



AWL



Dragon News

May 2015

**ACADEMY OF
WORLD LANGUAGES**
**INTERNATIONAL
FESTIVAL**

World Music, Dance, Food, Games

**AWL
International
Festival**

**Sat. May 16, 2015
11 AM - 4PM**

AWL (Academy of World Languages)
2030 Fairfax Ave, Cincinnati, Ohio 45207
<http://awl.cps-k12.org/international-festival.aspx>

The Academy of World Languages is proud to host our annual **International Festival** on Saturday, May 16, 2015. The International Festival showcases students demonstrating their acquired language abilities in **Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian and ESL**, and also features **food, games and performances from around the world.**

Come and enjoy:

Student Performances from 11-12

World Music and cultural performances, food, games and basket raffles from 12:30 - 3:30

Tickets for food, games and raffles are \$0.50 each. Entrance and performances are free.

This festival is the school's major fundraiser and all proceeds are used to support the student activities and their instructional program at AWL.

We hope to see you

Saturday!



THANK YOU ADOPT A CLASS Partners for showering our students with activities, gifts and parties this year. We appreciate all of your support and kindness!



Do you have any questions about AWL or would you like to get involved? Contact AWL Community Learning Center Resource Coordinator, Jill Smith at 513-363-7819 or smithji@cps-k12.org



We have had another great season of Girls on the Run at AWL! This season the girls have learned how to be happy, healthy and confident with a fun curriculum and of course, running! For 12 weeks the girls have participated in engaging lessons and trained to run a 5K race. The combination of lessons and running have inspired and motivated our girls to be independent, responsible, and positive. We have learned about understanding ourselves, valuing relationships and working as a team. We have worked hard this season and had a lot of fun along the way. The GOTR 5K race and celebration took place downtown on May 9th and our girls were awesome! With two successful seasons of GOTR at AWL, we are looking forward to many more!



AWL students collected over \$800, mostly pennies, to buy desks for students in Malawi, Africa through UNICEF Kids in Need of Desks (K.I.N.D). Every day, millions of children across Africa struggle to learn while sitting on the floor or on the ground. Giving them a desk, where they can write and learn, is the first step toward keeping eager young students in school. For each \$65 collected, two students get a desk. After learning from a YouTube video about a classroom with 90 students all sitting on the floor, AWL's staff and students jumped in to action. Thank you Debbie Lutkenhoff for organizing this campaign!



Beech Acres is very excited about its latest project at AWL--English classes for parents! 34 parents have attended at least one class and several more are hoping to join soon. These parents not only want to grow as individuals, they are also growing as a community. It has been inspiring to see them help each other both in the classroom and outside of it--three of them are driving other parents who have no transportation. We look forward to spending lots of time with this group over the next couple of months, and continuing to see them learn from and empower each other.



AWL parents attending English as a Second Language Classes

Cincinnati Opera



5th – 8th graders had the chance to see Pursuing the Dream, a 45-minute presentation by the Cincinnati Opera for schools and community centers. Through narration and song, this inspiring program explores important issues found in Morning Star, a new opera from celebrated American composer Ricky Ian Gordon. Themes explored include immigration, family, loyalty, and social justice. Morning Star will have its world premiere at Cincinnati Opera in June 2015.



Several grades will get to enjoy School House Symphony May 21. The 6 musicians perform music education concerts in smaller audiences so that so that everyone can see and hear up close what they do, say, and play.



Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (KCB) is a nonprofit organization that decreases litter and blight, promotes sustainability, and cultivates community pride through education and beautification. KCB offers free environmental education programs in the form of classroom presentations, assemblies and field trips; these programs focus on topics such as litter prevention, recycling and water pollution. AWL has taken advantage of several of these programs--primary students have seen classroom presentations like "Jitter, Don't Litter," and school-wide assemblies featuring student actors from Walnut Hills High School like "The Wartville Wizard" teach students about litter prevention! Many classrooms participated in the nationwide cleanup effort, The Great American Cleanup; putting their knowledge into practice to make AWL a litter-free campus! KCB also works with AWL staff to ensure the success of its recycling program. AWL boasts some impressive recycling rates, thanks to awesome students and staff!

Constella Festival

Kindergarten-3rd graders will enjoy a performance from Constella for Kids Festival outreach. It's an opera called Stone Soup by Libby Larsen that is very funny and appropriate for young kids

THANK YOU to all of our AWL Partners for providing our students with so many great programs and experiences! Have a wonderful summer; we look forward to working with you again next school year! 😊