



Ways to celebrate ESL Week 2008

1. Plan a class assignment or academic project around the subject of ESL learning. This could include an essay, a video, a pretend news report, a presentation, or a debate.
2. Plan a debate "It's Great/Awful to be an ESL Learner" and have the class take sides. Try to determine it's great in the end.
3. Select a movie about an ESL learner for the whole class to watch and work a presentation or panel discussion around it.
4. Make a documentary of advice from the learners in your centre to others learning English.
5. Have each class host a tea during ESL week. Students from other classes can visit them for 15 minutes, look at displays of their work, and share tea and cookies.
6. Prepare a variety show highlighting skills or talents of individuals in the program.
7. Invite a high-profile community member who as an ESL learner to speak to the classes.
8. Plan a history of ESL in Ontario lesson and try to find a senior ESL learner to talk about how times have changed.
9. Have each learner create a chronological timeline of his/her ESL learning life and post them around the room for discussion.
10. Have a lunch hour to celebrate ESL learning and have a student from each class speak for 3 minutes on her/his experiences and triumphs.
11. Set up display tables in the hallway celebrating ESL materials, teaching methods, and avenues of learning or displaying their cultures/languages.
12. Invite someone from a school/organization to which your learners may go next to speak on opportunities for ESL learners after your program.
13. Plan a school trip in celebration. Perhaps ask a local tea room to offer a discount or a restaurant to offer a set rate \$5 lunch after the lunch rush and have a speaker talk to the learners about their contributions to Canada. Maybe the mayor?

14. Plan a special potluck celebration meal at your centre.
15. Invite big local companies to give tours to ESL learners during ESL week and to talk about their experiences with ESL workers.