



Positive Happenings

Adult Basic Education

FLAS COMMUNITY EDUCATION

AUGUST 2017

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **ABE's Family Learning Program will continue to partner with the Early Childhood Program.**
- **Two new part-time teachers, Susanne Kimber and Amy Kinsman, have joined the ABE team.**

Looking Forward to a Great Year with Some New Faces!

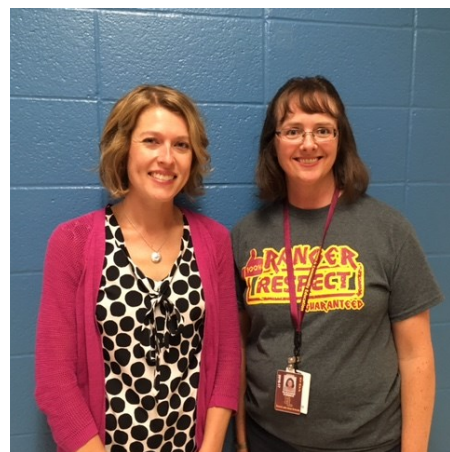
Community Education's Adult Basic Education program (ABE) staff are eagerly awaiting the start of a new school year. We are looking forward to the continued success of our Family Learning Program in partnership with Early Childhood. Staff are also collaborating with the high school on a new diploma program created for adults. Two new part-time teachers, Susanne Kimber and Amy Kinsman, have joined the team to help provide opportunities for adults to learn English, obtain their GED or complete their diploma.

Susanne Kimber

Susanne started 2017 by jumping right into all of the action going on during this last school year! Although this is her first permanent position with an ABE program, she was no stranger to the rewarding work of ABE. Susanne spent the last six years working as a long-term substitute in several neighboring districts' programs. She is currently teaching evening classes, and has helped out during the school year by assisting with instruction during the Family Learning Program. Susanne holds a teaching degree from Northwestern College in St. Paul.

Amy Kinsman

Amy Kinsman is likely a familiar name to many in the district. She began her teaching career in 2007 as a Spanish teacher and has held positions at both Forest Lake High School and Southwest Junior High. After taking some time off to adopt her three children, Amy recently returned to teaching Spanish at Centennial High School. While in college, Amy spent some time working for an ABE program in Roseville and always hoped to return to the field. When she learned that there was an opening in her home district, she applied and was the perfect fit for the position. In addition to her Spanish teaching degree, Amy also holds a Master's degree in ESL instruction from Hamline University.



Left to right: Amy and Susanne

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