North Penn School District: English For All!

RESEARCH: The North Penn School District (NPSD) is a large suburban school system outside of Philadelphia with approximately 110,000 residents, 13,000 students and 18 schools. Since incorporation in 1966, much has changed within the 43-square miles that make up NPSD, from the industries that thrive (from farming to pharmaceutical) to the people who live here (from little diversity to our students speaking more than 80 languages in their homes). Currently, 6.35 percent of students are categorized as English Language Learners (ELLs), with each school’s population varying but growing. Hatfield Elementary School has the highest ELL population with 24.4 percent. In an effort to better engage and establish relationships with existing and entering ELL families, students, and community members we serve, NPSD administration endeavored to develop an innovative program to not only help adults learn English, but at the same time learn about NPSD and the resources in our great community that can help them and their families.

ANALYSIS/PLANNING: An adult ELL program was held years ago at a cost through the NPSD Community Education Program but ceased when it could not compete with free programs offered by outside agencies. At a 2019 Community Conversations with the Superintendent, a participant inquired if we could look into offering an ELL class that had a component to it that would help those attending acclimate better to the North Penn community and help adults learn the English language. From that input, plans for the first session of English for All were developed with assistance from the Curriculum Coordinator for English Language Development, an ELD teacher, the Director of School and Community Engagement and the Community Education Registrar. The ELD teacher’s experience with families in the community was invaluable as we planned for different sessions of the course, purchased materials, and enlisted volunteers. Also critical to the success of the course was the designation of grant funds to ensure the class would be low cost (just $10) to all participants.

COMMUNICATION/IMPLEMENTATION:

The planning committee used multiple mediums available to them to communicate about English For All. First and foremost, ELD staff throughout our schools were asked to promote the course to families. Information was also in the Community Education Program Brochure mailed to 50,000 residents and the course information was posted to our website which offers translations. Registration sheets were also translated into NPSD’s top languages (Arabic, Bengali, Spanish, Gujarati, Hindi, Korean, Vietnamese, Chinese) Multiple presenters were secured months ahead of time to ensure availability. The first course was scheduled to begin in March of 2020 and only one class of the 8-week session was held before the closure of schools due to COVID-19. We re-started in-person community classes in the fall of 2021 and since then two sessions of courses have been offered.

EVALUATION: By all measures, the English for All class succeeded in engaging the North Penn community members whose primary language is not English. The first session of the course was filled to capacity at 25. Surveys were administered to participants after the fall 2021 session that gauged the quality of the presenters, curriculum and usefulness in general. Findings included that 82.4 percent of students felt the class helped them to improve their English and 94.1 percent of students would recommend the course to others. Feedback from the survey helped to plan the spring 2022 session currently occurring and filled. For the fall of 2022 we are hoping to add a second level course for those who attended classes during the 2021-2022 school year, as well as offering the English for All Course.
English For Everyday: Adult Beginner ELD
Learn and use basic vocabulary for use at work, home and in the community. The programs and services provided by the school district and community will also be discussed.
INST: ALICE MURPHY
› ED105F - Mo, 9/27-11/15
› ESC/Conf. Room B › 7-9 pm
› Fee: $10

Promoting Responsibility: A Key to Success
We want to raise children who are able to take care of themselves, who are accountable for their actions, and who are willing to stand behind their words. But how do we help our children to become responsible adults? This workshop will help you to understand the many factors that impact our children's level of responsibility. Discover the techniques that will help brace your children against the tide of entitlement and foster an attitude of accountability. See what you can do to promote this essential life skill.
INST: CENTER FOR PARENTING EDUCATION
› ED106F - We, 10/13
› ESC/Conf. Room A › 7-8:30 pm
› Fee: FREE; registration is required

All Things Equity
This session will focus on North Penn School District’s efforts toward diversity, equity and inclusion. District leaders will lead community members through North Penn’s equity journey and the goals for our district.
PRESENTERS: Dr. D’Ana Waters, Megan McGee, Dr. Pamula Hart, Chris Doerr, Alexis Drolet, Lauren Wilson
› ED107F - Tu, 10/26
› ESC/Conf. Room A › 7-8:30 pm
› Fee: FREE; registration is required

Dog Obedience Training
Teach your dog to be a better companion through behavior-oriented exercises. Dogs learn to sit, lie down, stay, stand, heel (walk by your side w/o pulling), come when called and remain in control when approached/touched by a stranger. Motivation is stressed, correction/punishment is de-emphasized. Minimum age of dog is eight weeks.
› LR17F.1 - We, 10/20-11/24
› Molly’s Country Kennels › 6:45 pm
› Fee: $195
› LR17F.3 - Sa, 10/23-11/27
› Molly’s Country Kennels › 12:30 pm
› Fee: $195
› LR10W.1 - We, 12/15-1/19
› Molly’s Country Kennels › 6:45 pm
› Fee: $195

