



El Monte-Rosemead Adult School From the Owl's Perch

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October 2011

Dates to Remember


• **Blood Drive** (Ramona)
- October 14

• **Book Fair** (Rosemead)
- October 17 - 21

• **CASAS Post-Test**
HSD / ABE
- October 25, 26
ESL
- October 26

• **Halloween**
- October 31 

• **CAHSEE**
ELA - November 1
MATH - November 2

• **Fall Back**
- November 6 
Set clock back one (1) hour

• **Veterans' Day Holiday**
- November 11

Norwood School

New Adult Education School Site

The El Monte-Rosemead Adult School has a new school site. It is the Norwood School campus, located in the Norwood Village area of El Monte. There are several classes currently being held there, listed below are the courses offered:

Dressmaking (Beg/Inter)
T, Th: Sylvia Montoya, Instructor

Patterns & Alterations
M: Yvonne Lebron, Instructor.
W, F: Dianne Martinez, Instructor

Brain Fitness
M-Th: Desiree Romero, Instructor

Basic Computer Concepts
M, W, F: Thomas Ho, Instructor

Keyboarding I
T, Th: Don Lopreiato, Instructor

Parent Education
M-Th: Consuelo Kam, Instructor
T, W, F: Isabel Stinnett, Instructor

EMRAS is sharing the campus with the Community Day School program which has been at the Norwood site for two years now.

Also, new to the Norwood campus are two Special Education classes. There is also a meeting room used by El Monte City School District that can be used for staff in-service sessions.

The Norwood campus welcomes counselors: **Olga Lopez**, who is on site every morning; **Tim Campa**, who is on site every afternoon; and **Trina Cardona**, who will be on site Wednesday mornings.

And last, but certainly not least, **Elizabeth Hernandez**, Office Clerk II, has made Norwood her permanent home and will be there full-time Monday thru Friday.

We welcome everyone to visit the Norwood campus. It is a great site and great addition to the EMRAS program.



Book Fair



The Rosemead Center will be hosting a book fair from Monday, October 17 thru Friday, October 21. The Book

Fair theme this year is "**Reading Is Out of This world**".

Our goal is to promote reading in order to become effective communicators and lifelong learners. There will be something new for this book fair. It will be available online. The site is:
onlinebookfairs.scholastic.com.

It will be available to all staff and students from October 18 to October 28. During the online dates go to the Web site, & select:

State: California

City: Rosemead

School: Rosemead Adult School

All orders will be shipped to the school and delivered to the indicated classrooms.



Favorite Halloween Costumes

1. *Vampires (Twilight)*
2. *Angry Birds*
3. *Royal Couple*
4. *Green Lantern*
5. *Glee*

“Rather than love, than money, than fame, give me truth.”

Henry David Thoreau

“Life is a gift to be enjoyed, not a trial meant to be survived.”

ESLRs

- ◆ *Effective Communicators*
- ◆ *Problem Solvers*
- ◆ *Lifelong Learners*

ESL News

The ESL program recently purchased interactive electronic white boards for all its classes including the language labs at the Ramona and Rosemead Centers.

Funding came from our annual Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title II grant, and is based upon the significant learning gains our students achieved the previous fiscal year.

Our teachers and students are excited and eager to explore the possibilities of this new technology. Staff development for the

coming year will focus on training teachers in the many uses of interactive whiteboards. We expect it will take two years for teachers to feel completely comfortable with the new technology and to have its use embedded in their pedagogy.

In the meantime, two of our teachers, **Wayne Miyahara** and **Mauro Del Rosario**, have had a year to pilot its use and will be instrumental in teaching their colleagues how to use the equipment and associated software to enhance instruction.

Two additional teachers, **Lupe Lozano** and **Sandra Anderson**, were accepted into technology training programs offered in Sacramento through OTAN (Outreach and Technology Assistance Network). They will be training in *Instructional Technology*, and *Online Learning Opportunities*, respectively.

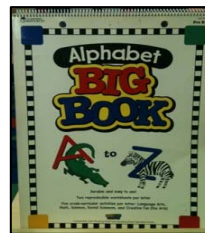
We expect them to join our existing technology mentors, in helping guide ESL instruction into the 21st century with new and exciting technology resources.

CHILD CARE RECEIVES TARGET GRANT

The Granada Child Care Center received a \$2,000 grant from Target to help promote literacy for preschoolers and encourage parent involvement in literacy activities for their children.

Our project design includes the purchase of children’s books to be checked out to Granada families as well as for classroom use. Our parents attending the adult school will

participate in classroom activities by reading to their children.



Follow up events involve art projects such as creating gift wrap, making placemats, and creating personal word/picture

books. We hope these activities will cultivate children’s artistic sensibilities and love of reading.

The project culminates in a trip to the public library for both children and parents to acquire library cards. This grant is part of ongoing efforts by Target to strengthen families and communities throughout the country.

News and Notes...

The new CTE quarter will begin on November 7, with new Business, Computer, and Medical classes.



The kids from Miss Janice Young’s Parenting Class at Rosemead Center will Trick-or-Treat

in the classrooms on Monday, October 31, beginning at 9:15 a.m. They will be in their Halloween costumes as will some of their parents.

Rosalinda Ong’s Older Adult Tai Chi class

participated in “Seniors Got Talent!” at the El Monte HealthCare Partners. They received a certificate of participation.



CASAS Testing

The CASAS (Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems) Post Test for the ESL, HSD, and ABE is fast approaching. This past year, all the programs improved their number of benchmarks from the previous year.

CASAS is a federally-mandated process and is an important source of funding for our school and helps us maintain high-quality ESL, HSD, and ABE programs.

Thanks to the dedicated effort of the instructors and staff, our students can continue to improve on these



tests and achieve gains that qualify for the benchmarks.

The ESL program will administer their CASAS Post Tests on Wednesday, October 26, at all time frames: morning, afternoon and evening.

The HSD/ABE programs will administer their tests on Tuesday evening, October 25. They will also test their students on Wednesday, October 26, in the morning, afternoon and evening.



CCAE NEWS

The CCAE Fall Conference will be held on Saturday, October 29, at the Hacienda-La Puente Adult School, Dibble Campus. The conference begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:45 p.m.

At the conference will be workshops by OTAN and CALPRO, legislative panel discussions, vendor exhibits, and a motivational keynote speaker.

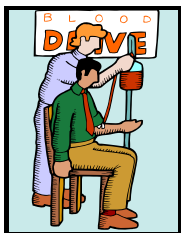
CCAE will also be having a fall fundraiser at both the Ramona and Rosemead Centers. There will be a school supply / school back pack drawing on Thursday, Oct. 20.

Tickets for the drawing will be on sale at the lobby reception desks. The cost is 3 tickets for one dollar or 1 ticket for fifty cents. There are four school back packs available, two at each site. The monies

collected will be used for student scholarships.

"CCAE is the only organization that includes teachers, classified employees, administrators, coordinators and all employees for adult education."

Don't Forget....



There will be a **Blood Drive** at the Ramona Center on Friday, October 14, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., in Room 223.

The blood drive will be sponsored by Kaiser Permanente. Both staff and

students will have an opportunity to donate throughout the day.

The next **CAHSEE**, California High School Exit Exam, will be given on November 1, for English-Language Arts, and on November 2, for Math.

High school students are required to pass this test in order to obtain their high school diploma.

FALL BACK - Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 5.

