



## SPRING LAKE PARK SCHOOLS

# SPANISH IMMERSION ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

An informational session will be held at Westwood Intermediate School on Tuesday, April 27, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Answers to some of what are sure to be your initial questions are provided below:

### Where will the Spanish Immersion program be located in 2010-2011?

In a “school within a school.” In year one (2009-2010) the program was held at both Northpoint and Woodcrest Elementary schools. Changes and fine-tuning are a part of any program in its developing stages. As we indicated throughout the early enrollment period, the location of next year’s program would be dependent upon interest, enrollment, space considerations, and what is best for continued success of the program.

Our analysis of Immersion enrollment has now been completed. In order to continue to provide all options to all families, and to take the program to the next level, kindergarten and first grade learners in 2010-2011 will be in a “school-within-a-school” on the site of Westwood Intermediate School, 701 91st Avenue NE, Blaine.

### What are the start and end times?

The start time for first grade students and for full-day kindergarten students will be 8:45 a.m. and the school day will end at 3:20 p.m.

For the half-day kindergarten, A.M. times are 8:45 – 11:15 a.m. and for P.M. times are 12:50 – 3:20 p.m.

### Will transportation be provided to Westwood?

Yes, transportation will be provided to and from Westwood from your bus stop. Students will ride the bus with Westwood Intermediate School’s fourth and fifth graders just like when we had K-5 schools several years ago.

We have patrols on the buses and one will be assigned to assist our Spanish Immersion kindergarten and grade one students. We will also accommodate students seating in the front of the bus or they can sit with their brothers or sisters who may already attend Westwood.

### Will there be before or after school child care available?

Yes, the school district’s Community Education Department will provide multiple child care options: You can have your child at Westwood Kids Club, or choose Kids Club at your home K-3 school and transportation would be provided to and from Westwood.

### Does Westwood have kindergarten classrooms?

Yes, the school was recently remodeled with kindergarten classrooms.

### Does “school within a school” allow for a feeling of community?

The Westwood PTO will plan all-school events; some will be specifically for the fourth and fifth graders, and some specifically for Immersion students. Westwood is a place where all students belong, are valued, and where all students’ social development needs are met. Our hope is that the families of our Immersion students help us plan some of the events and become a part of the Westwood community. If you are interested in serving in a leadership role in the Westwood PTO, let us know.

### When will you know more details?

- An information meeting will be held at Westwood Intermediate School on Tuesday, April 27, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- A Spanish Immersion Open House for students and parents on Wednesday, June 2, from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., at our new site. The open house will provide you and your child with time to tour the school and visit with some of our Immersion teachers.
- Prior to the start of school, there will also be an Open House/Meet-And-Greet for our Immersion families.