



We come from 32 countries and speak 21 different languages.
We share ONE GOAL...
Speak and understand ENGLISH!

Look who's turning 25!

Spring 2009

ESL ^{PLUS} Framingham Adult English as a Second Language ^{PLUS}
Serving MetroWest Since 1984

How far we have come!

Framingham Adult ESL Plus began as an idea from three Framingham Town Meeting members in 1984. They thought that Framingham should have high-quality English as a Second Language classes available for people in the area. Christine Tibor was hired as the first teacher. Christine says that she took the part-time job to make extra money for Christmas! The program began with two classes in 1984. Christine was a teacher as well as the one and only administrator. **My how we have grown.**

In 2009, Christine is the director of Framingham Adult English as a Second Language ^{Plus}. She oversees 45 employees and 25 volunteers. We currently offer 32 English classes, along with 3 GED preparation classes, and 2 Citizenship preparation classes. Each semester over 625 students are more integrated into their community due to the efforts of the Framingham Adult English as a Second Language ^{Plus} Program.

Obtaining funding is one of the biggest obstacles we face each school year. We are blessed with a student population that gives so generously. This year the students donated prizes, and sold prize calendars to continue their support for a class of their own. They raised over \$9000 for the program so far this year and it is not over yet. Our morning students will have a Bake Sale, and our evening students will have a Yard Sale, on Thursday, May 7. All proceeds from these sales will be donated to the program.

Recently the MetroWest ESL Fundraising Committee held its annual fundraising event for the program. Over \$50,000 was raised by area businesses in support of 6 English classes. To add to that total, the fundraising committee will be holding its first ever Celebrity Golf Tournament at the Hopkinton Country Club on Tuesday, October 6, 2009. We will keep you informed as to the final outcome.

Stress

Thanks to a grant from the MetroWest Health Care Foundation we have been able to bring Percy Andreazi to our program. Percy is available for counseling on an individual basis, free of charge, to our current students. He is here on Tuesday evenings and if you need to see Percy, please contact Luby O'Connor (evening counselor) in the ESL Office.

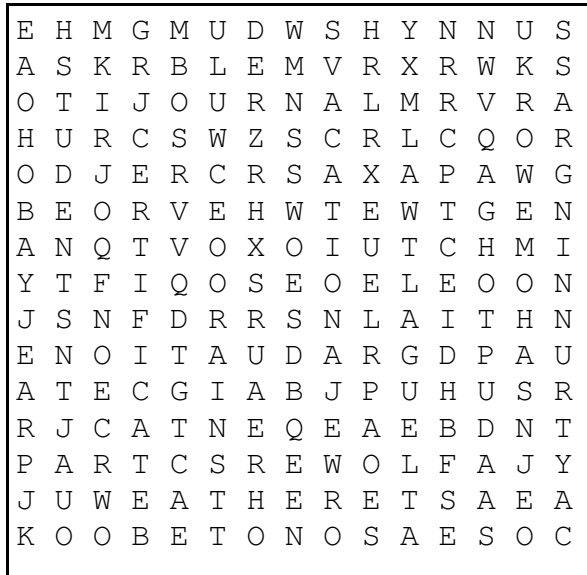
Work

Mary Wasmuth is a volunteer that will help you look for a job, write a resume, perfect your interview skills, and more! Mary is available for free consultation sessions. If you would like to make an appointment to see Mary Wasmuth, please contact Maureen Harrod in the ESL Office.

Check out our CLASSIFIEDS Board!

- * *Looking for an apartment or roommate?*
- * *Trying to sell or buy a car?*
- * *Patronize the businesses of fellow students!*
- * *Look for a job.*
- * *Start a carpool/Share a ride*

Word Search



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| ANNIVERSARY | EXERCISE | MARATHON | SEASON |
| ATTENDANCE | FLOWERS | NOTEBOOK | STUDENTS |
| BASEBALL | GRADUATION | PASSOVER | SUNNY |
| CERTIFICATE | GRASS | RAIN | TULIPS |
| COLD | HOMEWORK | RUNNING | VACATION |
| EASTER | JOURNAL | SCHOOL | WARM |
| | | | WEATHER |

UP, UP and AWAY with IDIOMS!

update

make current; add information to show what has happened recently.

"I need to **update** my résumé. It doesn't show what I've done during the last year."

upside down

with the bottom part on top and the top part on bottom.

"Put the glasses **upside down** in the dishwasher. If you don't do that, they'll fill with water and you'll have to dry them by hand."

what's up?

What's new? What's happening?

"Hi, Dave. **What's up?**"

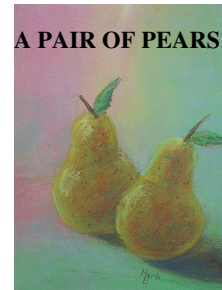


glasses **upside down**

At Home with Homonyms

(sound the same...mean something different!)

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| their (possessive of them) | know (be aware) |
| there (in that place) | no (negative, not yet) |
| they're (contraction of they are) | meat (food) |
| accept (receive) | meet (encounter) |
| except (leave out) | pair (two) |
| coarse (rough) | pear (fruit) |
| course (way, path) | pare (peel; reduce) |
| hole (opening) | peace (absence of war) |
| whole (entire) | piece (part, portion) |
| dye (color) | to (in the direction of) |
| die (perish) | two (the number) |
| | too (also) |



up in the air

not decided or completely developed

"We have no idea which school she'll be attending in September - everything is still up in the air."

ups and downs

the mixture of good and bad things that happen

"Ups and downs are to be expected in life, but that doesn't make the down parts any easier."

up a tree

in a difficult situation

"If the insurance company won't pay for the damage, I'll be up a tree."

up and coming

beginning to achieve success or popularity

It's an up and coming business center that has attracted many new offices and stores. Many fans think Jimmy is an up and coming country singer.