

First Mondays

Monthly Notes for Virginia's Adult Education Providers



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Calendar



VAILL 2013
July 10-12
Radford University

A Visit to Region 1

Dr. Susan Clair, director, Office of Adult Education and Literacy

Last month, George Bailey and I travelled to beautiful Southwest Virginia to visit our Region 1 adult education program. Rebecca Scott, Region 1 program manager, picked us up at our hotel on our first evening there and drove us to Duffield, in Scott County, to visit the PluggedIn cohort (see the photo below). We met several students who were learning how to use Microsoft Word as part of the digital literacy requirement of the PluggedIn program. We also met two of the PluggedIn instructors, Missy and Todd Hines (first row, far right), and Mike Hiller (first row, far left) the IT Teacher Assistant, and got a chance to talk in-depth about our program partnership with Vickie Ratliff (second row, far right), Dean of Business and Information Technology at Mountain Empire Community College in Big Stone Gap.



On the second day, Rebecca and Regional Specialist Jan Stallard drove George and me to Jonesville to meet with the Lee County Public Schools Superintendent, Mark Carter, and to visit the Jonesville Adult Learning Center where we met with students and instructors Debra Watson and Kate Boyer. We then travelled to Ewing to meet Wade Wilson and his high-performing class at the Mennonite Relish Barn. All of the students had recently passed the GED test with very high scores. In addition to being great students, they make a terrific Vidalia onion relish!

GED



Countdown

Only 8 months until the new
GED Test

April Numbers

Tested – 3,165
Passed - 1,263
Incomplete - 899

Any GED centers in your region that plan to become Pearson VUE computer-based testing centers should have their application completed by July 1, 2013. Contact Debbie Bergtholdt for assistance.



Dr. Clair (far right) with the students at the Mennonite Relish Barn GED class. The class instructor, Wade Wilson, is on the left.

Moving on, we visited the Mennonite School in Ewing to meet GED graduate Luke Stutzman (below along with his instructor, Wade Wilson) who scored a perfect score on three GED subtests! Luke teaches grades 1-8 in a one room school house. Great job Luke!



We continued on our journey to the Norton Adult Learning Center where, along with Norton City Schools Superintendent, Dr. Jeff Comer, we visited Judy Sample's GED class and had a very lively discussion with the students in the class. We then travelled to Wise County to visit the Oxbow Center in St. Paul where we met with Glenna McReynolds, an instructor in the program there, who gave us a tour of this great new facility.

Our visit ended at the Gate City Adult Learning Center where we met with Rebecca Scott's wonderful staff as they showed us the FileMaker Pro database learning management system and discussed how they use this technology to improve student outcomes.

Thanks to all the Region 1 dedicated adult educators who are improving the lives of our adult learners in far Southwest Virginia through adult education, innovation, and workforce development opportunities!



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Please visit our [Web site](#) for more information about adult education and literacy in Virginia and for news and updates throughout the month.

Finance Update

As you plan for the end of this fiscal year and prepare for next, here are some reminders about the final quarter of 2013-2014.

- All 2011-2012 funds awarded under reallocation must be spent before any final reimbursements for 2012-2013 will be approved.
- Program income collected during 2012-2013 must be spent before requesting a fourth quarter reimbursement for AEFLA and EL/Civics funds. Program income funds may not be carried over to the new fiscal year.
- The deadline for requesting fourth quarter reimbursements for federal 2012-2013 funds is July 10.
- Match reports for 2012-2013 must include match for funds reallocated during the fiscal year from 2011-2012. Maintenance of effort for 2013-2014 must include the match reported for the 2011-2012 reallocations.

If you have questions about these requirements, please contact James André, specialist for federal programs, at 804 371-7852 or via e-mail at James.Andre@doe.virginia.gov.