

Abisi Adult Education Center



The Melting Pot

A Newsletter for Students & Supporters

October 2024



Back to School: Learning Together, Growing Together

We're so excited to welcome everyone back for a new school year at Abisi Adult Education Center! Whether you're continuing your journey or just beginning, this year is all about working together to reach your goals.

Whether you are an ESOL or HSE student attending morning or night, in-person or remote, here at Abisi or at one of our many satellite locations -- the first day of classes is always filled with excitement as students get to know their teachers and peers.

Building a strong classroom community is important, and as you improve your English, you'll also be supporting and learning from each other.

We're here to help you every step of the way—let's make it a great year!

Eager for a great year of learning! Liz, Martha, & Meg's students gather together after class

Students from Carrie & Daisy's class pose for a first day photo

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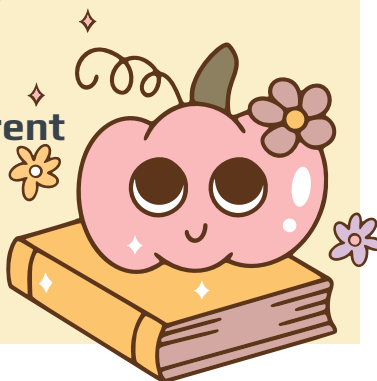
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DID YOU KNOW?

There are **765** students currently enrolled in our ESOL & HSE programs. Our students come from **54** different countries & speak **29** languages!





Book Club Encourages Reading with Games & Fun

Carrie and Daisy's classes have already started Book Club activities. Every week, always on Thursdays, the two classes will gather for games around the library.

At the project's debut on September 12th, students were separated into groups to choose library books with different themes. This way, while improving their vocabulary, they are also encouraged to read.

Good reading, everyone!



SAC members meet with Director Betty McKiernan, February 2024

Student Advisory Council: Your Voice, Your School

Abisi Adult Education Center has an important platform for student participation -- the Student Advisory Council (SAC). The objective of the council is to bring together representatives from each of the ESOL and HSE morning classes to voice concerns, give suggestions, and evaluate the services provided by the school.

Meetings are held monthly and take place in the Computer Room (Lower Level) and are attended by the AAEC Director, Betty McKiernan. After the meetings, SAC representatives share announcements and updates with their class.

Becoming a member of the SAC is a great way to practice English and be involved in shaping the daily life of our school! Plus, SAC members receive points (AAEC Reward Center) for their participation!

**First SAC Meeting of
2024-25 School Year
Tuesday,
November 12th
10:00 – 11:00 am
in Computer Lab –
Basement Level**



Reward Program

“Kicks Off” November 14th!

(starts)

The Reward Program is an incentive-based program that awards students points for outstanding monthly attendance, participation in activities, and/or achieving set goals.

New to Abisi? Not sure how the Reward Program works? Read on for more details.

How do I know how many points I get for attendance, participation, and goal achievement?

It varies. Each goal has a pre-assigned point value -- ask your teacher for details. (For example: outstanding attendance = 5 points, vote in an election = 5 points)

How does AAEC know how many points I have?

Students should notify their teacher when they complete a goal. Once a month, students will receive a statement showing the total points they've earned.

What can I get with my Reward points?

With over 40 items in our Reward Program Store (and more to come!), there's lots to choose from. Prizes/rewards start at 2 points and go as high as 70 points. Students also have the option to save and accumulate points for larger rewards.

Here are just a few of the items you will find in the Reward Center Store:

- pens, notebook, stress balls (2 - 5 points each)
- USB thumb drive, travel mugs, water bottle, t-shirt (8-12 points each)
- tote bag, calculator, grammar book, dictionary (20-35 points each)
- vest, jacket (50-70 points each)

When can I get my prize/reward?

Each class will have a designated time to redeem their points for prizes/rewards. Times will also be posted in *The Melting Point* newsletter.

Where can I find the the Reward Center to redeem my points for prizes/gifts?

The Reward Center is located outside Room 3 on the first floor. Giovanna, our Student and Staff Support Assistant, manages the Reward Program.



