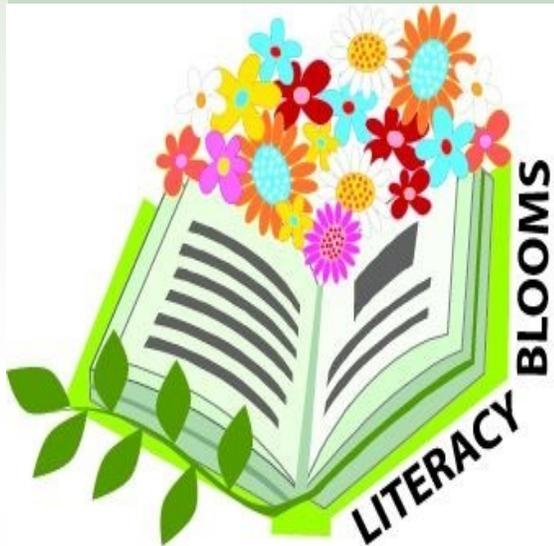




TUTOR TALK SPRING 2018



2018 GLA Spring Tutor In-Service

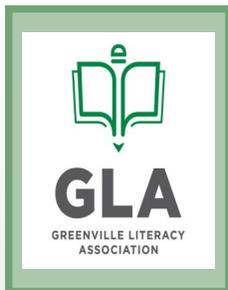


Please join us!

Monday, April 9, 2018

Greenville Learning Center
225 S. Pleasantburg Drive,
Suite C-10

9 - 11 am & 6 - 8 pm



For the first 20 minutes of the In-service we will celebrate *Volunteer Appreciation Month* with refreshments and networking. ABE and ESL breakout sessions will follow.

Transportation and our Students

Elizabeth, our Program Director, recently did a field trip where she actually had to catch the public bus and take it downtown. She found it to be an interesting experience and left with a better understanding of what many of our students face on a daily basis, relying on public transportation to get to class.

Greenlink is trying to raise awareness to expand routes in the county. Many of our tutors may be interested in learning more.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/greenlink-field-trip-tickets-42579147376>
<http://piedmonthealthfoundation.org/2017/07/public-transit-field-trip/>



HIGHLIGHTS

Greenville ABE - Nancy Wilmoth

began tutoring Math in 2016. She found out about us from one of her piano students who tutored for us and thought it sounded like something she would enjoy doing. Although currently teaching a Decimals class, Nancy often fills in as a sub for other Math classes. When asked about what she finds most rewarding about tutoring at GLA, she responds with the biggest smile and says: "The students are so inspiring...some come to class right after working 3rd shift, and although they are tired, they push themselves and show up every week...I feel really honored and privileged to be a part of that". Nancy tries her best to keep the class light-hearted. You can always hear laughter coming from Room 1 on Tuesday mornings.



One specific example would be the time she showed up to class with her gym bag instead of the bag with her lesson. She and the students got a kick out of that! Nancy is also known to feed her students each week. She knows they are often hungry (her class is at 11am) so she brings them a little snack to tide them over until they can get lunch. She knows it's just a small gesture but mentions that she finds it to be just the little bit of encouragement they need to keep going and make it through that last hour in the mornings. We are so thankful to have such a caring, compassionate, and beloved tutor as Nancy!

Greer Learning Center - Ginny Tamburello

has taught ABE reading and Job Skills classes at the Greer Learning Center for over 2 years. The potential for helping students reach their educational goals was the force that led her to volunteer. When she first began at the center, she was focused on what she would teach her students and how she could help them. However, she quickly realized that the learning taking place in her classroom was a two-way street. Hearing the experiences and challenges her students face in life has taught her as much as she is teaching them. Ginny feels she and her students are benefiting from each other and for her that's the most rewarding part of her volunteering experience.



Greenville ESL - India Wells began tutoring ESL in our Greenville location in 2012. During that time she has tutored classes at every level. It is obvious that India enjoys tutoring and her students benefit from her instruction. She uses games and students' experiences from their home countries to make class interesting.

Simpsonville Learning Center - Leith Whatley

has been a Greenville Literacy ESL tutor for over twenty years. She has taught Simpsonville's level 2 class, and presently teaches Level 3 and 4. Leith loves getting to know her students on a personal level and enjoys learning about their backgrounds. When asked to give advice to other tutors, Leith says, "Use a lot of visuals- no matter the level, visuals are a universal language and can help tremendously. I also think it's important to not get stuck in your routine, and be open to new ideas and lessons. It's so rewarding, because I learn something new every day." Thank you, Leith, for being such a reliable and fun tutor!



Sometimes she turns the tables, making the students get up and present and letting them be the teacher. She is always surprised by the diversity in her classroom. Some countries represented that she recalls are Russia, Iraq, Egypt, Tunisia and Cameroon. To quote India, "GLA gives me a lot of freedom to choose lessons, but also provides In-service Training and lots of available resources." When not tutoring, India can be found at her own "Work" as project manager at BMW. Thank you, India, for your care and concern for our ESL students.



Mike Alberga
 Alice Baird
 Jim Messner
 Malcolm Munson
 Adam Siegfried
 Stephen Sommerrock
 Rick Weiss

New Volunteers



Kathy Avakian
 Eliot Coss
 Meredith Fallon
 Joan Kapetanakis
 Jim Messner
 Donna Molizon
 Marie Plus
 Richard Visnansky
 John White



Here's a link to Tuesday Webinars for teachers. If you teach GED classes, one of these Webinars might be the very thing you're looking for to add fresh interest to your classes.

<https://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/tuesdaysforteachers>

Using technology to learn English....

ESL students, even high level ones, often become very anxious when they have to speak on the phone. It's the combination of a strange voice, a quick and sometimes impatient speaker, and not being able to use visual clues to help with understanding. To help develop confidence Benedicte, a level 5/6 teacher in Simpsonville, decided to use technology to help. She paired the students and had one go to another room. That student then



used their phone to call their partner in the classroom. Each pair had a scenario, for example ordering flowers from a florist for Valentine's Day. The phones were on speaker so the rest of the class could hear. It gave them a lot of opportunity to practice and Benedicte was able to step back, listen, and take note of things that needed work. The students were nervous, but loved the opportunity to practice a real life situation in a safe learning environment.

From Wendy Griffin at the Dept. of Education come these links to online resources for ESL learners:

- 1 [Absolute Beginner English](https://www.thoughtco.com/beginner-english-20-point-program-1212145): Contains 20 suggested topics, 24 lesson plans, plus handouts and links to free TOEFL preparation and practice. <https://www.thoughtco.com/beginner-english-20-point-program-1212145>
- 2 [ESL games and activities](http://eslgames.com/): For adult English learners. <http://eslgames.com/>
- 3 [LINCS ESL Pro](https://lincs.ed.gov/state-resources/federal-initiatives/esl-pro): A collection of Adult ESL briefs and articles regarding various topics in the field. <https://lincs.ed.gov/state-resources/federal-initiatives/esl-pro>

We want your ideas!

Tutor Talk is a forum to exchange ideas and tips. Just like you, we are always looking for new and better ways to help students. If you have an interesting idea, valuable tip, or a great website to share please call Harriet at:

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If you change your email address, please let Elizabeth know at: roses@greenvilleliteracy.org

March

30 - All centers closed for Spring Holiday

April - Volunteer Month

9 - In-service at McAlister Square, see front page for details

May

22 - GED graduation 6:30PM Larkins Sawmill

28 - Memorial Day, all centers closed

June

1 - All offices closed Fridays in the summer

2 - ABE Workshop 9:00—3:30PM Greenville

9 - ESL Workshop 9:00—3:30PM Greenville