

Watsonville/Aptos Adult Education News and Views



*It will not always be summer: build barns.
- Hesiod*



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***Last Day of Summer School,
Saturday, August 1***

Fall Brochure Delivered, August 5

Classified Retreat, August 9

School Council Retreat, August 10

***Classified "Registration Training" Meeting
August 11, 1:00-4:30***

***Back-to-School Meeting, August 12
10:00-noon. Conference Room C, Green Valley
(Must be present to be awarded annual 5 or 7 hour prep.
time. Teachers with under 18 hours a week are paid 5 hours,
those assigned over 18 are paid 7 hours).***

ESL Department Meeting, August 12, 9:00

Lifelong Learning Meeting, August 12, 9:00

***(Both of these meetings are not mandatory in any sense, vol-
untary, but they are also paid, as they actually "cut in" to the
prep day)***

***Fall Semester Begins, August 15
(some sites start later)***



... there was great news this month as the U.S. Senate restored the 2/3 cut to federal money for adult education ... that's the good news, the bad news is that we project to receive slightly less money from the feds this current year... although we won't know for sure until December... it's fun to run a school for half a year without knowing how much money you have to do it...the state budget was adopted pretty much the way everyone expected... 4.23% COLA... but no payback for the "money owed us" from last year...we did not hit our CAP this year... only 1003 units and our new CAP is 1042... it appears that in our regular ADA and our categorical programs we ran at a slight deficit for the year just ended...

...do you find these ellipses really annoying...

...there are a lot of room changes and moving around at the Porter Building....look for more information about the Student Support Center...

...we'd like to congratulate Lilian Poppen on being chosen to be CBET Coordinator...also this year Chad Davis will work to build the contract ed program....contract ed ran in the black this past year...also Molly Rose and Cathy Jo Diaz will work some in the CBET program as mentor-coaches for teachers...I believe I wrote here earlier that Elizabeth Cunningham will work with the growing VESL program... we are writing with the Workforce Investment Board a Department of Labor Grant for VESL (keep your fingers crossed)....

...the School Council will review both the student satisfaction surveys and the information generated in the Focus Groups at the End-of-School meeting... the goal will be to identify goals for the year including the focus of our professional development... this is the year when all permanent teachers will be asked to either do a professional development project or be traditionally evaluated...if anyone has ideas about what our theme should be this year... contact your department chair...

....this year we will have seven teachers in probationary status having been assigned over 18 hours a week...Cynthia and Bob will work with this teachers...

....initial response from teachers about the new staff room at Green Valley has been mostly positive... one teacher has suggested that we change things back to the way they were last year... if anyone feels strongly about this contact us...

...see you on Friday, August 12...