Remember:

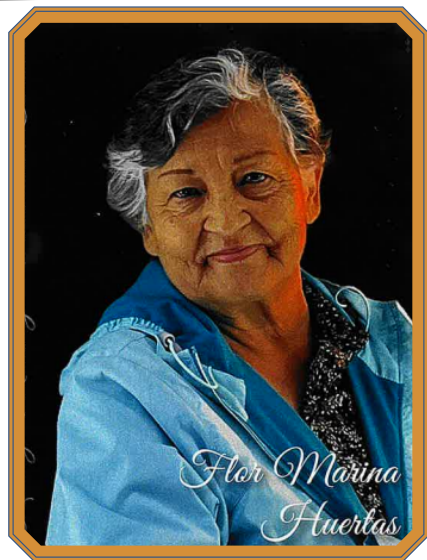
- Reward points are valid only for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Points are non-transferable and cannot be given to another student.
- Points must be redeemed (used) by the end of the school year or before leaving the program!

November 14th:

Reward store
opens for
students of
Carrie, Daisy,
Donna, & Meg
(Th/Fri)

November 18th:

Reward store
opens for
students of Liz,
Martha, Meg
(M-W), & HSE
classes



In Memory of Flor Huertas

April 15, 1944 - August 29, 2024

It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the passing of Flor Huertas, a former student at Abisi Adult Education Center. Flor was a valued member of our community, and her presence will be missed by all who knew her.





Richard Dao has been attending AAEC since 2022. He is currently a student in Martha's class.

Inside the Classroom: Student Interviews

Starting this month, "The Melting Pot" will feature a student profile from Abisi Adult Education Center. This section will highlight the inspiring life stories of our students.

This month's profile is on Richard Dao (Martha class). Known for his good humor and constant smile, **Richard Dao** is from Vietnam and is a proud father of two sons, ages 15 and 17. He shares his biggest challenges and expresses his gratitude: "Thank you very much, all my love to AAEC."

What is your name and where are you from?

Xin chào, Hello, Hola, Olá, Bonjour! My name is **Richard Dao**. I'm 48 years old. I came from Vietnam and I have been in the United States for 3 years.

What is the biggest challenge(s) you have faced when immigrating from your country to the US?

In the beginning, the biggest challenge was the language. I was nervous and confused when I went to markets, restaurants, fast food stores, or public offices, etc. It's because I couldn't understand, I couldn't speak English, I couldn't listen...until I started my first English class at AAEC in September 2022.

How do the classes at AAEC influence your experience in America?

My English is much better. I feel comfortable conversing and communicating with everyone. All of the teachers and official assistants have made it very interesting to learn English. I love all of you ❤️❤️❤️.

Do you have a dream you would like to achieve?

I have a dream. I would like to set up my own business so I can travel all over The US.



Richard entertains AAEC students at the holiday party in 2023.

Last year you were very successful singing at our school's Christmas party. Is singing one of your hobbies?

Yes, I like to sing on the weekends! I sing karaoke at my house. I sing English songs, so I can practice my English. I like pop music and was inspired (early on) by Michael Jackson - he was amazing!

Yes, I sang three songs at the [Christmas] party: "What A Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong, "Hello, Goodbye" (the Beatles), and "Lemon Tree."

What do you like to do when you're not at school?

I like watching movies and reading books. Before becoming a student at Abisi, I didn't like reading books. Now, love reading. It's amazing! I like to read suspense books. Whenever I have free time I like to read books. I also like to watch movies.

Would you like to share a message with your fellow students at Abisi before we close our interview?

I must define myself, step by step, to improve my English. It's never too late to go to AAEC English classes, where your dream will come true. Thank you very much -- all my love to AAEC!

Update: Richard was recently selected to participate in a social media campaign for Public Adult Education of MA. Where he will share his Adult Education story. We're excited for you! Congratulations, Richard!

I MUST DEFINE MYSELF, STEP BY STEP, TO IMPROVE MY ENGLISH.

~Richard Dao



Abisi Students On the go . . .

