



Watsonville/Aptos Adult Education News and Views

El problema no es quien tiene la razon, sino entender la realidad. - Jorge Luis Borges (submitted by Sylvia Austerlic)



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The "Spring is busting out" Issue

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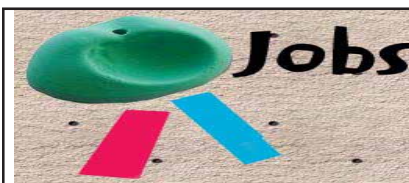
Adult Education Week: Successful Outreach

Community Advisory Council, Board Presentation, Front page Sentinel Article, Proclamation from City

It was a great week for us in adult education here in Watsonville. We had a very successful Community Advisory Council that featured the ESL team reporting on our ESL program. Then that night adult ed. was featured at the Board Meeting where the Mayor, Ana Ventura-Phares proclaimed Wednesday "Adult Education Day" in Watsonville. Our Board President, Rhea Dehart introduced our report by saying we "are the best adult school in the state." The next morning saw us featured on the front page of the Sentinel, where the headline said "School helps make dreams come true." On Thursday we had a visitor from the State Department of Education who wanted to see what we were doing in collaboration with the Career Centers to see how our experience can help others statewide.



...our sympathies to Cynthia Stark who lost her father last week... also Kim Iwasko recently lost a grandparent... our thoughts are with both in their losses... apologies to Burr Guthrie for a typo and to all who catch errors in the newsletter and are frustrated, contact Mariana Santana who is considering a class-action lawsuit... Marisela Vega, our student of the week, is in Sacramento on Monday talking to state legislators about adult education... student paintings, sadly, were taken from the Green Valley walls this month...how sad that anyone would think this is ok to do...plans and bids are in process for the Langendof building... its time to start thinking about a permanent name... stay tuned for a schoolwide process.



Letters will be out soon giving teachers an opportunity to tell us what your plans are for summer school and fall. At the School Council meeting on Wed. March 16, there will be a discussion of Department Chair and Leadership Assignments. Nomination forms for Dept. Chair will be out the first of April.

Learner Persistence #2
From "The Relationship Between Resourcefulness and Persistence in Adult Autonomous Learning", *Adult Education Quarterly: A Journal of Research and Theory*. February, 2005. Enabling steps to learner persistence for the adult learner:

1. Anticipate Future Rewards
 2. Prioritize Learning Over Nonlearning
 3. Choose Learning Over Nonlearning
 4. Solve Problems That Interfere With Learning
- How do we facilitate this?*



WAAE Calendar

Student Councils

(newspaper, sports day

Student Sports Saturday, April 9??

March Madness Basketball Fever

Originally scheduled for March 19: Note the change.)

Porter Day - Tuesday, March 15, 12:00

Porter Evening - Tuesday, March 15, 9:00

Green Valley Day - Wednesday, March 16, 12:00

Green Valley Night - Wednesday, March 16, 9:00

School Council

(Fall assignments, action plans, Langendorf update)

Wednesday, March 16, 4:00-6:00pm, Porter

Spring Vacation, Friday, March 24 - April 1

Summer School Dates: June 13 - July 27, 2005



Some of our Citizenship students, from John Basor's evening class, not Saturday. Last year our Citizenship classes helped almost 200 students study for the Naturalization exam.



Ten Year Anniversary Celebration Saturday Citizenship Program

Saturday, March 19, 11:30-1:00, Porter Building

Come eat and celebrate the ten year anniversary of this special service started through a collaboration with our Teamsters Local 912. A special Thanks should be given to Councilperson Ramon Gomez (and his family!) who have vounteered on Saturdays for many years to make this Saturday program a reality. The students are bringing food and treats, so stop by to congratualte them, Ramon, and Jose Luis Palacios the Saturday teacher.