

OFLA Early Language Learning (ELL) Committee 2015-2016

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Goals for 2015-2016:

- 1) Continue to network with other FLES teachers in Ohio to share ideas and materials
- 2) Communicate with the committee via google.docs, e-mails, and an occasional conference call
- 3) Make a stronger presence at the state conference through presentations for elementary teachers
- 4) Promote Camp OFLA

The first two goals are ongoing as we attempt to identify elementary world language teachers and programs. Many of the elementary teachers are “singletons” in private, charter or parochial elementary schools, thus more difficult to locate. In addition, elementary teachers often move to other teaching assignments (i.e. a preK-3rd grade teacher accepts a middle school position) as opportunities arise.

The last two goals were accomplished in 2015-2016.

- 3) Making a stronger presence at the annual OFLA conference through presentations for elementary teachers and a networking session specifically for elementary teachers. This year the OFLA ELL committee is hosting the NNELL breakfast at the joint CSCTFL/OFLA conference in Columbus, March 12.
- 4) Working to increase attendance at Camp OFLA
 - a) inviting campers, H.S. counselors and teachers from Illinois to participate in our camp
 - b) keeping the date to the second week in June, thus avoiding conflicts with school ending dates. Camp OFLA will take place June 12-18, 2016
 - c) improving the web site
 - d) continuing the level 2 (Novice Mid) option for returning campers that was begun in 2015

Respectfully submitted,
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