



Watsonville/Aptos Adult Education News and Views

To exist is to change, to change is to mature, to mature
is to go on creating oneself endlessly. - Henri Bergson

*All School Meeting,
June 8!! 3:30-5:30
Paid two hours.*

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Graduations, ceremonies, celebrations

What a special time of year, when we recognize the passage of time and celebrate the personal accomplishment of students who have come to us. Just tonight I had the opportunity to attend the El Jardin graduation, "the only bi-lingual pre-school in the county." It was such a pleasure to see the parents proudly watching their children perform at the ceremonies in both languages, and huge thanks must be given to Tammy McCroskey whose exceptional efforts and skilled work has made El Jardin a success. Two weeks ago I saw a great group of nursing assistants graduating from the program (a story in the last News and Views). This Friday will be the "high holy day" of adult ed, the high school and GED graduation at the Mello Center. We'll have the privilege of hearing Assemblymember Anna Caballero addressing the graduates. Next week, on Thursday, June 7, we'll have our ESL Awards Ceremony at Ann Soldo School. This has been an evolving tradition at our school where we recognize the "star students" from all ESL classes as representative of the incredible effort it takes for adults to acquire a new language. And I hope that all teachers and staff will join us at the ILC, on Friday, June 8, as we reflect on the passage of another year, and celebrate this wonderful thing we are able to do, work in public adult education.

Student Questionnaire

This week ALL teachers should have received copies of the Student Questionnaire (this is different from the Satisfaction Survey that is given after every class). This questionnaire is a part of our deep self-study, the Focus on Learning process. *It is extremely important that as many students as possible take this survey at the end of the semester. Please keep them for multiple nights and give them to all students as they come to class. Return questionnaires by June 15.*

School Council 2007-2009:

Chair, Career Technical Education:

Jack Carroll

Chair, ESL/Citizenship:

Edie Trotno

Chair, Learning Center:

Sue Colley

Chairs, Lifelong Learning:

Debbie Lerma/Jane Reyes

Chairs, Parent Education:

Pam Sexton/Tammy McCroskey

Chair, Classes in Spanish:

Elvia Sepulveda

Community Ed/Outreach:

Eloisa Sanchez

PVFT Rep:

Lynn Simons

CSEA Rep:

Marina Candor

Office Manager:

Natalie Carranco

Assistant Director:

Cynthia Stark

Director:

To be announced

CBET Coach:

Teresita Marchisello

EL Civics Coordinator:

Marta Bechhoefer

And of course, ALL meetings of the School Council are open to all interested. They happen once a month at the Porter Building. Items for the agenda are welcomed from voting members, other staff and students.



WAAE Calendar

Spring Semester Dates:
Jan. 8 - June 15, 2007

Student Questionnaires, Turn in by June 15

**Adult Education Graduation!!
Friday, June 1, 7-00 p.m.**

Week of June 4 (tentative) Interviews for the New Director

**ESL Awards Ceremony
Thursday, June 7, Ann Soldo Elementary School**

**ALL SCHOOL MEETING - PAID - AT THE ILC!!
Please save the date and make every effort to attend.
Friday, June 8, 3:30pm - 5:30pm.**

**Final School Council of the year. (New Director announced?)
Wednesday, June 13, 4:00-6:00, Porter**

**GRAND OPENING - COMMUNITY CELEBRATION!!
The Institute of Language and Culture
Friday, June 29**

**Summer School
Thursday, July 5 - Saturday, August 4**

**Back-to-School Meeting
Friday, August 17
(you must be present to get a full day of paid prep time)**



Cynthia Stark showing Bob who is boss.