Canine Good Citizen & Therapy Dog Training
For those who want to obtain the AKC Canine Good Citizen title for their dogs and also to certify their dogs with TDI: Therapy Dogs International. A maximum of six dogs and handlers will learn the skills needed to pass both tests, which will be given at the final class. Pre-requisite: Level I Obedience Training (puppy kindergarten is not sufficient).
› LR18F - Su, 10/24-11/21
› Molly’s Country Kennels › 9 am
› Fee: $195

Hors D’oeuvres & Dips
Prepare fabulous and easy additions for your next party. Ingredient list will be sent one week prior to class.
› EA20FV - Th, 12/2
› Virtual › 7-9 pm
› Fee: $30/GC: $20

Holiday Cookie Baking: A Family Affair
Work side-by-side with the kids making delicious, flavorful assortments of cookies with different flavors and shapes – no cut-outs. Learn how festive your trays can look without the tedium of rolling out and frosting cookies. Ingredient list will be sent one week prior to class.
› KD64FV - Fr, 11/26
› Virtual › 1-4 pm
› Fee: $35 per household

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North Penn School District
Community Education Program
Adult ESL Class: **English for Everyday**
Mrs. Alice Murphy, Instructor
murphyab@npenn.org

**CLASS SYLLABUS**

**Week #1: Welcome, Orientation and Technology**
- Google Classroom/GMAIL/Talking Points
- NPSD Resources: website, supplies, Student materials

**Week #2: What is Community?**
*Community Spotlight: Cradle to Crayons*  
*TOPIC: Everyday in our Community*

**Week #3: Getting What You Need**
*Community Spotlight: WIC- Women, Infants & Children*  
*TOPIC: Finding What You Need- Services and Supplies*

**Week #4: Health Services**
*Health Services - NPSD Nursing*  
*TOPIC: What you need to know*

**Week #5: Asking Questions**
*Community Spotlight: North Penn School Board*  
*TOPIC: How to Ask the Right Questions*

**Week #6: Recreation and Entertainment**
*Community Spotlight: Lansdale Library*  
*TOPIC: Local Places of Interest*

**Week #7: Health and Wellness**
*Community Spotlight: North Penn School Nutrition Services & Nursing*  
*TOPIC: Taking Care of Yourself and Your Family*

**Week #8: Equity in NPSD**
*Community Spotlight: Director of Curriculum and Equity*  
*TOPIC: Wrapping Up and Next Steps*
日常英语！

成人初学者 ESL/ELD 8 周课程（不面向 18 岁以下儿童）

成年学生将学习和使用用于工作、家庭和社区的基本词汇。North Penn 家庭将有机会了解许多由学区和当地社区提供的项目和服务。为学生提供在家学习和实践的材料。

课程日期：2021 年 9 月 27 日至 2021 年 11 月 15 日
星期一：晚上 7:00-9:00

地点：教育服务中心
401 East Hancock Street
Conference Room B
Lansdale, PA 19446

教师：Alice Murphy, M.Ed.
ESL/ELD 教师
Knapp 小学

费用：10 美元（现金或支票）

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课程及行程报名表
邮寄地址：North Penn Community Education Program | 401 E. Hancock St., Lansdale, PA 19446

活动：日常英语（仅限成人）

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注意：支票抬头：North Penn Community Education
报名验证通过电子邮件发送。
所有取消操作均收取 10 美元报名费，恕不退还。
Adult ESL Class Fall '21 - STUDENT SURVEY

Check the boxes of the 3 topics that were the MOST helpful to you.
17 responses

- COMMUNITY: 11 (64.7%)
- MAKING APPOINTMENTS: 11 (64.7%)
- HEALTH: 8 (47.1%)
- ASKING QUESTIONS: 7 (41.2%)
- RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT: 7 (41.2%)
- FOOD & NUTRITION: 6 (35.3%)

Check the boxes of the 3 speakers who were the most interesting.
17 responses

- Grades to Crayons: 8 (47.1%)
- WIC: Women, Infants and Children: -5 (29.4%)
- North Penn Nursing Director: -5 (29.4%)
- North Penn School Board: -8 (47.1%)
- Lansdale Library: -12 (70.8%)
- North Penn Nutrition Director: -8 (47.1%)

Check the boxes of any topics that you would like to see in future classes.
16 responses

- Banking and Finance: -7 (43.8%)
- Local and Municipal Government: -4 (25%)
- Filling out a Job Application: -6 (37.5%)
- Local Transportation: -5 (31.3%)
- Social Media: -5 (31.3%)
- Current Events: -3 (18.8%)
- Volunteer Opportunities: -11 (68.8%)
- Unfortunately my English is ext...: 1 (6.3%)
- Chinese class. Tutoring: 1 (6.3%)

Did the instructor speak slowly and clearly enough for you to understand most of what she was saying?
17 responses

94.1% Ya
6.9% No
Do you think that your English has improved from taking this class?
17 responses

- Yes: 82.4%
- No: 17.6%

In what area do you think you made the most progress?
17 responses

- Reading: 70.6%
- Writing: 11.8%
- Listening: 17.6%

Did you enjoy the Conversation Circle where you spoke to a Community Volunteer about making appointments?
17 responses

- Yes: 94.1%
- No: 0%
- I was not at this class: 5.9%