

THE MELTING POT NEWSLETTER



Abisi Adult Education Center

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AAEC GRADUATION INFORMATION

Friday, June 9, 2023

at the **Cyrus Irish Auditorium at Lowell High School.**



Important Reminders:

- Graduates should arrive at the LHS auditorium by **6:00 pm**. No hats, jeans, or T-shirts allowed.
- You will be sitting with your classmates and other graduates, not with your guests.
- **Childcare is not provided.** Children will not be allowed to sit with you. Your children must be seated with a responsible adult you invited. You must stay for the entire ceremony.
- Garage parking will **not** be validated that night.
- Photo opportunities will be available after the graduation ceremony has finished. Guests are **not allowed** to come in the graduate area or near the stage.
- Light refreshments will be served immediately following the graduation ceremony in the LHS cafe.

CANCER WALK



Each spring since 2000, TeamWalk for CancerCare has brought together thousands of Merrimack Valley residents to walk the streets of downtown Lowell to raise money and support local cancer patients. Many of these patients are undergoing treatment at Lowell General Hospital's Cancer Center. On Sunday, May 21st, 95 walkers from the AAEC participated in this annual event and raised \$3,720!! We would like to thank all those people who supported this great cause!

REWARDS PROGRAM



Reward Center Final Sale - June 14.

All points are non-transferable and expire in June.

Classes will come down at specific times, so please wait to visit the center with your classmates. Bring your rewards statement with you.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



The Student Advisory Council (SAC) met on Monday, May 22nd in the Computer Lab. The SAC is a group of elected or volunteer students who represent each class. They meet with the Director, Betty McKiernan, and other staff members on a monthly basis. Students gave feedback on classes, schedules, and how much they enjoy the Conversation Classes being offered. Overall, it was a very productive meeting. We thank all the representatives.

MULTICULTURAL PRESENTATION

On Tuesday, May 30th, Carrie and Daisy's ESOL classes recognized and celebrated the diversity in their classrooms. Three students (Jacksonia, Andressa, and Juliana) designed a poster describing their native country, Brazil! They presented some fun facts about the history, location, climate, and unique culture of their homeland. They also shared some delicious Brazilian food and even danced the Samba!! Their presentation was enjoyed by all who attended. We would like to thank them for sharing their heritage with us!



FINANCIAL WORKSHOP

On Tuesday, May 16th, financial wellness coaches Patrick Un and Sopy Nguyen from Workers Credit Union visited the ESOL classes to discuss the importance of building and maintaining a good credit score!

During the financial workshop, the specialists reviewed basic banking vocabulary such as: debt, credit limit, interest, minimum payment, and statement vs. current balance. They also talked about the factors that affect credit score including a credit history, amount of debt, the types of credit, and the number of recently opened accounts. The students really appreciated this valuable information from the representatives at WCU and have even requested a follow up workshop!



END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION

**Tuesday, June 20th
9:30 am—11:30 am**



Come for some delicious food to celebrate the end of the school year with your classmates and teachers.

Food will be provided by the school. Students do not have to bring anything. If you would like to bring ethnic food from your country to share with everyone, you are welcome to do so.

SUMMER SCHOOL REMINDER

July 5th—July 27th

Morning Classes:	Tuesday though Thursday 9:30-11:30 am
Evening Classes: <i>Remote only</i>	Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00-8:00pm

An email reminder will be sent out later this month to students who enrolled in summer school.

You must be able to attend all of your scheduled classes. Please let your teachers know if your schedule has changed.

AAEC SCHOOL FIELD TRIP

On Wednesday, May 31st, almost 100 students from AAEC went on an Environmental Field Trip to the Seacoast Science Center at Odiome Point State Park in Rye, NH. They explored, discovered, and connected with nature. Students toured the facility and walked on the scenic trails overlooking the Atlantic Ocean! Afterwards, they enjoyed a great picnic lunch. Overall, it was a great learning experience and a beautiful day to spend with staff and fellow students!



FALL CLASS REGISTRATION

Fall 2023 ESOL Classes Information

ESOL Registration opens June 1.

Fall 2023 HiSET/GED Classes Information

HSE Class Registration opens August 1.

To register online or for more information visit: <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/adulted>

*Registration is not a guarantee of enrollment.

*Classes are filled on a first come, first served basis. We do NOT guarantee a space in September for currently enrolled students.

