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Home Décor Classes Featured in The Miami Herald

Various home decorating classes offered by the Broward Community Schools were recently featured in The Miami Herald. Welding at Northeast and Mosaic Tile at Taravella were highlighted in the July 15 story written by Patti Roth.

Ms. Roth wrote, "In welding classes, some students fashion decorative metal pieces, such as lobsters and crabs to hang on the wall, said Terri Harvey, assistant principal for Broward Community Schools at Northeast and Fort Lauderdale high schools. A woman taking the class made mini-silos, mini-tractors and other mini-sculptures for a farm-themed display, she said.

Enjoying a hobby with others is among the appeals of arts and crafts classes, Harvey said. Some students are proud grandparents eager to make art pieces or sew bedding and drapes for their grandbabies' nurseries. "There are a lot of different reasons people are making their own items," Harvey said.



The popularity of design shows on television may motivate some do-it-yourselfers, according to Harvey. "I think it's inspiring and makes people think 'Hey, I could do that myself,'" she said.

The potential for personalizing pieces goes beyond matching specific hues.

Some folks highlight kids' artwork or kids' handprints in their designs. Others might feature favorite sports teams, storybook themes or animals.

Paula Sachs, a Taravella community school Mosaic Tile instructor, used her talent to decorate the top of a round concrete garden table with a likeness of her pet parrots."

Additional home decorating classes that are offered include Woodworking at Taravella.

Many thanks to Ms. Roth for her time and effort in spotlighting our classes.

Woodworking classes are also offered at Plantation High and Taravella High Community Schools.

Hundreds of classes now available 24/7 through BCS Online Instruction Center. See page 6



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NEW & Exciting



Small Business Clinic at Piper

Piper Community School is offering an exciting new class called Small Business Clinic. This class will assist participants in the creation, implementation, and execution of a business plan designed to improve their small business performance.

Business owners will learn how to protect and sustain profitability in an economic downturn. Ultimately this class is designed to catapult the recession-proof company into a whirlpool of global growth and expansion. Students will brainstorm and game plan with a high-energy executive team that will help with strategies and goal setting.

Small business owners won't want to miss out on this class! It runs on Tuesdays from 6pm to 9pm starting on September 2nd.

Various Business classes also offered at: Cooper City, Crystal Lake, Dave Thomas, Hallandale Adult, Miramar, Nova, Plantation, Taravella, Tequesta Trace, and Walter C. Young.

Digital Photography at Taravella

Digital Photography at Taravella Community School is designed to be a comprehensive class regarding the fundamentals of photography. "Digital" refers only to the way the image is captured and stored. Digital imaging is relatively new to photography as digital chips have replaced film although most of the other facets of photography are more than 150 years old.

In the class, students learn about correct exposure, f-stops, and "subjects' motion". Students also learn about "depth-of-field"--how much of the picture you should have in focus and how to use "out of focus" in just the right way.

The class learns the complete digital process, including creative and technical angles, composition and camera functions, and software-based skills such as: editing, printing, and photo sharing.

The instructor, Gabriel Butensky, goes beyond regular "through the lens" (TTL) metering and shows methods that will allow the photographer to be more precise with exposure and color. Much of the curriculum focuses on techniques to improve the technical aspects of the student's photographs. Histograms, grey cards, color temperature, white balance, and light meters are an example of the lessons covered in the class.

These lessons help the student develop strategic approaches to handle mixed lighting and other "hard-to-shoot" situations in order to better predict the photograph's outcome before the shoot.

As an added value, there is strong focus on the artistic side of photography, and many of the lessons cover approaches to aesthetically improve the student's photography. With discussions on



composition, lens choice, shadows, lighting, and angle, students discover new ways to see and capture imagery from the world around. By combining technical and artistic lessons, the class provides a solid framework to allow an overall technical and artistic improvement.

The eight-class course is packed with fulfilling experiences as well as technical information, laughs, socialization, and fantastic photography.

Photography classes are also available at Cooper City, Fort Lauderdale, Taravella, Tequesta Trace, Walter C. Young, and through our BCS Online Instruction Center.

Yoga: Entering a Mystical Land



Walk into the classroom and the quietness and serenity washed over you immediately as you hear the soft instrumental music playing in the background. Within the first few steps you've taken, you feel your body beginning to relax. You have entered the world of Yoga.

Yoga poses, along with simple exercises, teach you to focus, stretch, relax, release, and strengthen your body, mind, and spirit. Broward Community Schools invite you into this magical, mystical land of personal wellness. Your concentration will allow you to leave the stressful world that you have been so entangled in.

