

Diversity is not about how we differ. Diversity is about embracing one another's uniqueness."  
Ola Joseph

# The ESL Gazette



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## ESL Teachers



## Register!

To register for classes, just call the site where you want to attend. You will complete an enrollment form. There is an evaluation to determine your level. Classes cost \$25 per quarter but there is a waiver if you cannot pay. Materials are provided.

Summer Quarter begins  
June 22!

## Student Writing

### Advice from Whiteside Evening Level 4-6

### ESL STUDENTS SHOULD

- listen to musician and watch TV in English.
- use DVD's, listen, copy words, and repeat.
- practice your English everywhere, all the time!
- come to class every day.
- read together in class to help each other.
- memorize verbs.
- get books and CDs from the library.
- not be afraid to speak English.
- raise your hand and ask questions when you

- don't understand in class.
- follow your passion for learning.

### ESL INSTRUCTORS SHOULD

- show students how to use their mouths to pronounce English.
- speak slowly for students so they can understand.
- try to speak only in English.
- explain every word.
- give more dictation.



### Hopkins/Hoquiam

This spring quarter the classes have been studying, reading, reciting and writing poetry. What a great way to explore language. The students read the book, *Love That Dog*, by Sharon Creech.

*Learning English isn't easy  
Sometimes it makes me queasy!*  
-Anonymous ESL student



Marisela Martinez  
Talk Time Spring

## Talk Time at Aberdeen Library

Every Fall and Spring the Timberland Aberdeen Library hosts Talk Time. Talk Time is an opportunity for Grays Harbor College ESL students to get together with community members to practice conversation. Students get a tour of the library and library cards. The library is a

great place to spend family time. It has books, movies, computers, newspapers, magazines and much more. Past topics at Talk Time have been games, Head Start, Community Services, traditions and food. This Spring Talk Time one of Grays Harbor College's ESL teachers, Marisela

Martinez talked about her experience coming to the United States. Muthu Elangovan spoke about his experiences in coming to Aberdeen from India. Talk Time is a great chance to practice English and meet



## Latino Club

The Hispanic/Latino Club needs active members who want to promote our heritage on campus. Recently the president of the club and one of the members went to the Student of Color Conference in Yakima and it was a wonderful experience. For more information, contact [ghchlc@chokemail.ghc.edu](mailto:ghchlc@chokemail.ghc.edu)



## Ilwaco

Over the course of the last two school years nearly 60 ESL students have been served in Ilwaco. In honor of the 30th anniversary of Mt. St. Helens eruption, Mrs. Glenn's Level 4-6 class has been taking an in-depth look at the Mt. St. Helens' story, culminating in students creating Power Points of the

## Congratulations

Tutor and former student, Antonia Vazquez, who got married May 29 at St. Mary's church.

May 18, 1980". Two students, Maria (Lulu) Galvan and Angela Mendez-Diaz, scored 6/6 on the reading/listening post-test winter quarter and were awarded



books and honored in front of their classmates. Filogonio Mendoza-Silva and Angela Mendez-Diaz were awarded the top attendance award for winter quarter with over 100 WABERS hours each.



Whiteside students

## Whiteside

The night classes had a celebration at the end of the winter quarter, recognizing student progress.

The day classes attended a presentation by Grays Harbor County Commission, Al Carter,

during Civics Week. They also came to the campus to participate in the Earth Day activities. Students measured how many miles their food travelled, learned about compost, and how long garbage lasts in the ocean.

While on campus, they also got a chance to see ESL writing that is posted in the Equity & Diversity Resource Center display case in the HUB. Students wrote about their hometowns and added photos and maps.