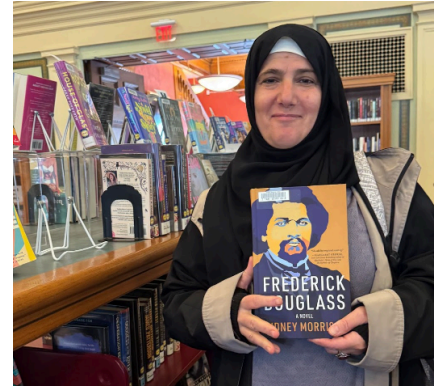
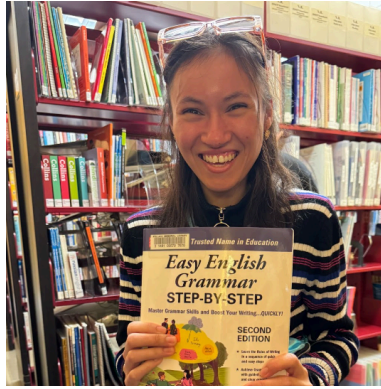
Field Trips & Outings

HSE Students Visit the Pollard Memorial Library

A group of HSE students took a trip to the Pollard Memorial Library this month. Students registered for library cards and were given a tour of the library. We learned about the many resources the library has to offer including discounted museum passes, computer access, printing capabilities, and citizenship preparation courses. We also learned about the many ways we can use the library while preparing for the GED or HiSet Exam. The library has GED and HiSet study guides and many online resources that we can use!

A special thank you to Assistant Director of the Library, Bridget Cooley. She always gives a wonderful tour and informs us of all the things the library has to offer!

~Alison McCarthy



Photos courtesy of Alison McCarthy

HSE Test Schedule Fall 2024

To schedule:

HiSET Test --> visit hiset.org or
GED Computer Test --> visit ged.com*

Weekend Testing:

Friday Evening and Saturday Morning

HiSet Paper Test & GED Test dates:

November 22nd/23rd

Note: You must present a current, government-issued, photo ID at the time of testing.

Weekday Testing (Computer-Based ONLY):

Thursday afternoons at 12:30pm

One subject test may be scheduled.

GED Dates:

November 21

HiSET Dates:

October 24
November 7

*GED appointments will be released 30 days prior to the scheduled test date.



CARING FOR YOUR HEALTH

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

What is domestic violence?

Domestic violence happens when one person in a family or relationship hurts or controls another person. It can be physical (like hitting or pushing), financial (controlling money, refusing to let the victim work), or it can be emotional (like saying mean things, controlling behavior, or threatening the victim's immigration status).

There are many kinds of abuse, not just those listed above.

Everyone has the right to be safe & respected.

Read about the warning signs and resources available -- it might help save your life or the life of someone you care about.



The color purple is a symbol for domestic violence awareness. It represents the strength, courage, & perseverance of survivors & is used to honor & support them.

Domestic Violence Warning Signs



1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men
experience some form of physical violence by a partner

Know the Signs

Domestic violence is more than physical violence. An abusive partner may:

- Show extreme jealousy
- Insult, demean, or shame you
- Press you to use drugs or alcohol
- Prevent you from spending time with friends, family, or peers
- Destroy your belongings

Get Help

- In an emergency, call 911.
- **Lowell Police:** 978-937-3200
- **Alternative House:** 888-291-6228 (crisis line)
 - shelter, legal advocacy, & support
 - all services are confidential
 - <https://www.alternative-house.org/>
- **The Center for Hope & Healing** (978-452-7721)
 - counseling, legal advocacy for sexual assault victims
 - 24 hour hotline: 800-542-5212
- **National Domestic Violence 24/7 hotline:** 800-799-7233 (SAFE)

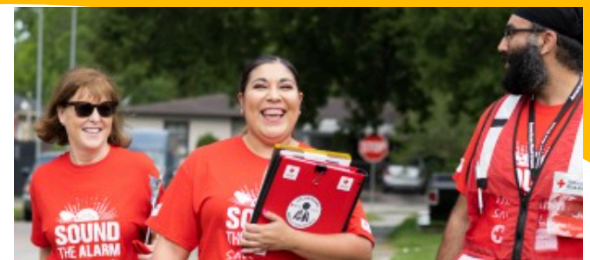
Get 4 FREE At-Home COVID Tests by Mail

Every U.S. household is eligible to order 4 free at-home tests. COVID-19 testing can help you know if you have COVID-19 so you can decide what to do next, like getting treatment to reduce your risk of severe illness and taking steps to lower your chances of spreading the virus to others. Your order of COVID tests is completely free – you won't even pay for shipping.