HSE TESTING INFORMATION

The Massachusetts High School Equivalency credential is issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to those who have passed the HiSET® exam, the GED® exam, or a combination of all subject tests from both exams.

The Commonwealth has made available voucher codes for a candidate's first exam, plus two re-takes, in each subject.

HiSET: Create an account at www.hiset.org. If you previously created an account with ETS, use the same email address and last name to ensure that your test scores are transferred. Use the following Voucher Code at checkout:

MAHISET (for all tests)

GED: Create an account at www.ged.com. Use one of the following Voucher Codes at checkout:

MAFREEGED* (first time taking a test in a subject area at a Test Center)

* *This code expires June 30, 2023.*

MARETAKE (retake of a test in a subject area at a Test Center)

Summer Testing Dates at AAEC

Appointments are scheduled through your Vendor account at GED.com or HiSET.org.

HiSET on Paper & GED on Computer	HiSET on Computer	GED on Computer
Friday, June 23rd (Beginning at 5:00 pm) Saturday, June 24th (Beginning at 8:00 am)	Thursday, July 20th @ 12:00 pm One subject test may be scheduled.	Thursday, July 13th @ 12:00 pm One subject test may be scheduled.
Friday, August 25th (Beginning at 5:00 pm) Saturday, August 26th (Beginning at 8:00 am)		

MASSHIRE CAREER CENTER LOWELL

The MassHire Career Center Lowell offers a variety of services for anyone looking for a new job or to learn a new skill that is in demand to help stay competitive in today's workforce. Their team can help you learn to do a successful job search, find a better job, network with area employers, connect with the right tools, find resources, and more.

MassHire is offering a variety of job training opportunities beginning this summer. These include: Electricity, Welding, Pharmacy Tech, Equipment Technician with Robotics, CNC Machine Op., Plumbing. For more information, talk with your Career Advisor or go to:
<https://masshirelowellcc.com/jobseekers/training/>

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN
 This course is designed to teach students in a real setting the knowledge and skills necessary to practice as a Pharmacy Technician.
 • 60-hour instructor-led online class
 • 60-hour externship in an actual pharmacy setting
 • June 15, 2023 to August 1, 2023
 • Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
 Training at Middlesex Community College in Lowell
 Are you interested?
 Call Catlyn at 978-805-4731 or go to masshirelowellcc.com/pharmacy

ELECTRICITY PROGRAM
 Starts Monday, June 20, 2023
 Ends on August 4, 2023
 Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
 (some Saturday-optional)
 200-hour program taught by Master Electricians is job based and incorporates OSHA 10 Construction training, independent safety training, and final competency based on Journeyman license.
 MassHire at: masshirelowellcc.com/electrician
 Are you interested?
 Call Catlyn at 978-805-4731 or go to masshirelowellcc.com/electrician

PLUMBING
 • 200-hour program
 • Project-based training
 • OSHA 10 Construction Safety
 • Plumbing code/standards associated with T110 (H)H
 • Taught by Master Plumbers
 Participants will be connected with prospective residential and commercial plumbing employers and plumbing union Local 12 for employment opportunities as apprentice plumbers.
 Training Dates: June 5 to August 10
 Monday thru Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Are you interested?
 Call Catlyn at 978-805-4731 or go to masshirelowellcc.com/plumber

CNC MACHINE OPERATOR
 ADVANCED MANUFACTURING: CNC/MACHINE OPERATOR CTT 200-HOUR COURSE
 Course: General topics covered: Machine tool safety, CNC programming, tooling, and precision manufacturing. Resin, metal, plastic operations, manual lathe operations, turning, milling, grinding, CNC turning center set-up, and operation, CNC turning center safety, and programing in the operation.
 Eligibility:
 • High School Diploma/GED/HSET
 • Authorized to work in the U.S.
 • Unemployed/underemployed
 • Massachusetts Resident
 Are you interested?
 Please contact us at masshirelowellcc.com/cnc or call Catlyn at 978-805-4731
 Schedule:
 June 5, 2023 to August 11, 2023
 Monday - Thursday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm (all units)
 Saturday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm (all units)
 Website: masshirelowellcc.com/cnc

