



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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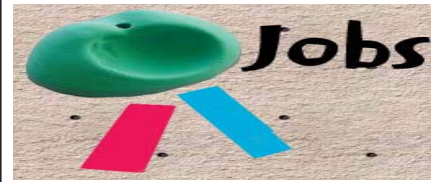
Hundreds of Parents Attend Parent Conference

This Saturday there was huge turnout out of parents in the Annual District Parent Conference that adult ed. co-sponsors with other programs in our district. Although this reporter didn't have final numbers by the time we went to press, it looked as though there was more parent participation than at any time in recent memory. Adult education purchased hundreds of bookfcs and gave them away to families. Cynthia and Mariana represented us and our CBET program well, and Debbie Craig lead a popular workshop. Congratulations to Ruby Vasquez and other district personnel who made it a powerful day for families in our community. Also of note was a short address to parents on family literacy by our Superintendent Dr. Mary Anne Mays, in Spanish. Lifelong Learning!! The keynote speaker for the poet Diana Garcia who delivered a powerful, interactive session on how families and communities working together can assure that opportunity becomes dreams realized, not deferred.



Thank you Leonel!

Leonel Viorato, our office assistant in the Green Valley office has accepted a new position with Extended Learning in our district. It is an opportunity for him, and although we are sorry to see him leave, we wish him great success in his new position. Stop by this week, his last with us, to say good bye. Also, as Natalie is still out and Lucilla is working her desk, we have a new substitute office assistant at Porter, Carla Diaz. Welcome to the adult ed family Carloa!!



Spring Schedules are being put together now. If you have a question or concern about your Spring assignment contact your department chair, or Cynthia or Bob.

Also: the Spring brochure is being finished in this next week or so. If you had ideas about the text, design, or presentation of information, email Marilyn Files NOW!!



WAAS Calendar

PAYROLL: 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

Student Councils This Week

Michael Hillyer, Marina Candor, Ruben Zambrano, and Cathy Jo are working hard this year to build effective student councils at both Green Valley and Porter, both mornings and evenings.

These next meetings will include important discussions about the soon-t- be-issued Student Newspaper.

Porter Student Councils

Tuesday, November 9

12:00 noon, and 9:00pm

(Noon meeting will be invited to walk over to see the Langendorf Building)

Green Valley Student Councils

Wednesday, November 10

12:00 noon and 8:30pm

Veterans' Day (No Classes)

Thursday, November 11

Friday, November 12, Saturday, November 13

(No classes unless you have talked to your department chair)

School Council

Wednesday, November 17

Green Valley, 4:00-6:00