



Watsonville/Aptos Adult Education News and Views

Teaching is a matter of getting little fires started;
what is required is to have a fire in the belly. - Thomas Carlyle



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Whereas, a strong, effective system of free public school education for all children, youth and adults is essential to our democratic system of government; and

Whereas, the United States has made considerable progress in the social, technological, and scientific fields due to our system of free and universal public education; and

Whereas, much of this progress can be attributed to the qualified and dedicated teachers entrusted with the educational development of our children, youth and adults to their full potential; and

Whereas, teachers should be accorded high public esteem, reflecting the value the community places on public education; and it is appropriate that teachers be recognized for this dedication and commitment to educating their students; teachers help interpret our past, rescue our present and lead the way to our future. And so, let's salute our teachers!!

National Teacher Day, May 2

**Congratulations to the superb, dedicated, hard-working
teachers of Watsonville-Aptos Adult Education!!**

LATE BREAKING NEWS:

Dr. Nancy Bilicich, who has been working with adult education this year, was just announced as assuming the position of Director of Child Welfare and Attendance, beginning July 1. We have had the pleasure of having Dr. B build adult ed. with her great administrative experience, reasoned intelligence, and well-connected community relations. CWA has a lot in common and she has assured me that she values adult ed. (and those who work here!) so much that we will certainly continue working together.

Congratulations to Dr. B!!

Department Chair Elections

Department chair ballots should be in all mailboxes now. If for some reason you haven't received a ballot, let Natalie know as soon as possible. If you are a tenured, permanent teacher, your vote counts as two, otherwise all votes count one. Classified instructional staff also vote. Ballots are due in the office by May 13!!



WAAE Spring Calendar

Student Persistence Study Circle: May 10, 4:15 - 7:15

Dept. Chair Ballots Out - May 1

CBET Meeting (paid), Tuesday, May 3, 4:30-6:00, Green Valley

May 4-7, CCAE/COABE Conference National Conference
(John Basor, Cary Keisler, Bob, Cynthia, Burr, Karen Reid attending)

Adult Ed. Presentation to Watsonville City Council
Tuesday, May 9, 6:00, City Hall

WAAE Community Advisory Council, Wednesday, May 11, 10:00-12:00, GV

ESL/CalPro Workshop, "Questioning Strategies", Friday, May 13, 1:00-4:00

Department Chair Election Ballots Due - Friday, May 13

**May 16- 20, Classified Appreciation Week!!
Thank you for keeping the school afloat!**

School Council (Fall assignments, budget and calendar on agenda)
Wednesday, May 8, 4:00-6:00, Porter

ESL Home Group - May 20

ESL Awards Ceremonies, May 23, Morning and Evening, Mello Center

Graduation Ceremonies, Friday, June 3, 7:00pm, Mello Center

End-of-School All Staff Meeting, Saturday, June 4, 10:00-12:00 (paid)
Porter Building, Room 6

"Intersession", some classes running June 6-11 (see your Dept. Chair)

Summer School: June 13 - July 29, 2005

School Council Retreat, August 11

Back-to-School Meeting, August 12

Fall Semester Begins, August 15