## THE MELTING POT NEWSLETTER

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## **Student Success Celebration**

On May 5th, we recognized students who achieved goals during the months of March and April. A grand total of 126 students achieved goals! Some of the goal categories with the largest number of award recipients were: Getting a Work Authorization Permit (17 students), Getting a Job (11 students), and Getting a Driver's License (10 students). Also, 56 students who had outstanding attendance during April received certificates.







Part of a student's education involves setting goals for the future. When students share their goals, they let teachers and staff know what types of programs and classes need to be offered. During your time at Abisi Adult Education, we will work with you to help you reach your goals.

In our Student Success Celebration, we acknowledged students who were able to achieve goals such as:

- ★ Get a Job
- ★ Get a Better Job
- ★ Enter LINKS or Transition to College
- ★ Enroll in College
- ★ Complete Occupational Training
- ★ Open a Bank Account
- ★ Buy a House or Condo
- ★ Get a Driver's License
- ★ Attain Legal Residency
- ★ Pass Citizenship Exam
- ★ Volunteer in a Community Organization
- ★ Help Child with Homework





## **LGH Cancer Fundraiser Returns**

This will be AAEC's 18<sup>th</sup> year participating in the TeamWalk for Cancer Care to help patients at the Lowell General Cancer Center.

TeamWalk funds make a difference in the lives of today's cancer patients at Lowell General Hospital by underwriting medication, nutritional supplements, wigs and prostheses, support groups, skilled nursing visits, transportation, and support services for patients of all cancer types.

We would like to pre-register all walkers on Friday, May 18th.

- Sign up with your teacher.
- Get a registration form and fill it out. Write your name, address, and phone number, and then sign the registration form. Our team name is **Abisi Adult Education Center.**
- Get sponsors and collect money before May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- There is a registration fee of \$25 each. We hope that you are able to find sponsors through your friends and family to cover the registration fee and more.
- Return the registration form and money to Adriana on or before May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Meet staff and other walkers at school on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:45 am.

If you have a child who is going to participate in the walk, please fill out the registration form with your child's information and sign on Parent or Guardian's part. **Walkers under 17** do not pay the registration fee.

## Family members and friends are welcome!



May 22, 2022 • Tsongas Arena
Free parking at Ayotte Garage adjacent
to Tsongas Arena
7:30 am
Registration/Donation Drop-Off,
Incentive Pick-Up and Free Team Photos
9:15 am
Opening Ceremonies
9:30 am
6.2-Mile and 3-Mile Walk Begins
New this year – All walkers will
start at the same time.
10:45 am
Refreshment Tent Opens





11:45 am Closing Ceremonies

## **Graduation Information**

This year marks our first graduation ceremony since 2019, due to the pandemic. We hope that all graduates will join the celebration.

When: Friday evening, June 10, 2022



Where: Lowell High School Auditorium

Certificates will be awarded to ESOL students completing a level of English instruction. Diplomas will be awarded to HSE students that have earned their high school credentials. Graduation invitations will be sent via email to students beginning May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Students should respond ASAP, but no later than May 27th.

The email will provide students with the option of following a link or scanning a QR code to fill out and submit their graduation responses.

Invitations will be sent in English, and also in their native language for lower-level students. The invitation form can be viewed in different languages by hovering over the small flag in the upper right corner of the response form and choosing the desired language.





## **Summer School**

Summer classes are available at AAEC during the month of July. Classes are open to current students only. An email will be sent with sign up information the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May.

#### **ESOL Remote via Zoom**

When- 6:00-8:00 pm Tuesdays & Thursdays

#### **ESOL & HSE In person**

Where- 408 Merrimack Street When- 9:30-11:30 am, Monday-Thursday

\* Plans are still being finalized for HSE evening remote classes.

SUMMER SCHOOL IS FOR CURRENT AAEC STUDENTS ONLY.

#### **STUDENT INFORMATION**



## CBA Offers Job Search Assistance & More!

The Coalition For A Better Acre (CBA) visited AAEC on April 29th. Their visit was to inform students about their STEP Program which is a job search assistance initiative. The STEP Program includes skills training, career coaching, and transportation assistance.

The CBA offers other services including: workforce training; foreclosure and financial counseling; health and wellness classes such as yoga, swimming, Zumba, and more!

Check out their website for more information. <a href="https://www.coalitionforabetteracre.org">https://www.coalitionforabetteracre.org</a>

## ESOL Lesson - Buying a Car

Mary Gail and Elaine developed a math lesson on how to buy a new or used car. This lesson was developed as a way to teach students the math concepts of mean, median, mode, and range. Mary Gail and Elaine began the lesson by teaching 20 vocabulary words they felt would be most important for students to master before they began researching cars. Students used a variety of websites and technology to learn and practice the vocabulary. Next, students used their smartphones to visit the website **Cars.com** where they chose 5-8 makes and models of cars and recorded the data. This was a great way for students to learn English, math, technology, and conversation all while going through the car-buying process!

## Student Recipe Review

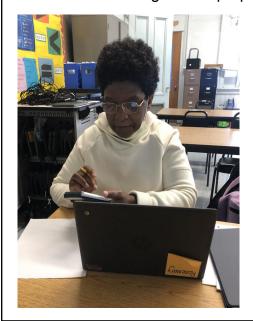


#### By Sonia R.

The Lemon Parmesan Chicken with Broccoli recipe was super easy to make! I made one small modification; I replaced the all-purpose flour with almond flour to make it a little healthier, and the result was great! The chicken was crispy outside, tender inside, with delicious flavor and different from what my family normally eats. I definitely think you should give it a try!

