

To our non-English speaking families:

We wanted to take this opportunity to inform you of the many ways we communicate with families so that you may access information in your home language. There are many different Facebook “pages and groups” available to families. There is one for “Principal Carpenter” for Elmira High School, “Elmira Elementary School-Mrs. Marshall” for Elmira Elementary, “Parents of Fern Ridge Schools” and many more. As you know, Facebook will translate into your preferred language.

Our district and school websites all contain a Google Translator; you simply select your language and all posts are translated for you. Unfortunately, at this time the documents that are attached to most of our links are not translated from English. These documents will be updated as time allows in the languages we serve.

An additional and important resource for you is our “Flash Alert Notification” system. If you click on the link “Emergency/Weather info” under District Resources on the left of our website (www.fernridge.k12.or.us) you will see the “Flash Alert Notification” link. Once in this system, you can select your preferred language in the upper right hand corner with the Google translator. When we have late starts or closures, school emergencies or weather alerts, we post them on this system. Some of our schools also communicate via text messaging. Please connect with your child’s principal to arrange getting on this system.

Lastly, there will be some communications sent home that are translated using the Google translator. The Google translator allows us a faster way of translating information than finding a human that can translate for us. We realize that Google may not always translate with 100% accuracy due to variables among different languages, so please contact your building principal if you have any questions about communication sent home. We will do our best to bridge the language barrier for your family.

Thank you.