



Positive Happenings Forest Lake Area Schools Community Education Adult Basic Education

*2010-2011 School Year
May 1, 2010 – April 30, 2011*



A Busy Year!

Once again, the Adult Learning Center had a record-breaking year. There were 270 students, ages 18 through 83, served during the 2010-2011 school year. Eight students earned their Adult Diploma and 47 students earned their G.E.D. Over 11,800 hours of instruction were provided by Adult Basic Education teachers and volunteers last program year!

School Is a Global Adventure!

English as a Second Language student hours accounted for 23% of the yearly contact hours. Students were welcomed from the following countries:

Bosnia – 1	Liberia – 1
Brazil – 1	Mexico – 16
Cambodia – 4	Morocco – 1
Canada – 1	Nigeria – 1
China – 9	Panama – 2
Columbia – 1	Peru – 1
Costa Rica – 1	Philippines – 2
Dominican Republic – 1	Russia – 1
El Salvador – 4	Somalia – 1
Eritrea – 1	Tanzania – 2
Honduras – 1	Thailand – 2
Hungary – 1	Uruguay – 1
Indonesia – 2	Vietnam – 2
Laos – 4	

“The Forest Lake Adult Learning Center is the right place for me to improve my English. The teachers and volunteers are all very patient and have allowed me to build on my speaking, reading and writing skills.”

- Chi T., E.S.L. Student



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Family Learning – A Joint Effort with the Early Learning Program

Our district continues to invest in the community by offering this popular program. Last year 20 parents and 29 children were enrolled in the program. While the parents were focusing on their educational goals in ABE, the children were participating in preschool or ECFE activities. Every year, the program readies families for school while creating strong relationships with other district families and staff.

The Heroes behind the Scenes!

- The Adult Learning Center received over 2,700 instructional hours from its dedicated staff of 24 volunteers!
- Husband and wife volunteer team, Jan & Glen Hanggi, won a state level volunteer award from the Minnesota Literacy Council. In April, they were named “2011 Outstanding Volunteer(s) of the Year”.
- Bob Sorman received an award from the Minnesota Literacy Council recognizing him for over 3,000 hours of service.
- Betty Faragher also received an award recognizing her 1,500 hours of service.



Other News and Offerings.....

- ABE staff members continue to promote online learning options to students as a way to reach out to non-traditional students or those who can't attend class regularly.
- Teaching staff received special reading training through the Minnesota Department of Education. The training was provided to only a select number of teachers in order to increase reading proficiency in struggling adult learners.
- A section of a “Pre-Certified Nursing Assistant” course was offered to introduce learners to careers in the medical field. Students who participated in the course loved it and several have gained employment or sought future training in the healthcare industry.

If you have questions, would like to refer a student, or are interested in volunteering, please contact Kara Rotramel at 651-982-8302 or krotramel@flaschools.org

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