## **HSE Students**

The incorporation of technology is a priority at AAEC. Our HSE program has jumped into the digital world by using a variety of websites to enrich student learning. Some students have been working on digital literacy through IXL, Google Forms, and Quizizz (an interactive quiz game) to review lessons. Others are focusing on test prep and using GED Ready vouchers.







## Spotlight on Success

#### **Carlos Montoya**

Carlos came to the United States a long time ago under very difficult circumstances. For him, it was almost impossible to think about becoming a Legal Permanent Resident, never mind becoming a U.S. citizen! With the help and support from his wife, family, classmates, and staff members at Abisi Adult Education Center, his dream came true. Carlos passed the citizenship exam on April 4<sup>th</sup>. He gained a lot of confidence by attending the citizenship class with Paul and by practicing English every day at school. Congratulations Carlos!



#### **COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

## High School Summer Intern Positions



Lowell Public Schools is looking for high school students interested in future careers in education. They will be given the opportunity to work as interns in the LPS summer learning programs. Interns will assist in many activities including: helping with student arrival and dismissal, supporting classroom learning, and helping with playground activities.

Bilingual students who speak Khmer, Portuguese, Arabic, or Spanish are strongly encouraged to apply!

Use the camera on your smartphone to scan the QR code



## **Local Farmers Market**

## Mill City Grows has mobile markets available every week throughout the city.

#### 2022 Mobile Market Schedule

#### Tuesdays

10am – 12pm (starts May 17)
Lowell Community Health Center
161 Jackson Street

#### Wednesdays

2pm – 4pm (starts June 8)
Heritage Farm Ice Cream & Restaurant
163 Pawtucket Boulevard



- ★ Cash, credit, debit
- **★** WIC
- ★ Senior Coupons
- ★ SNAP / EBT
- ★ HIP Healthy Incentives Program



10am – 12pm (starts April 21)

Lowell Senior Center

276 Broadway Street

#### **Fridays**

11am – 2pm (starts July 8)
Lowell Farmers' Market
Lucy Larcom Park
258 Merrimack Street



**E-Gift Cards** are also available for purchase and can be used as payment at all Mill City Grows Mobile Markets. If you are a recurring HIP customer, experiencing financial hardship, or facing food insecurity, we encourage you to call Mill City Grows at 978-455-2620 or email <a href="mailto:info@millcitygrows.org">info@millcitygrows.org</a> to discuss your payment options.



Mill No. 5 hosts The Farm Market every Sunday through the entire year. Come enjoy local food, shopping and more! Family and pet friendly.

#### Sundays

10am - 1pm. Mill No. 5 - 5th floor

250 Jackson St. No 401



You can call 978 656-1828 or email farm@millno5.com with any questions

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#### RECIPES of the MONTH

## Olga's Cinco de Mayo Salsa

Serves 4 - 6 Prep time 15 minutes

### **Ingredients:**

4 ripe tomatoes

1 small red onion

2 Serrano chillies or 1 Jalapeño

The juice of one lemon or lime

1 bunch of cilantro

Salt and pepper



Please wash all vegetables.

Finely chop the tomatoes, onion, peppers, and cilantro.

Add the tomatoes, onion, and cilantro to a mixing bowl. Add the lemon juice, salt, and pepper to taste. Finally, add the chopped chillies to taste.

Enjoy with tortilla chips.

## Rasha's Eid Al-Fitr Cookie Recipe

Makes approximately 20-25 cookies

## <u>Ingredients</u>

2 cups of flour
1 ¼ cups of butter
½ cup of powdered sugar
Unsalted pistachio, pinenuts,
peanuts or almonds for
decoration (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Mix butter and sugar until creamy. Add the flour, and mix until soft. Don't over mix.

Make small balls, and place 3-4 inches apart on a baking sheet. Add the nuts of your choice on top, and bake for 8 - 10 minutes or until the cookies move when you gently shake the baking pan.

The cookies DO NOT have to get brown. Leave them on the baking sheet until fully cool.



Enjoy with coffee or tea!

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Hear exciting speakers, enjoy live performances, eat delicious food, and have a lot of fun!

Sampas Pavillion (DCR) Lowell Heritage State Park 160 Pawtucket Blvd. Lowell, MA 01854

#### DATE

Monday, June 20, 2022

#### TIME

5:00-7:00pm





## ANNUAL BOOK SALE

May 12-14, 2022

Come and buy used books, audiobooks, CDs and DVDs for adults and children. Thousands of items for sale. Lots of bargains with all proceeds supporting the Friends and library passes and programs.

#### SALE DATES:

Preview for Friends members: Thurs, May 12, 5 pm – 6 pm General public:

Thursday, May 12, 6 pm –7 pm Friday, May 13, 10 am – 3 pm Saturday, May 14, 9 am – 3 pm

SALE LOCATION: Ground Floor Meeting Room - Pollard Memorial Library, 401 Merrimack Street, Lowell, Mass. 01854, 978.674.4120

Become a member to join and shop on Preview Night and receive a gift certificate worth \$5 toward your purchases.



Interested in volunteering? Email

volunteer@friendsofpml.org

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# School Activities Calendar May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 ETS HISET.  Students Success Celebration	6	7
Happy Mother's Day	9	10	11	12 ETS) HISET.	13	14
15	16	17 GED  Adult Education Program	18	19	Adult Education Program	21  GED  Adult Education Program  (ETS) HISET.
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