

February 2018 Noncredit ESL Program Update

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Incredible Team



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What a crazy start to the semester!

I am truly grateful that I work with such an incredible team, YOU! Thank you for your flexibility, understanding, and support in this difficult time. I heard that many of our students actually showed up on the 16th and the following days. Thank you for being there to greet the students and welcome them back. Please make sure you report those hours you worked during the week of January 16th to Vege.

New rules for positive attendance reporting and student daily sign-in are in place.

For positive attendance reporting (Pipeline):

- Choose the maximum hours/minutes allowable and use the autofill function.
- ➤ Watch the <u>How to Video</u> if you are not sure.

For daily sign-in:

- > Print out the roster from your Pipeline and check off students who are present each day.
- Keep a clean copy and sign on the bottom then submit it to CASA's staff
- > **Or** use the <u>form</u> that Afaf distributed via email. Thank you, Afaf!

Faculty Evaluation will be continuing as is for Spring 2018. Please send me any feedback on the process. For more information, visit our wiki.

Our aides' hours had to be reduced

significantly this semester due to the WIOA funding cut. I understand that this change has affected your instruction. Please send me any feedback to help us determine the programs' true needs and create a realistic and sustainable budget. Dr. Moreno will be advocating for the NC ESL program to secure a more stable funding source for the next academic year. Lisa Kros-Gee composed a letter in support of this effort. Please contact me if you wish to be included in this letter.

Upcoming Events:

PD Workshop: Enhancing Learner Persistence
Friday, February 2: 12-3 pm Wake Room 17
Register online @ https://www.calpro-online.org
Jayme Adelson-Goldstein is Coming again!!!

Spring 1 Registration ends: Saturday, February 10

Valentine's Day: February 14

Lincoln's Birthday, Observance February 16

Washington's Birthday, Holiday February 19

Holiday Lesson Online Resources

For lower level students: <u>Epic!</u> has many easy books and "read to me" books on February holidays. It's free for educators.

<u>Readworks.org</u> also offers articles, audio and comprehension questions for all levels.

For higher level students, try newsela and/or Voice of America.



All those sites are listed on our <u>NC ESL resource</u> website on the "Language Practice" page.