



The countdown is on- the annual WITESOL Conference is in one month and the WITESOL Board has been busy with planning and preparations. There is no doubt that Saturday, November 8 will be a time for learning, inspiration, and unity. We hope you will leave the conference with added knowledge of best practice and pedagogy, ideas for your teaching environment, and both personal and professional connections as you move forward through the school year. We are looking forward to seeing you!

On behalf of the WITESOL Board,
Katie Worpel, Newsletter Editor

CULTURAL & DIVERSITY AWARENESS MONTHS

It is currently Hispanic Heritage Month. Share your ideas! [How does your school or campus celebrate?](#) Click the link to share your answers and be featured in a future newsletter!

Some of our go-tos are:

- **Announcements:** tap into students and staff to present the announcements in another language.
- **Library Display:** Work with the school or local librarian to highlight authors or stories.
- **Host a Family Night:** Provide a safe space for families to gather.

WELCOME BACK!

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CONFERENCE CORNER

PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
OPPORTUNITIES

Would you like to be featured in an upcoming newsletter? Submit your story and a photo to witesolboard@gmail.com

CONFERENCE CORNER CONFERENCE REMINDERS

We hope to see you at Verona Area High School on Saturday, November 8, 2025!

Please refer to the the “Fall Conference” tab on the WITESOL website for information on the venue, hotel accommodations, and the sessions offered. The WITESOL Facebook page to see highlights!

Do you know anyone who would be interested in attending? There is still time to register online!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We look forward to providing a space for ESL teachers throughout the state to learn and network. Here are other upcoming professional development opportunities:

- **WITESOL Advocacy Book Club:** This fall, the book club is reading *Paiz, Toncelli, & Kostka's Artificial intelligence, real teaching: A guide to AI in ELT* (2025, University of Michigan. [See the WITESOL website for more information.](#)
- **WIDA Annual Conference:** WIDA's annual conference is a three-day learning extravaganza, running from October 27-30. This year's conference is in Seattle, WA. Their [virtual track](#) includes great sessions. They also have an option for "Recording-Only Access" which gives you access to all of the recorded sessions for a limited time.
- **WITESOL Conference:** We hope to see you on November 8 in Verona!
- **WAFLT Conference:** The Wisconsin Association of Foreign Language Teachers will host their annual conference November 7-8, 2025. While this coincides with the WITESOL Conference, reach out to your colleagues who teach other languages to swap tips, tricks, and ideas!
- **WIABE Conference:** The Wisconsin Association for Bilingual Education hosts a conference in the spring for bilingual educators. This conference will take place April 17-19, 2026 in the Wisconsin Dells.

Here at WITESOL, we would love to know: [What topics would you like to learn more about?](#)

Don't forget, as a WITESOL member, [you have access to funding to host your own event.](#) In the past, members have utilized funds for "Lunch & Learn" events in Ft. Atkinson and Dane County, as well as a regional conference at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau.

CONNECT WITH US!

There are plenty of ways to stay connected and engaged in WITESOL happenings. Click on the images below to visit our website, follow us on social media, or send us an email. We look forward to hearing from you!

