

BURBANK ADULT SCHOOL

BULLETIN

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is an entire month devoted to putting a spotlight on African Americans who have made contributions to our country. Originally, it was seen as a way of teaching students and young people about the contributions of Black and African Americans in school, as they had (and still have) been often forgotten or left out of the narrative of the growth of America. Now, it is seen as a celebration of those who've impacted not just the country, but the world with their activism and achievements.

Here's what you should know about the tradition that started more than a century ago.

In 1915, Harvard historian Carter G. Woodson and minister Jesse E. Moorland founded what is today known as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History in order to bring awareness to the African American people who had made contributions to society, but had been forgotten or left out of the narrative.

In 1926, the men were looking for a way to make those previously unsung contributions of African Americans known to the public. And so began Negro History Week. Before Black History month was an entire month long, it was only celebrated for one week in February. It wasn't until the 1960s that colleges and universities began to expand the recognition of African American history to the full month of February. It was made a national holiday in 1976, when President Gerald Ford recognized Black History Month, and it became the month-long celebration that we know today. (for more information, please click on this link)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXPLAINED; WHO STARTED IT, WHY IT'S IN FEBRUARY AND MORE FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

- Starting February, we will be starting a bi-monthly bulletin for teachers and students. Minutes from the Leadership meetings will inform all staff about upcoming priorities.
- Marketing the adult school is an important feature of this school. It is important to document all our success in both words and photos. The parent Ed and ESL depts. produce a newsletter every month and it is sent out to the administration and board members. This needs to be done for the academic and counseling departments, too. This is a joint effort to let everyone involved with the schools to know how important we are.



ACADEMIC PROGRAM

- Students who register for HSD have APEX accounts set up and ready to go.
- Abraham is monitoring APEX licenses to ensure the Learning Center has enough for new and returning students.

COUNSELING

- Counselors rotate weekly
 - Jonathan Vasquez – Monday
 - Cindy Lee – Wednesday
 - Duc Nguyen – Friday
- Counselors will work on a biweekly bulletin.
- CASAS appointments are being scheduled for new and returning students.

ESL PROGRAM

- ESL enrollment is low at the Literacy level, high at the L2/L3 level and adequate at the higher levels.
- LARAEC Training: Learning Community for the Revised Course Outlines with Jayme Adelson-Goldstein
 - Members Elizabeth Schmidt and Patricia Gamboa (Observer: Lia Lerner)

WIOA/LARAEC

- California Department of Education has integrated three previous deliverables
 - Professional Development Plan
 - The Technology and Distance Learning Plan
 - The Integrated English Literacy and Civics Educational Plan/ IELCE, IET.A new plan is due 4/30/2121. Training and guidance will be provided in about two weeks.



PARENTING EDUCATION

The Jan/Feb Preschool Press is now available.

Students are continually moved from closed classes to open ones that are appropriate for their children. All our classes are growing in registrations. Ilya has quickly taken care of those needing refunds.

Classroom aides are assisting teacher's virtual classes as needed.

Students with 4 year-old children were emailed regarding Burbank USD registration information for fall TK/K. They were also reminded that we have a Preparing for Kindergarten Class coming up.

Many students are taking advantage of Scholastic's home delivery option. We get a point for each dollar they spend which we use to purchase classroom materials, so it's a win/win for everyone.

TECHNOLOGY

The new ASAP URL shortcut had been created and tested well. All staff was informed that Room F602 is ready for CASAS testing by 2/1/2021.