WELDING
 210 Hours of Training
 June 20, 2023 to August 4, 2023
 Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
 Training at Greater Lowell Technical High School, Tyngsboro, MA
 Training includes:
 • OSHA 10 General Industry
 • Respiratory Safety
 • Oxygen Fuel & Plasma Cutting
 • Shielded Metal Arc Welding
 • Gas Tungsten Arc Welding
 • Gas Metal Arc Welding
 • Flux Core Arc Welding
 • Slope and Flare Beads
 • JIG
 Eligibility:
 • High School or GED/HSET
 • Authorized to work in the U.S.
 • Unemployed or underemployed
 • MA Resident
 Are you interested?
 Call Catlyn at 978-805-4731 or go to masshirelowellcc.com/welding

EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN TRAINING WITH INTRO TO ROBOTICS
 This program is designed to provide the concepts and skills necessary to become an Equipment Technician employed by a manufacturing company. Training includes: equipment, the control panel, and the online manual as well as hands-on activities using training equipment, including robotic blocks.
 • 8 Weeks (160 hours)
 • May 15 to July 25, 2023
 • Monday to Thursday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
 • Middlesex Community College in Bedford
 • Hybrid Program (Regular classes, evening and online homework)
 Eligibility:
 • High school diploma or equivalent
 • Unemployed or underemployed
 • Authorized to work in the U.S.
 To learn more about this opportunity, go to masshirelowellcc.com/equipment or call Catlyn at 978-805-4731

AAEC Career Advisors

<p>Margie Miller Career Center</p> <p>Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm</p>	<p>Cindy Taft ESOL</p> <p>Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 am—1:00 pm</p>	<p>Martha McQuaide HSE</p> <p>Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm</p>
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MASSHIRE LOWELL YOUNG ADULT SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE

The Summer Work Experience Program will begin on July 5, 2023. Eligible participants are low-income young adults who reside in Lowell, Dracut, Tyngsboro, Chelmsford, Billerica, Dunstable, Tewksbury, or Westford and are between the ages of 14 and 25. Other eligibility applies.

This program is a first come, first completed program so following the instructions and following up with additional steps is important.

Summer Work Experiences are temporary placements and monitored by the MassHire Lowell Career Center. For more information, go to <https://masshirelowellcc.com/summer23/>.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



MassHire Lowell Success Story! Student Spotlight - Juan Restrepo



Juan Restrepo has taken charge of his future.

As Juan completes his second year of ESOL evening classes, he recently earned the Certified IPC Specialist credential opening doors to a career as an Electronics Technician.

His story is inspiring.

After immigrating to the United States from Colombia in 2014, Juan was met with the challenge of learning a new language and a new culture. He worked nights to support his wife and two daughters while attending citizenship classes. After five years, Juan achieved citizenship in 2019.

Juan has been determined to succeed, and sought out both education and financial resources, including learning English at Abisi Adult Education Center. He also got career guidance and training funding through the MassHire Lowell Career Center. While working a full-time job during the day and attending English classes at night, Juan is also learning manufacturing skills at Production Line Support during the weekend. Upon completion of training, he hopes to attain a job at a local manufacturing company.

“Juan is incredible,” said his teacher at Abisi, Mary Gail Jagers. “He has the best attendance in my class. He always texts or emails information to share with class regarding job fairs or positions that are available. He stressed the importance of continued education and training in order to get a better job.”

Juan’s story speaks to the courage, determination, and strong work ethic he has exhibited—often overcoming significant odds—to reach his goals. He expressed to his class that he is “most grateful for what this country has given him, the opportunity to have a better life for him and his family.”

Congratulations to Juan! We wish him continued success.

CITIZENSHIP CORNER

As the school year comes to an end, we would like to thank everyone—students and staff—for supporting the Abisi Adult Education Center's Citizenship Preparation Program.

New in-person and remote Citizenship Classes will resume in the fall. Until then, there are many free resources available to help you prepare for the naturalization interview and test such as:

Pollard Memorial Library (In person):



A good place to start is at the Pollard Memorial Library, located at 401 Merrimack St. in Lowell. The library has a Citizenship Resource Corner which can be found in the Reference Room on the 2nd floor of the library. U.S. citizenship test preparation materials, including books, civics, reading, and writing flash-cards, and DVDs are available for check out with your library card.

