

## BRIDGES TO WORLD LANGUAGES

[Valparaiso Community Schools](#) and [Valparaiso University](#) have partnered to offer foreign language exploration classes to fourth- and fifth-graders. In this program, Valparaiso University students introduce VCS students to the basics of Chinese, French, German, or Spanish as well as elements of culture, in a one-hour-a-week class. Our program is what is known as a "Foreign Language Exploratory" or "Foreign Language Experience" ("FLEX") program. This kind of basic program serves as an introduction to language learning. The classes are held Mondays after school beginning September 21, 2009. There are 8 sessions in the fall and 6 sessions in the spring.

Fall session 2009: Sept. 21, 28 Oct. 5, 12, 19, Spring session 2010: Jan. 11, 18, 25 Feb. 1, 8, 26 Nov. 9, 16 *\*no classes on Nov. 2*                      *22 \*no classes on Feb. 15*

The instructors are VU foreign language students, carefully chosen for their commitment to work with children. We are confident that this introduction to language learning will motivate your child to continue foreign language study in middle school and in high school, and we invite your fourth- or fifth-grader to enroll. [For more information](#), contact: Ms. Stacey Schmidt Director of Elementary Education Valparaiso Community Schools 3801 N. Campbell St. Valparaiso, IN 46383 219.531.3000 or Dr. Randa Duvick Chair, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Valparaiso University (219) 464-5341

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