



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 Light a Candle Issue

October 18, 2004

School Council Meets

Wednesday, October 20, 2004

At Porter, Room 24, All Welcome

Important discussions around these topics on the agenda:

- "The Langendorf Building" important news about funding, plans and next steps.
- A three-year review of the first two Action Plans of our school-improvement initiative:
 - 1) Student Support Services
 - 2) Internal Communication and Community Outreach
- A report on school data, enrollment and attendance trends: A School Report Card
- This year's professional development projects: peer-coaching?



Position teaching Construction Trades, and VESL Construction. Vocational credential will qualify applicant for construction. Contact Burr Guthire or Lucila Bedolla.



The Presidential Candidates and Adult Literacy and Adult Education

The following is from the website:

<http://litpresident.org/>

This is a great website comparing the candidates response to a survey from adult educators. It also has useful, simple lessons for adult education students in literacy, ABE, ASE, Citizenship and ESL programs. The lessons reference the Equipped for the Future Standards that we should all be familiar with.

"Literacy President is a non-partisan, collaborative initiative among grass roots organizers, The Change Agent, Voice for Adult Literacy United for Education (VALUE), and other national organizations. We seek to increase national awareness of adult literacy regardless of which candidate is elected.

The election of the next President is important to adult literacy education. Will the next President know what is important about adult literacy in our country? What are our concerns for adult literacy, and how can we increase Presidential recognition and support for these issues? These questions and many more are what inspired us to seek out a **Literacy President**.

We want to know what the person who is elected President in November, 2004 plans to do to strengthen adult literacy in America. We have made an online survey of questions to ask the Presidential candidates. We want to narrow these down to those which are most important to practitioners and adult learners." -from <http://litpresident.org/> "A Change Agent: Adult Education for Social Justice, News, Issues and ideas"



WAAS Calendar

Green Valley Student Councils

Morning, 11:00am, Room 6

Evening, 8:30pm, Room 6

WAAE School Council

Wednesday, October 20, 4:00-6:00, Porter Building, Room 24

EL Civics assessments

"Talking to the Police about Traffic Stops"

Weeks of October 11, 18 and 25

Tentative schedule posted above mailboxes at Porter and GV

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



... after some complications Natalie is now doing better... she will be out of the hospital next week but will still be away from work for several more weeks... Lucila is doing a great job working Natalie's desk at Green Valley...congrats to Kim Iwasko, whose student-produced "textbook" for office skills has made it to a Southern California adult school....Bob will be at Berkeley Adult on Tuesday, he is chairing their WASC visiting committee this year... WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) Teams and school visits are a great opportunity to work with peers from other schools... if anyone is interested on serving on a committee, please talk to Bob...Michael Hillyer is coordinating and energizing student councils this year, look for more information and encourage your students to attend and report back to classes...Migrant Ed and Adult Ed are having planning meetings on how to open a "Plaza Comunitaria" which would offer students the opportunity to gain literacy skills in Spanish, and pursue *secundaria* and *preparatoria* certifications...conversation overheard: "Bob just puts in News and Views what he wants us to know..." well, duh!!!... this IS the school newsletter... send me articles, triumphs, concerns, chisme, reflections, breakthroughs, cursing the darkness, humor, tears, challenges, annotations, frustrations... all is welcome... and if YOU write it, there may be NO typos!!!