Two students recently expressed their feelings about participating in a Yoga class. Georgianne said, "It quiets my mind and I know if I didn't come to class, I wouldn't find the time to do this." She stated that she is a runner and "this compliments my regimen to stay in shape by strengthening my muscles."

Mary started in June and in a short time feels like a new person. She said, "Today I really didn't feel like coming, but I pushed myself just knowing that when I finished I would feel like a new person." She sings the praises of Yoga to her family and friends. "And besides feeling great, we have a super instructor and the price is excellent."

So, take advantage of this wonderful experience available at many Broward Community Schools. Peter Multach leads a Monday-Wednesday class at Coral Springs. Rosil Maldonado's soothing voice can be heard at a Tuesday-Thursday class at Fort Lauderdale and a Wednesday class at Northeast. Doreen Feingash is the leader for a Tuesday night class at Piper. Shivananda Yoga is led by Mohanie Balroop on Tuesday at Walter C. Young and Thursday at Cooper City.



Register Today!!!

New offerings at Walter C. Young

Walter C. Young is offering four new and exciting classes:

Writing: Beginning Fiction is designed for the person who always wanted to write the great American novel. Perhaps short stories or poems on holiday greeting cards is more your passion? If so, Fiction Writing is for you. **Various writing classes are also available at Coral Springs, Nova, and through our BCS Online Instruction Center.**

Interested in taking the Citizenship Exam? We have a class designed to prepare you for the exam called Citizenship Prep.

Natural Landscaping will assist students in landscaping their home with plants and trees native to the Florida environment. Native species consume less water and flourish within the natural habitat. Learn how to beautify your yard and help the environment at the same time.

Personal Financial Tune Up is designed to be a financial assistance class to improve financial status and build a solid foundation for the future. **Other schools offering similar classes are: Nova, Tequesta Trace, and our BCS Online Instruction Center.**



Look to the Future at Tequesta Trace Community School

As we prepare to return to school for the start of a new year, remember that Tequesta Trace Community School offers a wide variety of classes at the end of the school day to meet your needs and the needs of your child. If there is a class you would like to have offered, feel free to contact us at 754-323-4470 and share that with us. We will make every effort to meet your needs.

NEW at our off campus site!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Our New River Annex houses our AMANDA'S PLACE PROGRAM. Enjoy time with an expert instructor for you and your baby (newborn to 59 months).

Also, take advantage of our ABE/GED and ESOL day programs at the Annex at 270 North New River Circle. Call 754-323-1500 for more information. Looking forward to seeing you there!!!

All of Broward Community Schools offer ABE/GED and ESOL programs. With morning, afternoon, and evening classes available at different locations, you're sure to find a time and place convenient for you.



Country Line Dance at Coral Springs

At Coral Springs Community School, our students love kicking up their feet and clicking their boots to the sweet sound of country music. Whether you are a beginner or a pro, you will love Country Line Dancing with Laura Miller. Each week, students learn the hottest dance steps sweeping the nation and old favorites as well.

Worried about not having a partner? Cast your worries away. Partners are not required for this class. We have a beginning and an advanced class to meet all of your dancing

needs.

Since starting at Coral Springs, Laura has built up a clientele that just can't seem to get enough dancing. Her class keeps growing and is very popular every term. Jump on the band wagon and see what "all the buzz" is about. Join Country Line Dancing today!

Dance classes are also offered at: Coral Springs, Cooper City, Hollywood Hills, Northeast, Nova, Plantation, South Broward, Taravella, and Tequesta Trace.

Recognition for Family Literacy Program at Village Multipurpose Center

From the Desk of Judith Marcela Impellizzeri

I had the pleasure of participating in the Family Literacy Program at Village MultiPurpose Center. My children were taught by Ms. Blanchard while I had the opportunity to take a GED course with Ms. Pine.

I was first introduced to the program by Ms. Fuentes who taught at another school. My children were 15 months and three years of age at the time they entered the program. My youngest was very timid and non-communicative. Today, she is an active participant among her peers enjoying their company. She has a vocabulary which far exceeds that of her sibling at that age and should be ready for VPK by age three. This is due entirely to this outstanding program and the education she has received here. My oldest was incapable of reciting letters or numbers and would just scribble when she began this program. Today she counts in two languages and recites the alphabet. She will begin VPK during the upcoming school year.

The Family Literacy Program has significantly changed my children's lives in a positive manner. I too, have progressed with my English and look forward to taking the GED test within a year. I am so proud to be able to write this letter on behalf of this wonderful program. I am grateful for the opportunity to receive an education while preparing my children for school at the same time.

