

Watsonville/Aptos Adult Education News and Views



Through others, we become ourselves.
L. S. Vygotsky



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The Constant Beginning

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**It's Really Happening - Grand
Opening, March, 2007**

Fundraising Campaign



Save December 16 for a fundraising event

As we've mentioned frequently in our site meetings and at school council, building this new site downtown will absorb all our reserves. Other adult schools around the state have raised funds for facilities. It's time for us collectively to work to raise money so that this facility is the kind of first class learning center that our community deserves. Fund raising ideas are very welcome.



Babysitting Change: Just for your information.

We no longer use the green form which was the Babysitting Sign in-form. Now, the only one that the babysitters must turn in is the Blue Time Sheet. They need to get the teacher's signature or initials everyday they work. Substitutes are not allowed to sign in on these. It has to be the regular teacher on site. The Blue Time Sheet is due also on the 8th of each month. Remember the babysitters are responsible to return these to WAAE at the G.V.Ctr. Thanks. **Mariana Santana**

As our attendance continues to lag a bit below last year, it's important to share strategies.... what do you do to help students persist?

diary of a persistent teacher...

teacher...hustle is the name of the game at Adult Education or being an entrepreneur and keeping your classes. Cathy Jo encouraged and coached me in the skill of keeping my numbers up in my classes. So when we could no longer offer free babysitting for the afternoon ESL Computer class...my first reaction was oh cr...there goes my class...so after my initial negative reaction...I decided to get over my self and get proactive in keeping my class. So with the help of my students ,women calling women, men calling men...I would do the dialing and give the students a dialog to follow...we called the forty students on the roster, actually we called about 1/2 of the students...and then Mariana, the office assistant assisted in calling the rest. Well it works every time folks...students felt cared for, appreciated and a renewed attitude about keeping this class going was apparent by the attendance. On Monday 14 students came and are happy that the class is going to keep going. I always have flyers about my class, and ask students to take them, give them to their friends...or take to the market, laundry, churches...so bear in mind we are our own best salespeople... **thanks Jane Reyes**



WAAE Calendar

November payroll sheets due now.

Our FOUR Student Councils, Morning and Evening

Please encourage your class to have representation, our students' participation in decision-making is more important than ever.

GV: Nov. 27, Porter: Nov. 28

Information for Spring Schedule due in to Eloisa Sanchez

November 6... any input you have should be suggested to your chairs BEFORE then



School Council

ALL are welcome. Tell your chair your concerns and have them put things on the agenda.

Nov. 8, 4:00-6:00, Porter

Dec. 13, 4:00-6:00, Porter

Veteran's Day (no classes)

Friday, November 10

Thanksgiving Holidays Nov. 23 and 24

(if you are planning on not-holding class on Wednesday, Nov. 22, you MUST clear it with your department chair.

December 6: December payroll due to Marjorie.

PVUSD Board of Trustees Meeting Wednesday, Dec. 6

Our site block grant, and the naming of the new building will be presented

ESL Recognition Ceremony and All School Holiday Dance

Thursday, Dec. 14, 7:00pm

Winter Break, Dec. 18 - Jan. 2

Any Lifelong Learning teachers who want to teach during these down weeks MUST coordinate with your chair, Jane Reyes



As the WAAE World Turns:

Last Saturday a well organized group of adult students with the support of Kim Iwasko put on a great Student Success conference ... the conference was co-sponsored by the California Council for Adult Education and you'll see more information about it next issue ... AV and Bob attended a day-long training in the WASC Focus on Learning and now we start our 18 month process of renewing our self study for our accreditation ... look for more news in the coming weeks about how we reflect on our progress, and our continuing and new needs.... Cynthia, Debbie and Bob attended a review of our Data-Sharing project with Cabrillo where we are beginning to track long-term patterns of our students who wind up in Cabrillo over 25 community representatives met on last Wednesday to talk about the capacity of our institution to help our community fill the gap between needs of the local economy and the basic skills of our local workforce... John Silver has agreed to plan a digital video project with our SOS students... our SOS students had a great day recently in the city as they visited the De Young Museum in Golden Gate Park... last week the El Jardin preschool had a great fundraising "Wheel-a-Thon" where teacher Tammy lapped the field... great coverage in the Pajaronian.