Limit 4 kits per household.
Shipping is FREE.



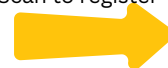
Order yours today at:
COVIDtests.gov



SOUND THE ALARM
Save a Life
November 6th in Lowell



November 6th in Lowell
Scan to register



for a free smoke alarm
installation for your home.





Meet the Abisi team: The People Who Make a Difference

October's Staff Spotlight is on ESOL Teacher - Chris O'Keefe

In this new feature, we are excited to introduce the amazing teachers and staff at AAEC. These are the people who work hard every day to support and help you succeed. This month, we will kick off (start) our series with Chris O'Keefe who currently teaches ESOL Level 5 online. Chris is passionate about helping students achieve their goals and always brings a positive attitude to the classroom. Let's get to know him a little better!



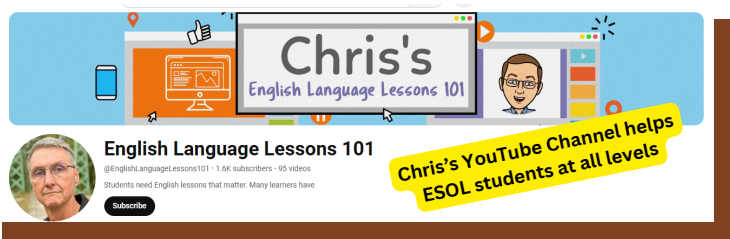
Scan to visit Chris's English Language Lessons YouTube channel

How did you get started working in adult education, teaching ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)?

I began my ESOL career as a **volunteer*** classroom aide. Several months later, my (then) boss asked about my career goals. I realized that I felt most **fulfilled** (satisfied, happy) the two nights a week I was in the classroom. A week later, I told my boss that I planned to **return** (go back) to school to change careers.

How long you have been teaching ESOL? What levels do you teach?

I began teaching in the Fall of 2017. I've taught all levels, but I **currently** (right now) teach Level 5 online here at AAEC.



What inspires you?

Prior to (before) my interest in ESOL, I had spent some years **tracing my family history***, **culminating** (ending) in trips to Ireland and Poland. The **courage*** of my **ancestors*** (family members who lived a long time ago) to leave everything and come here to try to make a life was impressive. This was **particularly** (very, especially) true for the family members who came from Poland. They didn't speak English and lived in a Polish neighborhood in Chelsea. That spirit and courage is still alive in our students.

Tell us about your hobbies, interests, and future plans:

My wife and I are a foster family for dogs from the animal shelter in Manchester, NH. We usually have a dog living with us while waiting to find their forever home. **Typically** (usually), these dogs aren't doing well at the shelter due to medical or **behavioral** (describing how a person/animal acts) reasons. We were home to a mother dog and seven puppies for seven weeks this past summer. That was a **unique** (being special in some way) experience.

My other hobbies include cycling, hiking, exercise, and photography. Future plans? I don't have any specific future plans. I enjoy the life I lead and **constantly** (always) **strive** (try very hard) to be better at whatever I do.

I heard some ESOL students (in Martha's class) talking about your YouTube channel. Can you tell us more about it?

Yes. I started a YouTube channel in 2023. I was playing with it to try to help more people and also put materials online that would help our students. It began to grow enough that I wondered if getting **monetized** (making money) was a possibility. [It never did.] I **discontinued** (stopped) making videos last summer. While the **quality** (how good or bad something is) of my videos had improved, I thought that to get to the place that would **attract a larger audience** (get more viewers), it would require more effort than I wanted to spend. I **came away from the experience*** with a great respect for those who do have successful YouTube channels. They have a lot of skills and work hard.

