

Santa Clara Adult Education Newsletter



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Director's Message

By Brenda Carrillo

Dear Adult Education Team,

We have successfully completed our Adult Education, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) mid cycle visit, which occurred on March 6. The visit highlighted the significant progress made on our WASC plan and affirmed what I already knew to be true—we offer a strong and expert adult program to Santa Clara Unified School District families and the education surrounding community. Thank you all for your contributions to our progress and positive visit!

On a related note, Adult Education Appreciation Week was celebrated the week of April 9-13, this year. The week is dedicated to raising awareness of the benefits and contributions of Adult Education Programs to our local communities as well as to our society at large. To this end, a resolution acknowledging the value of Santa Clara Adult Education was heard at the March 22, 2018 school board meeting. The resolution was adopted and acknowledged the contributions of our SCAE staff and programs. Please take a moment to read the [Resolution](#).

Thank you for being a team of knowledgeable, passionate and caring staff. You make a difference in the lives of our students every day!

Brenda Carrillo, Ed.D.
Director, Educational Options

"Teachers, I believe, are the most responsible and important members of society because their professional efforts affect the fate of the earth." —
Helen Caldicott

Skills Plus Program

By Becky Pestarino

During the month of February, the artwork of Skills Plus students was on display at the District Office. Students engaged in a learning unit about Japanese culture, and part of the project students painted cherry blossoms. Every student had their individual work on display. Skills Plus program students are survivors of stroke, which means one side of their body is paralyzed completely or weak. Students may have also lost muscle coordination and motor control. Many of the students painted using their arm that was affected by the stroke. Because the artwork was so popular it was written up in the "District Update" which is sent electronically to the entire district staff. Bravo! To the teachers and students.



ESL Students – Rally in Sacramento

By Christine Berdiansky

On April 9, several ESL students and staff members joined groups from other California Adult schools at a rally on the steps of the state capitol building. Afterwards, Gaida Conte, a student in Bill Kyle's class had this to say about the day. "I just wanted to let you know that it was a great experience for me, very interesting (and funny, too!). It's been a pleasure taking part in the event, it made me feel like 'member of a team'." I hope to have the chance to attend it also next year." Thanks Gaida for joining us!



Enrichment Program

By Rachel Paterson

The Woodshop held an open house on February 2nd. We had a good turnout of interested locals who were unaware of our fully equipped, awesome woodshop located on the Buchser Middle School Campus, 390 Washington St., Santa Clara. In the picture below instructor Larry Truhe, explains woodworking techniques to a curious attendee.



Family Resource Center

By Carrie Casto

- The Family Resource Center Food Distribution is first come first serve. We serve SCUSD low income students Pre-K- Adult. Call the FRC for more information (408)-423-3541.
- **Volunteers Needed** - The FRC needs volunteers to pack food boxes the first Monday of every month from 9am-11am at the Reaching Out Center in San Jose. If interested, please email Carrie Casto at ccasto@scusd.net. Thank you!

Events Calendar

- ✚ **April 9th**, Adult Education Appreciation Week (April 9-13)
- ✚ **April 20th**, School Closed, district holiday, the campus will be locked and alarmed that day.
- ✚ **April 23**, Wilson Preschool will be having a Silent Auction Fundraiser April 23 - May 4 in room L3. Come by to bid on prizes!! All funds go towards preschool supplies and professional development for preschool teachers.
- ✚ **April 23**, Summer Registration begins.
- ✚ **June 6th**, Adult High School Diploma Program Graduation Congratulations to all our graduates. **Great job!**

WASC Update

Please feel free to review the report from the visiting committee.

WASC Mid-Cycle Visiting Committee Report

Student Survey Highlights

By Christine Berdiansky

In January, 2018 we conducted a student survey to determine school effectiveness, 152 student from various programs participated.

Some of the highlights:

- 99% of students would recommend the class (es) to a friend.
- 100% of students agree Santa Clara Adult Education employs qualified instructors and staff.
- 97% of students strongly agree/agree Santa Clara Adult Education has a good reputation in the community.
- 99% of students agree/agree Santa Clara Adult Education provides facilities that are clean, safe and well maintained.



WASC Luncheon with Students and Staff



Reminder: Alarm Schedule

In order to maintain a safe teaching and learning environment, please make note of the following important notices:

- Alarm Times:
 - M-F Deactivated between 6:00 am-6:45 am and Alarmed at 10:00 pm.
 - Saturday Deactivated at 7:45 am and Alarmed at 3:45 pm.
 - Sunday Armed All Day and Holidays Alarmed All Day**
- Therefore, all staff must exit the building by 9:45pm M-F and 3:45 Saturdays. Enter no earlier than 6:45 am M-F and 7:45 am Saturdays in order to avoid setting off the alarm.
- Every time the alarm is set off, the school incurs various costs; therefore, adherence to this schedule is imperative.

