

***PELO - Italian Heritage Language Program at
Children's World Academy for 2017-2018***

Wednesday, October 18th, 2017

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to again offer courses in Italian as a heritage language to the students of Children's World Academy. Here are some important details for our Programme de l'enseignement des langues d'origine (PELO) in Italian :

- Who? Students from grades 1 to 6 (not available for kindergarten).
- What? Students will receive 1 hour of instruction per week, for a total of 20 weeks. This service is provided in part through funding available from the Ministry of Education, Recreation and Sports (MELS). Classes will be taught by individuals qualified to provide Italian language instruction. The class size will be between 20 to 27 students, depending on the grade level. It is not limited to children for whom Italian is a mother tongue. The majority of the students enrolled in the program must be of Italian heritage. The remaining third of the class can be students either of Italian origin or of any other origin.
- Where? Classes are held at school.
- When? Classes will be held **once a week right after school from 2:35 - 3:35 p.m.** The program will run from approximately mid-November 2017 through to May 2018 (exact dates to be confirmed). At the present time, we do not have a schedule for the Italian classes. The final schedule will depend on the number of students who register at each grade level. We will confirm the day/time of your child's class in a subsequent letter sent out the week of October 31, 2017.
- Why? Modern research has indicated that learning one language does not crowd out another, but rather leads to increased facility in others. Researchers maintain that preservation of one's heritage language leads to a greater self-esteem, pride in one's origin, and an increased tolerance and acceptance of other people and cultures. The program does not only focus on the language, but also on the culture.
- Cost? **\$50.00 per student** in order to cover the full cost of the program

For your child to be enrolled in this program, you must complete and return the attached registration form along with the \$50.00 fee (please make cheques payable to Children's World Academy and include your child's name) in a sealed envelope marked "PELO – Italian" and return it **by Wednesday Oct. 25th, 2017.**

Thank you very much for your support and cooperation.

Tony Di Vittori
Principal

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(This form must be signed and returned by October 25th, 2017)

Please print:

Name of student: _____ Homeroom: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Father's Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Other than parents, person authorized to pick up your child:

Name: _____ Relation: _____ Phone #: _____

Please circle your response:

- Level of competence of your child in the heritage language (please circle):
Beginner Intermediate Advanced
- Did your child participate in the program last year? **YES** or **NO**
- Is your family of Italian heritage (even if you are 3rd or 4th generation, it still counts as being of that heritage)? **YES** or **NO**

Please check one:

- I will pick my child up at 3:35 p.m. (You must enter the school to pick up your child at the main entrance near the front office. Please note the dismissal time. Students will not be dismissed early without written permission from parents).
- My child will walk home at 3:35 p.m. (Grades 5 & 6 students only)
- My child is a REGULAR Daycare user and will return to the Daycare Program at the end of his/her class. (Please note that children attending Italian classes will not have a homework session in the daycare on that day.)

Rules to respect:

- Regular attendance is compulsory. Repeated unexcused absences may result in students being asked to leave the program.
- Students who misbehave and/or disturb the class could be removed from the program.
- Students will not be dismissed early from class unless a written note from parents is provided.

Parent Authorization:

I allow my child to participate in the Italian Heritage Language program. I understand that participation in this program is based on good behaviour.
I have attached a cheque made payable to Children's World Academy for the amount of \$50.00.

Parent Name (please print)

Signature

Date