the Northwest Learning Community at the annual Legacy of Excellence Awards hosted by Fulton County School System We congratulate her on her selection and wish her continued success!

Dr. Barge was awarded the German-American Friendship Award:

[http://www.germany.info/vertretung/usa/en/\\_pr/GKs/ATLA/2014/12/10\\_FriendshipAward\\_PR.html](http://www.germany.info/vertretung/usa/en/_pr/GKs/ATLA/2014/12/10_FriendshipAward_PR.html)



Welcome to Mr. **Richard Woods**, Georgia's new State Superintendent!



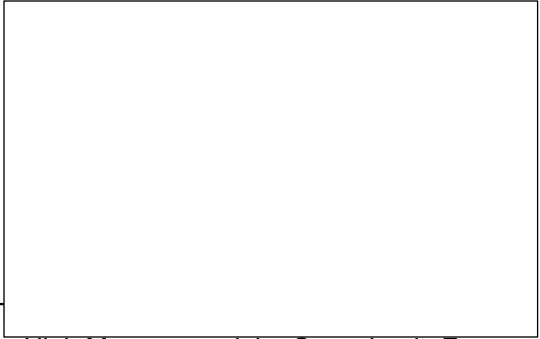
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<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/Pages/World-Languages-and-International-Education.aspx>

## AATF-GA, AATG-GA & AATSP-GA Held Successful Fall Workshops

AATSP-GA held its annual Fall Workshop on October 4, 2014 at Parson's Elementary School in Suwanee. The topic was "From Stage to Smartboard. Integrating Spanish Culture into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom".



the High Museum in collaboration with the High Museum and the Consulat de France in Atlanta.

AATG-GA held its Fall Workshop at UGA on October 12, 2014. All presentations referenced the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall. A panel discussion on German Teacher Education in GA: Outlook & Demand concluded the workshop.

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### World Language Professional Development at your School or District

We are available to come and give Professional Development presentations to your school or district. Please contact us for more information.

Presentations include but are not limited to:

- State of the State in World Languages
- Dual Immersion
- World Languages and CTAE – A Worldly Fit!

- How Do World Languages Matter on the CCRPI?
- Yes, We Can! – How to Use Can-Do Statements to Move Students to the Next Proficiency Level
- Custom presentations for your WL needs!