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) online Citizenship Resource Center (Online):

You can find free study materials and resources to prepare for the naturalization interview and test. This includes the 100 Civics Questions and Answers and a Civics Practice Test. A new four-part video series on the naturalization interview and test is also available. For more information, please go to <https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/find-study-materials-and-resources>.



U.S. Citizenship and
Immigration Services

USA Learns (Online):

USA Learns is a website that offers free English classes. It also offers a citizenship course that can help you prepare for all parts of the naturalization interview. Please note: Although the course is free, you do need to register by providing your email address, name, and a password. For more information, please go to <https://www.usalearns.org/#learnEnglish>.



And don't forget: If you have any questions about the citizenship process, need study materials, or would like to schedule a practice citizenship interview, please contact Gail at gforman@lowell.k12.ma.us or Adriana at agiraldo@lowell.k12.ma.us.



COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Explore Lowell this summer. Learn about its history at the Lowell National Historical Parks museums, attend one of its many festivals that celebrate its diverse culture, attend a concert at a park or watch the fireworks.

Below is a brief list of some free family friendly activities available this summer. You can find more details and events on the Like Lowell website, www.likelowell.com.

	<p>Greek Festival June 16—18</p> <p>Hellenic Cultural Center Broadway St., Lowell</p>	<p>Point of Light Festival June 24th</p> <p>Ecumenical Plaza between St. Patrick's Church and Holy Trinity Church, Lowell</p>
	<p>Juneteenth Jubilee June 18th</p> <p>Muldoon Park Billerica St, Lowell</p>	<p>Tuesday, July 4, 2023 from 5:00PM to 9:30PM</p> <p>Boarding House Park Lowell</p> <p>New Location!</p>
	<p>July 28 - 30 Downtown Lowell</p> <p>https://lowellfolkfestival.org/</p>	<p>Puerto Rican Festival August 5 - 6</p> <p>JFK Plaza, 50 Arcand Dr., Lowell</p>
	<p>Southeast Asian Water Festival</p> <p>August 19th</p> <p>Sampas Pavilion Pawtucket Blvd, Lowell</p>	<p>Multicultural Festival August 26th</p> <p>JFK Plaza 50 Arcand Drive</p>

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

LOWELL FARMERS MARKET



Every Friday July-October
350A Dutton St, Lowell

LOWELL KIDS MUSIC SERIES

Enjoy FREE performances for kids at Lowell's Boarding House Park on Wednesday & Thursday mornings starting at 10:00 am in July and August.

10AM:

- Free Arts & Crafts, Healthy Snacks from our natural foods sponsors, and Free Children's Books from Project LEARN

11AM:

- Free Stage Performance

For a list of performances, go to lowellsummermusic.org/free-fun-for-kids/ or scan the QR code.

FREE FUN FOR KIDS!



KIDS SUMMER EATS PRORAM



All children ages 18 and under can enjoy a FREE nutritional lunch this summer at many locations throughout Lowell.

NO registration or ID required.

Go to www.meals4kids.org or scan the QR code below to find a location near you:



LOWELL CITY POOLS/SPLASH PADS

Need to cool off this summer?

Lowell has public swimming pools and several Splash Pads open to the public this summer.

July 1 to August 11 from 12:00-6:00 pm

Pools (Lifeguards on Duty):

- South Common Pool, 272 South St.
- McPherson Pool, 185 Hildreth St.

Splash Pads:

- Shedd Park, 453 Rogers St.
- O'Donnell Park, 1170 Gorham St.
- Mulligan Park, 89 Plain St.

All dates and times are subject to change based on weather, season, budget, staffing, and maintenance issues.

