



Watsonville/Aptos Adult Education

News and Views



I am somehow less interested in the weight and convolutions of Einstein's brain than in the near certainty that people of equal talent have lived and died in cotton fields and sweatshops. - Stephen Jay Gould

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The Omphalos Issue

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School Council Discusses and Decides on Optional Holiday Dates: Friday, November 12 Wednesday, November 24

School Council reviewed several options on these two dates (which are non-instructional days for the rest of PVUSD). The Council decided that each department has determined whether instruction will be offered or not. **ESL/Citizenship, ABE/ASE, Career and Technical Education (formally Voc. Ed.), and Community Education will not hold classes.** Parent Education and Lifelong Learning will run classes depending on teacher and site. Check with your department chair or Bob.

Found in the recently unearthed notebooks of the medieval occultist Enrique Irlanda de Escocia (1026-1066)

The Art and Science of Teaching

Teaching is both an art and a science. Yet both artists and scientists fear each other and protect cherished principles from corruption from the enemy. They each claim a righteousness that is theirs and theirs alone. Both speak better than the other for what students really (need)(want).

The artist-teacher rages against the intrusion of numbers and measures and blames bureaucracy for limiting the classroom's horizons and bemoans how tests and "accountability" have hedged spirits, dulled edges, dimmed colors, and taken breath from the song of students.

The teacher-scientist holds fast to the need for clarity and measurement to inform reflection, empirical truth to gauge learning, and standards to assure that students are not robbed of the opportunities that are their rights.

But perhaps this yin-yang of true beliefs is best seen as two parts of one whole. Maybe science can edify art and art can reify science. Maybe the clear mind needs the hungry heart. Maybe schools can and must both dance and define in order to dream. Maybe students deserve this wholeness, greater than any sum of battles won.

Funding Issue for Langendorf Building Goes to the Board for Approval Wednesday Night

Our district administration, Superintendent Dr. Mary Ann Mays and Associate Superintendent Terry McHenry, have supported our effort to obtain funding for our new downtown property through a special borrowing mechanism available to school districts - a Certificate of Participation (COP). Tomorrow night a COP of 1.5 million will come before the Board of Trustees at 7:00 in the Board Room, Green Valley. Although this is a serious long-term financial commitment (\$110,000 a year for 25 years) it will help build a first class instructional space for our program in the Rodriguez Street area. All are encouraged to attend.



WAAS Calendar

EL Civics assessments

"Talking to the Police about Traffic Stops"
Week of October 25

Annual Open Enrollment for Benefits

October 25 - November 5

ALL teachers who have benefits

MUST RE-ENROLL this year, this is something new, not done every year.
Individual appointments will be made. More information to follow.

ESL Leadership Meeting

October 26, 4:00-6:00, Porter, Room 6

LifeLong Learning Departmental Meeting

Wednesday, October 27, 4:00-5:00. Green Valley, Room 6

"Meeting of the Minds", Lifelong Learning Meeting

Activities Directors, November 4, 2004

TIMESHEETS: District payroll's changed our timesheet deadline for November to a day earlier. If you could let everybody know in the News & Views to make sure they turn in their timesheets on time (8th of Nov – the usual). Also, some teachers have been turning in timesheets with attendance. This will delay processing their pay. Turn timesheets in directly to me. Thank you. -Marjorie Martinez



Projected ADA - Sept. 2004

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-2205
Jul	38.07	49.29	60.75	75.93	61.57
Aug	38.56	36.45	42.75	49.02	60.25
Sep	72.8	82.28	89.63	109.97	98.15
Oct	83.99	98.71	101.86	108.74	108.74
Nov	75.7	71.62	73.78	103.69	103.69
Dec	46.48	60.05	56.28	62.6	62.6
Jan	64.75	85.74	86.33	94.62	94.62
Feb	92.29	102.97	98.8	99.17	99.17
Mar	113.92	118.78	127.03	136.23	136.23
Apr	72.98	91.13	102.32	88.97	88.97
May	90.58	95.22	108.81	81.42	81.42
Jun	43.02	52.42	60.26	22.01	22.01
	833.14	944.66	1008.6	1032.37	1017.42

Watching our Numbers...

News and bruises: Nat is doing much better but she is still in the hospital in Fresno... when she will return is still undetermined... news just released... Cathy Jo Diaz was bumped by a car while power-walking... although banged-up she is expected to return this week.