*Definitions from text:

volunteer (adjective): used to describe a person who does work without being paid, usually to help other

tracing (one's) family history (phrasal verb): Looking for and learning about your family's past, like who your relatives were and where they came from.

courage (noun): bravery or strength to do something difficult or scary

to come away from (an) experience (phrasal verb): to change your mind or think differently about someone or something after something has happened

How About You?

- Have you ever **traced your family history**? Why or why not?
- If so, what did you discover (find out) about your **ancestors**? Or, what do you **think** you might discover about them?
- Do you have your own YouTube channel? If not, would you like to? What do you think would be the hardest part of the job?
- Have you ever **come away from an experience** thinking differently about yourself, someone or something? What happened, and how did it change your thinking?

HOLIDAY NEWS & ACTIVITIES

AAEC Annual Food Drive October 28 - November 1

We are hosting our annual (held every year) food drive and want to invite students to participate by donating **unopened, non-perishable food** (items that don't need refrigeration).

Donation Drop off:

Outside Room 3 (first floor, AAEC)

All collected food will go to a local food pantry where it will help families in need.

Please, do not donate expired food.

Thank you!



Suggested Wish List Items:

Salt, Flour, & Sugar	Ethnic Foods
Spices, Seasonings/Herbs	Personal Hygiene Products
Pasta, Rice, & Noodles	Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
Canned Vegetables, & Soups	Deodorant
Coffee, Tea, & Hot Chocolate	Body Wash
Beans, Gandules, & Chickpeas	Shampoo & Conditioner
Soy Sauce	Razors & Shaving Cream
Canned Tuna	Sanitary Pads
Cereal & Oatmeal	Body Moisturizers
Gluten-free Items	Face Cream

Why do kids say "Trick or Treat?" What does it mean exactly?

Kids, dressed up for Halloween, use the phrase "trick or treat" when they knock on neighbor-hood doors asking for candy.

**TRICK
OR
TREAT?**

first appeared in a
Canadian newspaper
in 1927!

This phrase first started in Canada, but has commonly used in the United States since the 1940s.

"Trick or Treat?" implies the question: will you give me a treat, or do I have to play a trick on you instead?

-adapted from vocabulary.com



Looking for family fun this Halloween?

Don't forget to check our calendar (page 13) to see where to take the kids for Halloween activities and Trick or Treating!



Winter is on the way!

Do you need Fuel Assistance?
Plan on applying for
Holiday Family Assistance (food/gifts)?

Now is the time to ask about
application deadlines & requirements!



SCAN HERE

CTI Home Energy
Assistance Program
(HEAP)



IN THE COMMUNITY





Mobile Farmers Markets

MAY-OCTOBER 2024 LOWELL, MA

Our Mobile Farmers Market travels across the city selling fresh fruits, vegetables, and MORE!

TUESDAYS 10am-2pm	Lowell Community Health Center 161 Jackson Street May 7 - October 29
WEDNESDAYS 2pm-6pm	The Sweet Bar 500 Pawtucket Street May 8 - October 30
THURSDAYS 10am-2pm	Lowell Senior Center 276 Broadway Street May 9 - October 31
FRIDAYS 2pm-6pm	CTI Lowell Farmers Market 350A Dutton Street June 7 - October 11

We accept: SNAP/EBT, HIP, WIC and Senior Farmers Market Coupons, WellSense, Apple Pay, Mill City Grows e-Gift Cards, S3 OTC/Healthy Grocery Card, cash, credit, debit

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2024 WINTER POP-UP Indoor Mobile Farmers Markets

ROOT Community Space
at Mill City Grows
19 Hall Street, Lowell MA

Wednesdays | November 6, 13, 20
2pm - 4pm | December 4, 11, 18

We welcome these payment options:
SNAP/EBT, HIP, APPLE PAY, WELLSense, MCG E-GIFT CARDS, CASH, CREDIT, DEBIT, S3 OTC/HEALTHY GROCERY CARD

