

November 2018 Noncredit ESL Program Update

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Teachable Moments

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The midterm election is coming up. What a wonderful segway into one of the Module B topics: Government and Law. In my level 3 class, students learned words such as legislature, petition, gubernatorial, lieutenant governor, and assembly person. We had discussions about taxes, immigration, rent control, and Daylight Saving. The class used a sample ballot to “vote” on three issues (governor, Prop 7 and 10). It is also a great time to talk about media information literacy and evaluation.

The EL Civics Topic for Fall 2 is **Emergency**. We continue to share materials and resources on Google Team Drive via Pipeline. You will see the Fall 2 folder inside the NC ESL EL Civics folder on your team drive. Angelina will let you know once all the files are uploaded. Please let Angelina and me know if you and/or your aide need a group training.

Fall 2 Data Reports (as of 10/28/18):

- Enrollment: **808**
- New Student Assessments: **80**

Upcoming Events:

Last Day to register: **Saturday, November 10**

Veterans day (No School): **November 12**

Thanksgiving (No School): **November 22–24**

It's time for our year-end party. The possible dates are: November 29, 30, or Dec. 1. Look out for a survey to determine which date & location work best for most.

Fall 2 Special Courses:

Math for ESL

Do your students shop or help their children with homework? Do they want to take the GED or go to college? If their answer is yes, please recommend them to add this class.

- **Tue/Thu 12-2 pm at Wake 17 (CRN 40288)**

ESL w/ Music

The Holiday season is coming and this is a great time of the year to learn English songs. Students will learn vocabulary, colloquial expressions, pronunciation, American culture and more.

- **Friday 11:40-1:40 at Wake 13 (CRN 39819)**

Open-Entry Classes (linked) are open to students even after week 3. Please make sure to refer new students to these classes **after November 10**. Unregistered students are **not allowed** in managed enrollment classes.

Printing Budget Update:

Thank you for being mindful about printing and making copies. I received the first quarter report and we are right on track with \$499.14 spent ;) For your EL Civics and other administrative printing needs, you may use the copier in Wake room 12. For creating a packet/reader, please contact Angelina (EL Civics) or Sachi (Other)

Upcoming PD/Curriculum Projects:

We will be modifying our core curriculum and choosing a new textbook series in Spring 2019 (implementation: Spring or Fall 2020). In preparation for this project, we will be offering a **hybrid (online and face to face) course** on the **English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) through CALPRO** in January–February 2019. 20 hour PD @ \$30/hour. Following the PD, I invite you to be part of the curriculum project (10 hours @ \$50/hour). Priority will be given to the instructors who complete the PD course.

Online Course: **January–February, 2019**

Face to Face workshops:

Fridays, January 18 & February 8 @ 12-3 pm

Lunch/Publisher Presentation @ 11-12 on 2/ 8