

The VRABE Voice

Vernon Regional Adult Based Education

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Policy Board met on

Friday, October 21, at RHS

VRABE BACK TO SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 2016-2017



Svetlana Grishtaev receives the *William Perry Award for Excellence in Teaching*. This award is given to a staff member each Fall for their dedication and excellence to the field of Adult Education.

**A WARM WELCOME TO OUR EVENING SECRETARY
at ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**



In addition to being the night school secretary, Charmaine Navikonis currently enjoys working as an Education Assistant for Admissions and Registrar at Manchester Community College.

VRABE OUTREACH

VRABE'S presence was well received by parents, principals and the PTO, as well as community members at large.



VRABE booth at Northeast School Open House.



VRABE booth at VCMS Open House



VRABE booth at National Night Out in August.

Welcoming Local Immigrants to Our Community

The Mansfield Public Library and Vernon Regional Adult Based Education (VRABE) are working in conjunction to offer monthly workshops showcasing the richness of our foreign neighbors. Each month one of our ESL adult students will showcase an aspect of their culture by providing dynamic, multicultural workshops in an atmosphere of respect, appreciation and acceptance of all. Our goal is to provide the community with enrichment opportunities, as we contribute to an atmosphere of respect and acceptance to our local immigrants.

All performances start at 2:00 p.m. at Mansfield Public Library, 54 Warrenville Road, Mansfield, CT.

The performance dates are: November 12, December 17, February 18, March 11, and April 1.

The names of the presenters and their country of origin will be forthcoming.

For more information call Marian at 860-798-0037 or Peggy 860-423-2501.

FAMILY LEARNING PROGRAM AT RUMC

The Family Learning Program at Rockville United Methodist Church provides early literacy opportunities to children while their parents are improving their English skills or earning their GED. The childcare room is multi-age and multi-lingual. VRABE partners with the Indian Valley YMCA to provide childcare staff who engage children in developmentally appropriate activities and learning tools to help the children thrive. The picture below showcases the children from the baby room working together on a pumpkin project.



The ESL class in the Family Learning Program has been discussing the definition and meaning of democracy. The students worked in pairs to choose a democratic country to research and then created PowerPoint presentations to share with their class. In their presentations, they included facts about the governmental system of the countries and a chart that compared the democratic country they researched to their own countries.



Are you interested in a career in the food service industry?

Sodexo Program Description

Participants will be working with a job coach from Sodexo to prepare and serve community dinners at New Covenant United Methodist Church on 16 Church Street in East Hartford. The dinners will be held twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday from about 4-7:30PM. Students' families are welcome to come and eat at the community dinners and students eat after the meal is served. Participants will work on kitchen etiquette, food preparation, storage techniques and food service. There will be an opportunity to interview for a position with Sodexo when positions become available. Participants may also be given the opportunity to become ServSafe certified if Sodexo chooses to hire them. ServSafe is a food and beverage safety training and certificate program administered by the National Restaurant Association which many restaurants look for in potential employees. This is a wonderful opportunity to build practical experience to add to a resume and also gain references from the Sodexo staff.

Requirements:

- must be enrolled in either Basic Literacy or ESOL classes
- must continue to attend classes regularly while participating in the Sodexo program
- must commit to at least one community dinner per week
- must have access to transportation to and from the church
- must maintain a neat and clean appearance

Qualifications

- Some restaurant experience is preferred but not mandatory
- Level 3 BL or ESOL or higher is preferred

If you are interested please contact:

Rebecca Hawkins: Rebecca.Hawkins@lvgh.org (860) 233-2853

Or

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GED NEWS

Did you know that over 90% of our students pass the GED test? Students interested in testing should contact Shari at 860-870-6060 ext. 15 for information on how to register for the official GED Exams.



FACEBOOK FANS



www.facebook.com/vernonadulthood

What better way to promote our programs than to have our VRABE staff, students, and community supporters join Facebook! "Like" us and contribute to our page at <https://www.facebook.com/vernonadulthood>. Each month we will feature a program, a student, a teacher and/or an event to promote, and hopefully expand our exposure within the greater VRABE community. If you aren't already on Facebook and are a bit uncomfortable about privacy issues, we will show you how you can participate with as limited personal exposure as you need. If you have information or photos you would like to post on Facebook, please send them to sandy.callahan@vernonct.org and shari.beaupre@vernonct.org.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR NEWS

Welcome to another year of VRABE Voice. Vernon Regional Adult Based Education looks to continue it's successful relationship in helping the many adults looking to achieve success. Did you know ?.....Our largest population that we serve is females between ages 25-44. Did you know ?....The top reasons for enrolling in adult education is to improve basic skills and progress toward a diploma. Did you know ?....Our largest program area is English as a Second Language (ESL), 60% of our adults are enrolled in a ESL class.



Steven Phelps

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A purple and green advertisement for the VRABE app. At the top, it says "VRABE Vermont Regional Adult Based Education". Below that, it says "Download The VRABE App to Your Smartphone 'No Adult Left Behind'". There are two smartphone images showing the app interface. At the bottom left is a QR code. At the bottom right, it says "Scan now or go to" with arrows pointing to the "Available on the App Store" and "GET IT ON Google play" logos.