Pop-up Mobile Market parking:
629 Suffolk Street, Wannalancit Mills Visitor Parking
Cabot Street & Suffolk Street (meters)
19 Hall Street (accessible parking)











LOWELL FARMERS' MARKET

EVERY FRIDAY
JUNE-OCT
2PM-6PM

350A DUTTON STREET, LOWELL

WIC VOUCHERS, ELDERS COUPONS, CASH AND CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED	FRESH PRODUCE, KIDS GAMES, FOOD TRUCKS, MUSIC, FUN CRAFTS & MORE!
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- ☒ Vision Check-up
- ☒ Dental Check-up / Fluoride Treatment
- ☒ Physical Therapy / Occupational Therapy
- ☒ Nutrition
- ☒ Blood Sugar / HbA1c / Cholesterol Tests
- ☒ Blood Pressure / BMI
- ☒ COVID & Flu Vaccines Provided

Register here for the vaccines:
<https://bit.ly/3MLN3Yj>

Saturday, October 26th, 2024
8:30AM - 2:30PM

Sai Unity Center
40 Old Ferry Rd
Lowell, MA 01854

PLEASE NOTE:

- ☒ Bring list of medications taken regularly
- ☒ Onsite MassHealth registration available
- ☒ Walk-ins allowed till 1:30PM
- ☒ Pharmacy Prescriptions **NOT** Provided

REGISTER HERE FOR THE CLINIC

<https://bit.ly/3QYEEAo>

medicalcamp@lasane.org

978-995-5294 / 617-953-1080



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MassHire Visits AAEC

On October 16, representatives from MassHire Career Center visited AAEC to help students learn how to improve their chances of getting a job. Students were also able to sign up to become MassHire members.

MassHire (masshirelowellcc.com) provides many services for people looking for a new job or wanting to learn new skills that are in demand. These skills can help you stay competitive in today's job market.

The MassHire team can help you with job searches, finding better jobs, meeting local employers, and connecting with useful tools and resources. For more information, you can talk to Cindy or Margie here at Abisi in rooms 5 and 6.



Abisi students listen as MassHire discuss employment and job resources



Students ask questions and sign up to become a MassHire member -- It's FREE!



MassHire talk to students about the many services available on-site and online



Check out upcoming trainings & Job Fairs!

Training Opportunity

HANDS-ON PLUMBING

Free 200 Hour Training Program

October 21, 2024 to
January 14, 2024

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Nashoba Career Technical
Institute (NCTI)
Westford, MA

Fridays: Virtual Sessions
Mondays - Thursdays: On-Site

Eligibility:

- High School/GED/HiSET
- Massachusetts resident
- Unemployed or underemployed

For more info:

Call Caitlyn at
978-805-4731

masshirelowellcc.com/hands-on-plumbing



You will learn:

- 200 hours of training
- Earn industry recognized credentials
- Plumbing Tier 1 (110 hours)
- OSHA 10 Construction Safety

MassHire Program & Services are funded in part by US Department of Labor (USDOL) Employment and Training Administration grants as well as non-federal funded grants. Additional details furnished upon request.



Greater Lowell Veteran & Community Job Fair

November 19, 2024
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Middlesex Community College Cafe
33 Kearney Square, Lowell, MA 01852

Pre-Registration Required

ALL ARE WELCOME
VETERANS RECEIVE PRIORITY OF SERVICE

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Have Questions?

Need to register for Training or Job Fairs?

Contact:

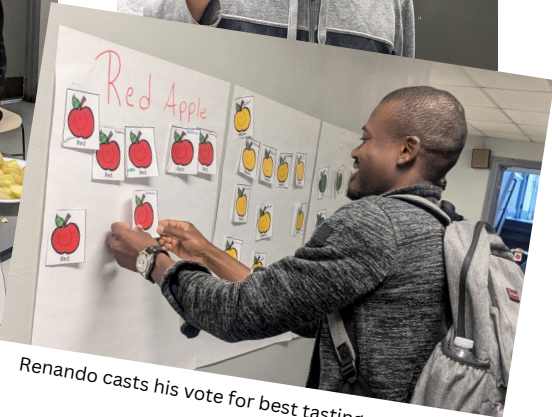
Margie Miller (MassHire) mmiller@lowell.k12.ma.us

Cindy Taft (ESOL) ctaft@lowell.k12.ma.us

Martha McQuaide (HSE) mmcquaid@lowell.k12.ma.us



In September, students from Carrie & Daisy's classes voted for the best tasting apples - red, green, or yellow.



