



HAGERSTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# ADULT EDUCATION

## NEWSLETTER

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SUBMISSIONS BY ADULT EDUCATION ABE/GED AND  
ESL STUDENTS AND INSTRUCTORS.

### *ABE CLASS PRACTICES CONSUMER AWARENESS*



Terri Connors's ABE Beginning class at the Washington County Family Center work on figuring unit prices using grocery ads. The exercise touches on reading skills and math skills, while also helping them be more savvy shoppers.



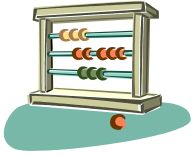
### DATES TO REMEMBER

- \*September 22–  
Autumn begins
- \*October 31–  
Halloween
- \*November 26–  
Thanksgiving

Why did the student study on an airplane?



Because he wanted a higher education!



### MATH CORNER

A. You have just taken out a \$9000 student loan for one year. What would be the simple interest if the annual percentage rate were 12%?

B. What would be your monthly payments if this loan were for one year?

Answers below.

Answers: A. \$1080, B. \$840

### WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the following autumn words:

1. vleeas

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2. vrsehta

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3. botreco

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4. kppnimu

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Answers below.

Answers: 1. leaves 2. harvest  
3. October 4. pumpkin



## ESL STUDENTS WRITE ABOUT A VARIETY OF TOPICS

Wes Hoover's Advanced ESL class practiced writing by composing paragraphs on an assortment of topics. Here are some excerpts:

"My favorite vacation go to my home country with my family, because he is very beautiful. You can have the good people to help you if you want to go..." — Magalie M.

"One of my favorite holiday is Chinese Mid-Autumn Day... So many people go out, take a walk and see the firework. We also can get some mooncakes from the people who organize the firework. Chinese people usually have dinner with their whole family on that night. People says, 'The moon is round, the family should be round too.'" — Wuqing W.

"I really enjoy spend

time with my family.

On my days off, I use to go out with my family; we go to different places, especially to visit family that lives out of state..."

—David V.

"This year, on July 4th, I invited a lot of my friends came to my house. I cooked a lot of kind of foods, like barbecue, fried rice, curries, breads and soft drinks. After dinner, my friends played cards and some of them played poker." —Rath L.

"I grow up in Iran. I know a lot of people. I have some good friends. My family still live in Iran. I can say, I have a lot of memories about that, but I don't like some things about Iran... We don't have freedom like most of countries in the world, but I believe one day we will find that." —

Aram H.

"I like USA because it is kinda challenge for me... American people are being very nice to me... Most of them are easy going, open minded. There are so many opportunities for people who like to study and work in States... What I don't like sometimes about USA when some people are being haters to foreign people for not understanding and knowing English well..." —Julia P.

"Talking about relationship I'm thinking about my mother, brothers and sisters. I'm desperate to see them... I still ask question to my self. What I'm going to do? Then another thought came in my mind. You are not here for accident... Instantly I feel peace in my heart..." —Tatupu F.

## HAWK'S BATTLE CRY BY WES HOOVER

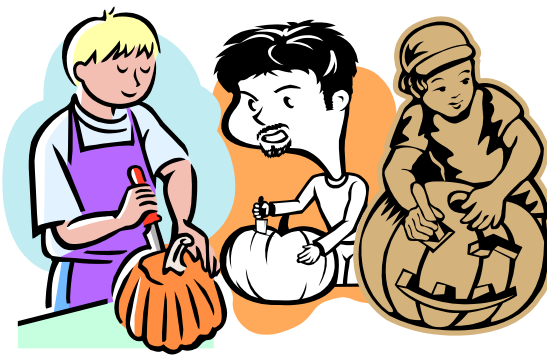
Dig for victory, Go for Gold.  
 We are the Hawks from Hagerstown  
 and we are proud and bold,  
 soaring through the clouds  
 with the wind beneath our wings;  
 we'll get higher and higher, straight  
 up we'll climb,  
 clawing our way to each victory  
 with being champions as our dream  
 and destiny,  
 with hope in our hearts and fire in our  
 eyes.

Never say die is the Hawks battle  
 cry;  
 we never take the easy way, we  
 never compromise.  
 We never say never to a challenge  
 that may come along the way,  
 because only the strong will survive  
 on this championship day.  
 We've learned so much from our  
 mistakes,  
 but our will has the power that won't  
 break.  
 We've paid our dues as true champi-

ons do,  
 with only one thing left to prove,  
 doing the best that we can do  
 because that's all anyone can ever ask of  
 you.  
 So this is our time, this is our moment.  
 We've waited so long just to be stand-  
 ing here;  
 we have a dream, let's make it happen.  
 Against all odds, we'll spread our  
 wings and keep on fighting until the  
 end!

## ABE ENGLISH CLASS WRITES ABOUT PICTURE

Students in Kathy Thomas's ABE English class did a writing exercise about a photo of three boys with pumpkins. While we can't reproduce that copyrighted photo here, we did find similar artwork to help illustrate their writing.



"This is how students from Maryland enjoy Halloween eve. These boys are having so much fun. They are showing us that Halloween is so much fun and showing us the Halloween spirit." —Guillermo

"These boys are funny." —Vathana

"Halloween is around the corner and all the kids are excited and preparing for it." —Andrea

"These boys are having fun posing for a Halloween picture." —Becky

"Halloween is coming. I don't know which faces I should be afraid of: the three boys or the three pumpkins!" —Miguel

"These young boys are having fun as they get ready for Halloween." —Linda

"These boys look like they are all ready for Halloween. They seem to be having a lot of fun playing with the pumpkins." —Michele

"Do you think the three boys making the pumpkin faces are ready for Halloween?" —Sue







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**WORD OF THE SESSION:**  
**PULCHRITUDE-**  
ANOTHER WORD FOR  
"BEAUTY."

## WHAT TO DO TO ENROLL IN ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

If you know someone who would like to begin our classes in **ABE/GED** or **ESL**, here's the process to begin:

- 1. Call to sign up for an orientation. Orientations are held at least twice a month for both ABE/GED and ESL.**
- 2. At the orientation, assessment tests determine what you need and how we can help. For ABE/GED, we give a reading and math assessment. For ESL, we give a listening assessment.**
- 3. Finally, at the orientation, you'll be advised on your next step and registered for the appropriate class.**

The High Beginning ESL class at the Family Center shared an activity in which the class members shared some of their culture. Rosemane Rene shared a recipe from Haiti in which she cooked rice, beans, and chicken. It was delicious. Rosario Macalupu shared a recipe called "Spaghetti with Spinach." She also did a Peruvian dance for the class. She wore a beautiful Peruvian dress. Marlene Cuellar made "Arroz con Leche" (translated : Rice with Milk). This is a recipe from Columbia. They shared the recipes with the class.

-Anna Roberts, ESL instructor



### RECIPES

#### Spaghetti with Spinach

Boil 1 lb of spaghetti. In the blender mix together the raw spinach, fresh basil, salt and cheese (Viajero cheese) and water. Then mix with the spaghetti.

#### Rice with Milk

- 1 ½ lbs. rice
- 1 gallon milk
- 4 Tbs. sugar
- 1 can cream of milk
- 1 can condensed milk
- 2 tsp. cinammon
- ¼ stick of butter

Cook rice with mild and cream, sugar, and butter. When the rice is soft add the cream milk and condensed milk.