Family Literacy Program and staff----- THANK YOU!!!!

Resume Writing/Interviewing Skills at Hollywood Hills

Hollywood Hills Community School is offering an exciting, new class titled Resume Writing/Interviewing Skills. These are challenging economic times and unemployment is at an all-time high. Many people are trying new careers or second careers and have not interviewed or prepared a resume in years.

This class will teach the most updated forms of resume design using the latest technology. We will also teach practical experiences and work on techniques for interviewing. We are very excited to offer this very important and relevant class!

Nova Community School: Spotlight on Ms. Laena Saunders, ABE/GED instructor

Ms. Laena Saunders is new this year to Community School South from Colorado. She has been a huge asset to the Nova Community School programs as the ABE/GED daytime instructor. Her students are attaining tremendous academic success with literacy completion points and opportunities for being awarded their GED diplomas.

Ms. Saunders is extremely technologically skilled and prepares many lessons for class through the use of powerpoint presentations. Her ‘hands-on’ approach has been an overwhelming success with her students. She is extremely talented as she also speaks several languages, is a culinary instructor, and creates FABULOUS dishes to the delight of anyone’s taste. In addition to that, she is an extraordinary vocalist. Ms. Saunders also teaches ABE/GED evening classes at Nova...her energy is boundless!!!!

Ms. Saunders, this month Nova Community School SALUTES YOU!!! Thank you for all you do.

ABE/GED classes are available Monday-Friday from 8:00am- 2:30pm and from 5:00pm-9:15pm Monday through Thursdays. Call 754-323-1740 for additional information.

Kerbenz Mitus: A Success Story from Village MultiPurpose Center

“My goal is to become a computer engineer and return to Haiti to serve my people.” Kerbenz has his mind set on this goal. As a first step, he registered for the ESOL course in February 2009. Since he tested in the fifth level of ESOL, he knew he had to work hard – and fast – so he could achieve his goal.

Kerbenz was a student at Village MultiPurpose Center, attending daytime classes. He came to class on time, completed his assignments, and went “above and beyond”. He wrote essays using the new words and expressions he learned. His inquiring mind would ask challenging questions – the “whys” and “hows” of grammar and punctuation that many of us are comfortable using but never bother to analyze.

His hard work and persistence paid off. Within roughly one and a half years, Kerbenz advanced to the highest level of ESOL. He is beginning classes at Broward College in August. After completing the admissions tests, he was complimented for his well-written essay. When he started ESOL classes he was initially shocked to see copious proofreader’s marks and side comments on his first essays, but that did not discourage him. Instead, he used it as a learning opportunity.

Recently, Kerbenz expressed his appreciation to the Adult Program, with special mention of the ESOL course, for the opportunity to hone his English skills and prepare him for college. He delivered an impromptu speech on the tenets for success in the course, and was pleased to do so. His classmates were delighted to hear the inspiring words from a student who was once like them, struggling to understand the nuances of the English language.

There is no doubt that there are more students like Kerbenz in the Broward Community Schools.



We Are Proud to Announce the Expansion of our Online Classes 24/7



New classes start monthly, with most classes costing \$95.00

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Need to gain or to expand your workplace skills? Our online classes offer the most popular computer applications, ranging from Microsoft Office to Dreamweaver, Photoshop, Flash and Quickbooks as Web 02: blogging, wikis, and podcasting.

Want to stay on the cutting edge of starting or managing your own business, acing the interview, or utilizing social networking to the max? We have numerous courses in those areas for you to select from, including accounting, marketing, and even grant writing.

Yearn to explore your creative side? Choose from classes ranging from photography and cooking to writing fiction or poetry to getting published. Enhance your life with a myriad of personal enrichment classes that focus on everything from parenting to dating, overcoming shyness, and improving interpersonal communications.



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9401 Stirling Rd,
Cooper City, FL 33328
754-323-0300

**Coral Springs Middle
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10300 W. Wiles Rd.
Coral Springs, FL 33076
754-322-3070

**Crystal Lake Middle
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Pompano Beach, FL
33064
754-322-3170

**Dave Thomas
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33060
754-321-6750

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**Fort Lauderdale High
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754-322-1200

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Hollywood, FL 33021
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754-322-3650

**Miramar High
Community School**
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Miramar, FL 33025
754-323-1450

**Northeast High Adult
& Community School**
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Oakland Park, FL 33334
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Davie, FL 33314
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6901 N.W. 16th St.
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**South Broward High
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**Taravella High
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