Renando casts his vote for best tasting apple -- RED!



They also enjoyed apple cider with friends & classmates.



Students from Carrie & Daisy's class show off their Outstanding Attendance certificates. Great job to all who were awarded certificates last month. Keep up the good work!

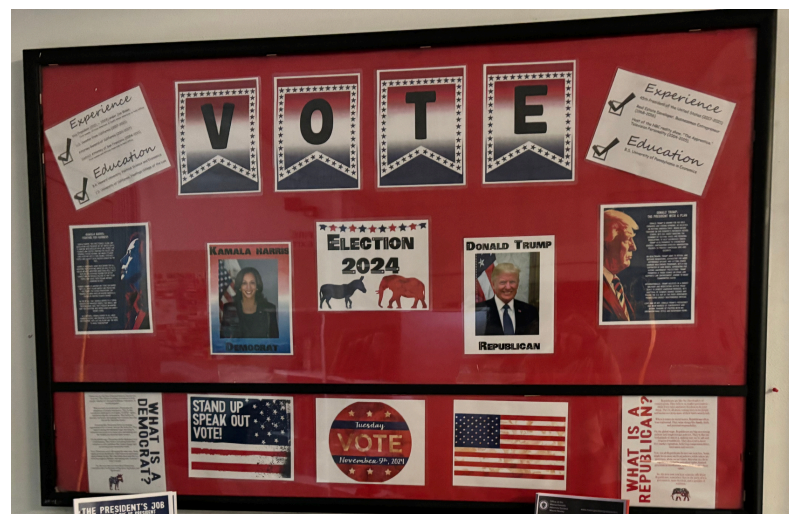


Mock Elections Coming to Abisi

Election season is here! This year is extra special because the country will also be voting for the President of the United States. Presidential elections happen every four years, and this one is just around the corner. This year, election day is November 5th.

At Abisi, we will be holding mock elections to help our adult ESOL students learn how the voting process works in the U.S. A mock election is a practice run that allows students to experience everything from registering to vote to casting a ballot.

This hands-on activity will help you understand how real elections work and why participating is important. You'll learn the steps involved, practice voting, and get familiar with ballots and polling stations—all in a fun, stress-free environment!

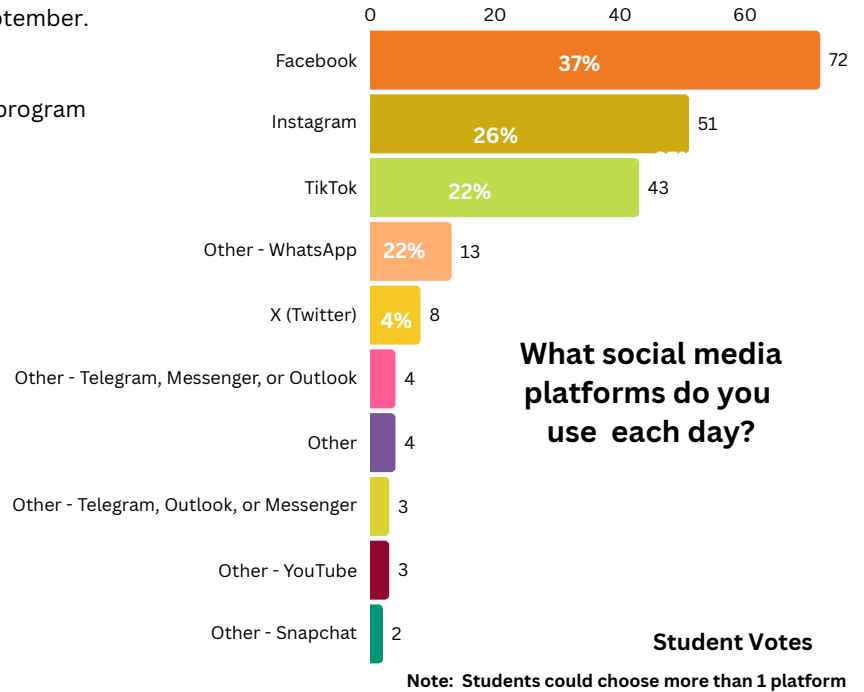
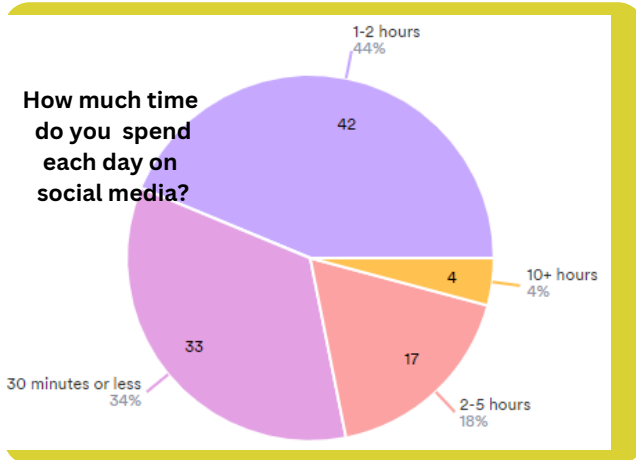


