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Adjunct 101: Our Classroom Language Aids

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We're well into the school year, the holiday season has begun and winter vacation is looming or beckoning, depending on your perspective. And of course parent-teacher conferences are about to get under way. When you meet with your child's teacher, one thing to keep in mind is that every one of our wonderful teachers has a team working right alongside her or him. You won't get to meet that team during your conference, of course, but your donations provide a number of those helpful people. Your contributions to the PTA support art, computer lab, the library, and so much more. And that's important. But it's your pledges to ALLEM that actually put another native language speaker right in the classroom to support both your teacher and your child.

Plenty of parents, long-time and new to El Marino, have questions about ALLEM's Adjunct Program. We're answering a few of the most common ones here, and of course, please feel free to ask us any others that you may have!

Q. So what is an adjunct?

A. Adjuncts are native Spanish or Japanese speakers who work side by side with your child (and teacher) in the classroom to foster language acquisition. Adjuncts are in the classroom up to 15 hours a week, with the amount of time depending on the needs of that grade level.

Q. Who pays for the adjuncts?

We parents do, solely through ALLEM. With your help, ALLEM raises the money to pay the salaries, tax obligations, workman's compensation, and payroll expenses so that the teachers can have a language aide in each classroom. We do not receive funding from anyone else. ALLEM depends solely on your generosity to keep our adjuncts in the classrooms.

Q. How long has El Marino had the Adjunct Program?

The Adjunct Program began in 1989 and our SIP adjuncts have a combined total of more than 100 years working at El Marino! At the annual adjunct appreciation luncheon last year, Señora Nabours described the impact of the Adjunct Program. She said that she found that after a few years of the program, her incoming 5th grade students' Spanish was at a much higher level, so much so that she had to scrap her old lesson plans and create new ones.

Q. My child speaks Spanish/Japanese at home, so how does it help us to have an adjunct at school?

A. The Adjunct Program benefits everyone, no matter which languages your child is learning. The adjuncts allow a teacher to divide the class and give more attention to each child. Adjuncts give personalized help to struggling children, which means the class doesn't have to wait for the teacher to do this. And of course, the teacher and adjunct will be modeling workplace adult language skills the entire time. With the Adjunct Program, more advanced students can move ahead faster, and less advanced students can be helped to catch up and keep up.

Our adjuncts make a difference in our children's education! ALLEM wants to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated or pledged their financial support for the Adjunct Program. It is your contributions that keep our adjuncts in the classrooms working with our kids and helping their language skills grow. Please be a contributor to ALLEM and help keep our Adjunct Program going strong!

**SAVE
THE
DATES!**



Next ALLEM Meeting

Thursday, December 9
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
El Marino Library
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Crazy Hat Bingo was our first fundraiser of the year. Over 200 people showed up and over \$2000 was raised. A huge thanks goes out to the New Bingo Committee of Lisa Washizaki, Shinobu Ward and Ayako Johns for all their planning and hard work. Of course Bingo would not have been a success with out all the generous prize donations, many volunteers, festive hats, delicious food and enthusiastic Bingo players.



Our next fundraiser, **SILENT AUCTION** is our biggest!! Planning and preparing for this starts now. We can use everyone's help to make this a profitable and successful event. Keep Silent Auction in mind if you receive a gift you may already have or not need - we would love to take it off your hands. Our goal this year is to send solicitation letters out by December 31. If you know of a business, company, boutique, salon, restaurant, etc. that you think we should solicit, please email us their address so we can add them to our database. A solicitation letter will be available on the ALLEM website soon for downloading, if there is a business you would like to personally ask. Remember all donations are tax deductible. **Thank you!**