

Parent Power!

Tip #3: Know the Lingo

Throughout the year, you will hear a language being used by your child, when you visit Schoolcraft, in letters, and in conversations. It is difficult to participate when you are not familiar with the words being used. You might hear, "We're going to kickoff our BBK today, Wednesday we have a community expert coming and Thursday we have field work."

What?!?

It can be confusing, but remember you can always ask questions. Here are a few terms and acronyms that get thrown out pretty often around SLC.

Acronyms

SLC: Schoolcraft Learning Community, our school

EL: Expeditionary Learning, our philosophy for education and learning

BBK: Building Background Knowledge, so we know enough to learn more

PAC: Parent Advisory Council, a team of parents and staff. Join.

HoS or HoW: Habits of Scholarship or Work help support students' academic achievement

S.E.L: Social Emotional Learning

Terms

Expeditions are long-term, in-depth studies with real world connections that inspire students toward higher levels of achievement.

Design Principles are ten ideals that shape our teaching, learning and culture.

Crew: We are a crew, not passengers. A crew helps each other move forward. Passengers slow us down.

Learning Targets give us daily, specific goals to understand and own our learning.

Field Work makes students active investigators, applying the research tools, techniques of inquiry and standards of presentation used by professionals in the field.

Community Experts collaborate with students on projects, teach skills from their field and critique students' work.

Service Learning teaches students that the skills they are learning can make a better community.

Celebration of Learning: Bi-yearly, formal presentations to celebrate the learning of all students.