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December News

Adult Education classes will end November 20, 2008.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

There will be three writing workshops in December.

On December 1 and 2, the workshop will be from 4—6:30pm at TTC, room 209. This workshop will be important to those students who will be testing Dec. 8, 2008. There will also be a

writing workshop on December 22 8:30am – 12:30 pm at the Tennessee Career Center. Marcy Har-elson will be conducting the writing workshops.

These workshops are open to all students.

Writing is a big component of the GED test. Everyone must write an essay to pass the

test.

With improved writing comes a higher score on the Language Arts section of the GED test.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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Special points of interest: As of 11/14

- * *GED earned as of Nov. 14, 2008:* 45
- * # of students scheduled to take GED: 11
- * Pass rate to date July—Nov 2008: 92%

GED SUCCESS

As of November 14, 2008, 45 GED diplomas have been earned in the adult education program. By the end of 2008, we are encouraged to have another 15 students earn a GED diploma.

As a program that focuses on GED success,, students need to remember that the staff knows how to get you there.

Students must do their part by attending class and studying at home. Set time away from your family to study. Come early to class or stay late. The classroom is avail-

able.

*Leave your troubles at the door and for the few hours of class **Focus On YOU!***

We encourage all students to attend the December workshops.

The GED from a Student's perspective

Emma Bohannan wants everyone to know how important the GED was to her.

Emma started in the program in February 2008. While studying for the GED, Emma went through chemotherapy. Because of her illness, she had to stop GED classes for a while. "Stopping and starting was



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hard. I had a GED book that I used everyday. Emma was also working a fulltime job. But the GED test was never too far from her thoughts. She was determined to earn the GED diploma. In July 2008, Emma achieved her goal. Emma wants to encourage all students who think the GED diploma is not in sight to hang in there.

She understood that sometimes family, a job, or even

an illness can be obstacles in achieving a goal. Emma encourages everyone to stay focused and not quit.

"Quitting wasn't an option for me and it shouldn't be an option for you".

The AE staff wants to congratulate Emma on this achievement. Currently her cancer is in remission.

Encouragement for Level 3 students

Adult education is made up of six levels. The majority of students who enter the program enter in levels 4, 5, and 6. Can a student who started at level 3 pass the GED test? The answer is *yes*.

Many students who start at this level feel the journey for them is too long and the GED is not a goal they will achieve. But students who remain

focused do achieve their goal. All level 3 students should be reminded that this goal can be achieved with hard work and dedication to the process.

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WOW! What great success stories . Students attended graduation this summer to show family that the GED was something they could and did achieve.

For those students who are in level 3 this year, staff reminds you to study, stay focused and don't give up.

How does the TTC AE program compare to the state and the nation?

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development released pass rate information for the GED test in October 2008. The data provided a three year comparison. The adult education program in Crossville exceeded other programs in the state of Tennessee, as well as the nation for the GED. From 2005-2007, TTC Crossville adult education exceeded the state by 7% and the nation by 13% in the GED pass

rate. The statistics are based on the number sent to take the GED test to those who passed.

2005—2007 average

Nation: 76%

Tennessee: 70%

Crossville: 83%

The data shows that students who are sent to pass the GED test have a



Crossville AE exceed the nation and state with GED pass rate.

higher percent pass rate.

We are *proud* of the AE staff for their dedication and the students who earned the GED.

Great Partnerships

Currently the GED test is funded in part by the Tennessee State Legislature. Forty dollars of the test fee is being paid for students who meet the scoring requirements. The balance of the fee is being paid by students. For those students who cannot pay the \$25.00, **Cumberland Good Samaritans** is providing assistance.

Cumberland County students have been fortunate to have people in the community step forward and help.

From 2004-2006,, the **Cumberland**

County Commission paid the test fee for students, AE students in the past received assistance from **Fairfield Rotary, First National Bank of the Cumberlands, the Literacy Council,** and through various grants: **Wal-Mart, United Way of Cumberland County,** and VEC.



Thank you

We appreciate all of these sponsors who dedicate their time and dollars to the adult education program. It is through these donations that students have the opportunity to better their lives. Jobs are gained by earning the GED, as well as education opportunities that might never have come into play.

A special thank you goes out to these organizations who make a difference in the life of the adult education student.

Did you know....

Based on the Official Practice Tests in Math, 60% or more of the GED test is basic math computation, reasoning skills,, graphs and charts,. The rest of the problems are related to simple algebra and geometry.

The math section of the GED test is more about reading than anything else. If you are a good reader and have good reasoning skills, you don't

have to know a lot of algebra and geometry. We can show you some basic algebra and geometry skills . You may be surprised that you know more about algebra and geometry than you think.

On part one of the math section, students are allowed to use a calculator. Part two of the test is more about applying your math reasoning skills and

ing read-

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A new schedule for a new year—Welcome 2009

Night classes will resume on **January 12, 2009.**

PM Classes at the Tennessee Technology Center room 209:

Monday 4-8 pm writing / math



See you in January

January 14, 2009 Day classes:

Wednesday L.4 11am - 1pm

Thursday L.4 8:30 - 11am

Friday L. 5/6 9 - 11am

If you are not sure what class you are to attend, call Jena at 4 84-5446.

More evening classes will be scheduled as needed.

This schedule subject to change.

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The goal of Adult Education is to get students in and out in the shortest timeframe possible. We encourage all students to work with staff to achieve the GED diploma. Earning the GED means students will have the opportunity to gain employment, increase job opportunities, and enter post secondary education.

Take advantage of your potential

GED preparation classes are designed to provide an opportunity to learn new skills and testing strategies. These classes serve as a springboard for learning, however students must be willing to work on skills out of class.

Students who earn their GED quickly are those who attend class and actively participate by taking notes, participate in discussion and practice what they learn in class at home. An essential part of pass the GED test is learning to organize your mind and learning to pay attention to detail. Successful students know that just attending class is not enough.

We challenge each student to make a New Year's Resolution to come to class prepared to participate and use this learning opportunity to its full potential.

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What's your New Year's Resolution?