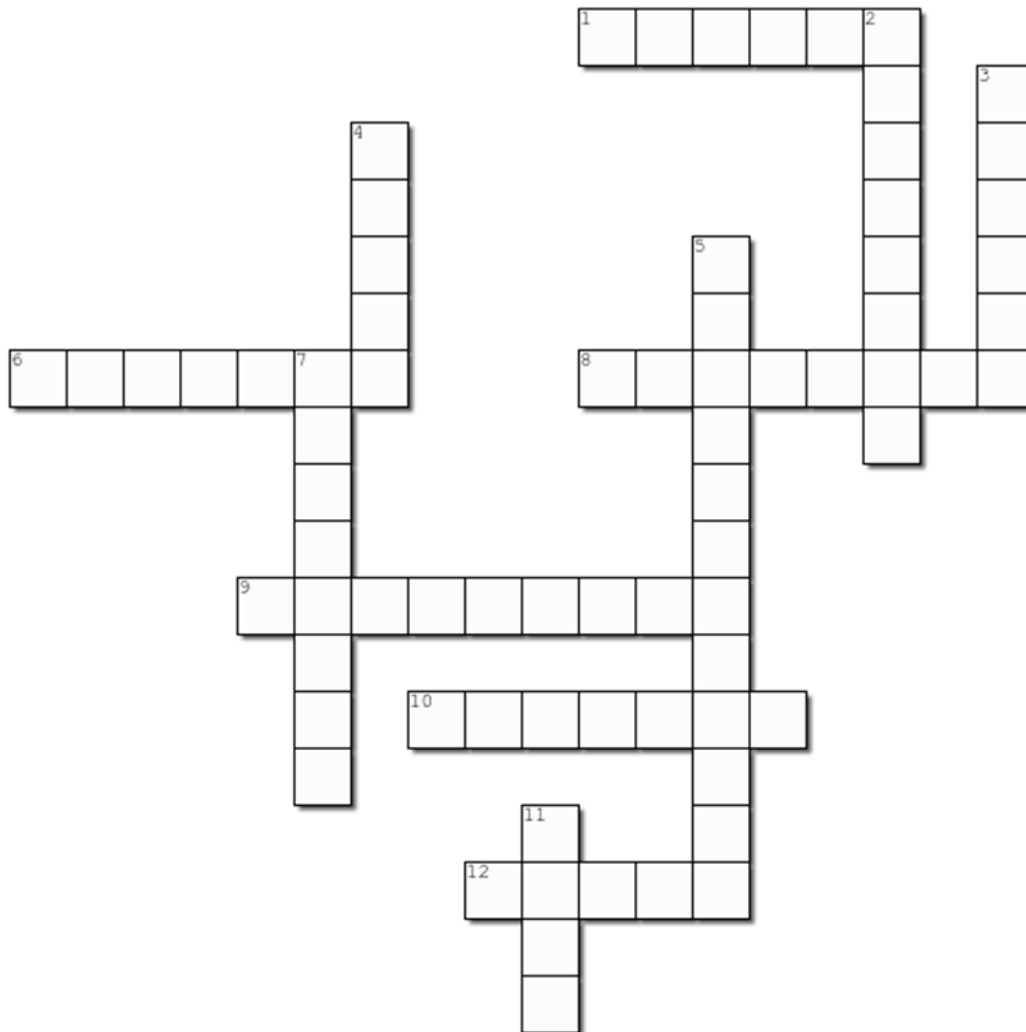
For additional information, please contact the Recreation Department at 978-674-4175, or email them at recreation@lowellma.gov.



Name: _____

The United States Government

Complete the crossword puzzle below



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Congress Harris Biden Roberts McCarthy Supreme Warren nine House

President November Constitution

Across

1. one of your state's U.S. Senators now, Elizabeth____
6. the highest court in the United States, the____ Court
8. the branch of government that makes federal laws
9. the ____ is in charge of the Executive Branch
10. the Chief Justice of the United States now, John____
12. the President of the United States now, Joe____

Down

2. the month we vote for President
3. the Vice President of the United States now, Kamala____
4. the two parts of the U.S. Congress, the Senate and the ____ of Representatives
5. it sets up the government, the____
7. the Speaker of the House of Representatives now, Kevin____
11. the number of justices on the Supreme Court

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AAEC Activities Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <div>Conversation Class 9:30 - 11:30</div>	3
4	5	6	7 Attendance Certificates 	8	9 Graduation 6:00 pm LHS Auditorium  No Classes	10
11	12	13	14  Reward Center Open Final Sale!  Flag Day	15	16 <div>Conversation Class 9:30 - 11:30</div>	17
18 Happy Father's Day 	19  No Classes	20 End of the Year Brunch 9:30am-11:30am LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!	21 	22	23 <div> <div>HiSET. PBT starting @ 5:00pm</div> <div>  CBT starting @ 5:00pm </div> </div>	24 <div> <div>HiSET. PBT starting @ 8:00am</div> <div>  CBT starting @ 8:00am </div> </div>
25	26	27	28	29	30	
<div> Summer School Starts July 5th for registered HSE & ESOL students! </div>						