Abisi Mock Elections will take place November 1st & 4th.

Abisi Survey Central

Wow! We had 99 responses to our Social Media survey in September.

- Of these:
 - 81% were ESOL student (vs. 19% HSE students)
- Nearly all (97%) of students were from the Day in-person program
 - Night in-person = 2%
 - Remote - Day = 1%



NEW SURVEY

How Do You Practice English Outside of Class?

Here at Abisi, we want to know how you practice your English when you are not in class.

Word Search

Can you find all the words in the puzzle below?

Autumn

P	B	S	R	O	L	O	C	C	N	S	E	A	T
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HARVEST
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MAPLE TREE
GEESE
SWEATER
ORCHARD
PUMPKIN
PEAR
BROWN
HAY
LEAVES
RAKE
OCTOBER
APPLE
ORANGE




Scan the QR code to let us know!
We will publish the results in next month's Melting Pot newsletter!

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/817/>

School Activities Calendar

OCTOBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Awareness Month:   Domestic Violence Awareness Month  National Fire Prevention Month		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	 Lowell Farmers' Market 2-6pm 350A Dutton St, Lowell
13	 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY No School	15	 MASSHIRE LOWELL CAREER CENTER MassHire Abisi visit 10am-12pm	17 Free COVID/Flu Clinic 11am-2pm Wannalancit Mills 175 Cabot St. Lowell 01852	18	 Lowell Farmers' Market 2-6pm 350A Dutton St, Lowell
20	 Financial Literacy 9:30 - 12pm AM ESOL/HSE (Green School - Merrimack St.)	 Financial Literacy 9:30 - 12pm AM ESOL/HSE (Green School - Merrimack St.)	 Financial Literacy 9:30 - 12pm AM ESOL/HSE (Green School - Merrimack St.)	 HiSET test date (One subject)	 Financial Literacy 9:30 - 12pm AM ESOL	 COVID/Flu shots Metta HC of Lowell 9am - 1pm 161 Jackson St.(01851)  COVID/Flu shots & Medical Clinic LASA 8:30-2:30pm 40 Old Ferry Rd (01854)
 Oct 28 - Nov 1 AAEC Food Drive 						
27	 TRUNK OR TREAT 5-7pm Lowell YMCA  POLLARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY Unscary Halloween 10:30-11:30 AM Main Branch	 Glow in the Dark Lowell's Boo-tifully Inclusive Trunk or Treat 4-6pm Gage Park	 HAPPY HALLOWEEN	November 1 Absisi Mock Presidential Elections begin 	 Monster Bash 12-3pm City Hall/ JFK Plaza	