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Please Note the July GED testing dates

Bristol Public Library

July

2 (Tues)

19 (Fri)

27 (Sat)

Galax/Crossroad

July

1 (Mon)

20 (Sat)

30 (Tues)

Student Shout Out!

John Davis

John Davis, a spry 73, always told his 3 children it was important to get an education. When he retired from driving 43 years with the same company, his daughter reminded him of this mantra. John says, "Good to my word, when I retired, I told her I would."

This Great-grandfather of 1, grandfather of 6, and husband of 49 years to his wife Zettia, has been attending classes at both the Wythe Training Center and Bland Library for about a year so far.

He has already made gains in Reading and Social Studies, all the while farming and making local deliveries.

When asked how he manages his time and taking classes with other obligations, he said "Whenever I get through work, I come to school. Same as when I was in school, when I got done with my work, I walked or hitch hiked to school"

John encourages others starting Adult Ed by telling them "Study and work on it. Try it! I'm not a computer person and don't know about this technology"

You might ask how he has been able to handle the use of technology during his time in the program. He says that "Mrs. Kim is looking after me." Kim Akers is one of Jon's instructors. She has this to say about him:

"John is an inspiration to me. He is dedicated and hasn't given up, though it's harder than he initially thought. He has so much real world knowledge and experiences. He is kind and funny. And he has learned how to use a computer-desktop and a laptop and do some typing. He should inspire many others!"

~Kim Aker.

Staff Spotlight!

Sue Dickens

My name is Sue Dickens, and I have taught adult education classes in Carroll County since 1980. I think I must have been born with MATH and ADULT EDUCATION on the

Starting in 1977 as a part-time secretary and then a part-time teacher's aide with Carroll County Adult Education under the direction of Gary Lowe, I decided to go to college to become a teacher. After three years I completed my Bachelor's degree in February of 1980. Since then I have taught adult education in a variety of classes and locations. If there were adult students wanting to learn, I was there. So nothing has really changed as we transitioned to Mount Rogers Regional Adult Education Program.

I still LOVE helping students reach a goal, whether it might be to get a GED, prepare for college, or just improve skills. One of my prize students was a woman in her nineties who wanted to learn computer skills to print off recipes, crochet patterns, or materials for teaching her Sunday School. Her southern drawl was always such a pleasure!!

I have had so many students who have impacted my life in so many ways! It has been a goal of mine to assure students that they could indeed reach their goals. The Little Engine that Could is a favorite book that I always reference with this encouragement.

I do have a life outside of adult education! I have a marvelous husband, Michael, who is also my best friend, three wonderful children who totally supported my search for education in the 70s, and 12 of the best grandchildren EVER! Michael and I love to travel when possible. Our latest venture was to Maui, Hawaii, after Michael won a trip there for two! Making memories while you can is so very important! I would encourage each of you to do the same! A friend of mine told me a long time ago, "Don't wait until you can afford to travel. By then you might not be able to." I think she might have been correct!

And never stop learning!!!

SHANNON MUTTER

PROGRAM MANAGER



July is here and the 21 st is National Ice Cream Day! Hopefully you are screaming for ice cream and not screaming about posttests and attendance workbooks!! My favorite flavor is strawberry...what's yours? Take some time to enjoy a cool treat this month and enjoy your two weeks off!



I will be verifying all equipment (computers, cabinets, printers, shredders, etc) during the month of July. Please check to make sure your equipment MR Tag is easily visible. If you are storing equipment somewhere else other than your classroom, please be sure to bring it to your classroom for the month of July or send me an email with the details and MR tag#. If you have items that need to be discarded, please send me an email with the details. These items may be laptops or other equipment that doesn't work or any shelving and cabinets you are not using.

July Reminders:

- Please make sure all ASPDs, attendance, and any other information through the end of June Kayla has asked you for, is turned into the office ASAP.
- We hope to have the new ASPD soon. As you know we have a new data system, so the aspd will be changing---hopefully to be more efficient.
- The month of July will be busy for us in the office, so keep an eye out for emails about CASAS training and folder audits.
- Keep in touch with your students this month. We want to be sure they are continuing to work over the summer.

Brenda Otey

Financial Manager

Pay Period	Pay Date	DUE DATE
6/9 - 6/22	7/19/2024	6/28/2024
6/23 - 6/30	8/2/2024	7/5/2024

UPCOMING PAYROLL DEADLINES

It's very important that you submit your timesheets no later than the due dates listed in red in the chart above.

Notice the timesheets for pay date 8/2 are due to me a week earlier than listed on your original payroll schedule.

Kayla Hagy

Data Specialist

Happy July!

First and foremost, the winning team with the most post tests!

DRUM ROLL..... 🥁🥁🥁

TEAM 5: Rodney, Sue Dickens, and Diana

(If you all will email Shannon which gift card you would like)

The system will be freezing soon, so it is SUPER important to get everything entered/submitted as soon as you can. 😊

All June attendance and ASPD's for any student on your attendance that hasn't been submitted are due as soon as possible.

Be on the lookout for:

A new ASPD: Whenever we receive it we will send it out to you all.

Attendance google sheet: I'll probably be sending this out next week.

We've had 10 students pass either a GED test or a GED ready test this month!

LORRAINE HEDGEPEETH
CINDY CAMPBELL
INSTRUCTIONAL SPECIALISTS

- **Please mark your calendars for your CASAS inservice date. If you are unable to attend on the date you were sent, please let Cindy know.**
- **Testing sessions in DRC have been changed to 24/25 followed by the name of the test.**