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"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself . . . and spiders 😊."



Newsletter for the Clearview Adult Education Center Students

October 2025

Volume 12, Issue 3

2025-26 Clearview Adult Education Center Student Calendar

11/24-11/28/25	Thanksgiving Holiday Break – Schools Closed – No Classes
12/1/25	Schools Reopen – Classes Resume
12/1-12/15/25	Pre-registration for 2026 New Term
12/22/25-1/2/26	Winter Holiday Break – Schools Closed – No Classes
1/5/26	Schools reopen – Classes Resume – New Term Begins

October is a month of change. The weather becomes cooler, and it is wonderful to be outside. Nature reminds us that transformation is only natural. Just like the seasons, you are growing, evolving, and learning every day. By now, the school year is in full swing. You've faced new subjects, new expectations, and maybe even a few setbacks. But here's the truth: every challenge you face is shaping you into someone stronger, smarter, and more capable. Growth doesn't happen in comfort, it happens when you push through, when you rise above, and when you believe in yourself even when things get tough. 'You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated.' - Maya Angelou. This quote is a powerful reminder that setbacks are not the end of your story, they're part of your journey. Each time you choose to keep going, to ask for help, to try again, you are rising. You are proving to yourself and the world that you are resilient.

October is the perfect time to reflect on how far you've come. Think about the goals you've set, the progress you've made, and the lessons you've learned. Whether it's mastering a new concept or simply showing up with a positive attitude, every step forward matters. Remember, you are not alone. Your teachers, classmates, and school community are here to support you. Lean on them, ask questions, share your ideas, celebrate your wins, and learn from your losses. That's how you grow and how you rise. Be inspired to keep moving forward, keep showing up, keep believing in your ability to overcome. You are capable of amazing things, and your journey is just beginning. This October, rise through the challenges. Rise with courage. Rise with purpose. Rise with pride.



October GED Student of the Month

STEPHANIE BUCKLEY

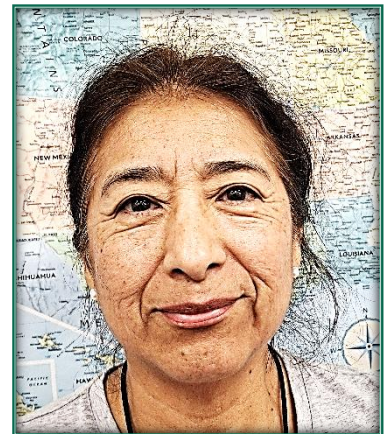


"Stephanie Buckley is our October GED Student of the Month. Stephanie is on her very last subject before earning her diploma! She is on her final, and dare I say, favorite topic . . . MATH! If you ask her, she will tell you that polynomials and variables are life! Stephanie works two different jobs and has a gift for working with people. She loves them and they love her. She is earning her diploma to further her aspirations of entering the management arena with employers she currently has. Stephanie will be earning her diploma soon given her diligence and dedication. We can't wait for her to achieve her management dreams and are confident she will be as amazing in management as she is now!" Submitted by CVAEC GED Teacher Ms. Allison.

October ESOL Student of the Month

ROSA YPANAQUE

"Rosa Ypanaque is a hard-working and dedicated student and a wonderful woman from Peru. She works full-time as an assistant manager at a fast-food restaurant. Her persistence and stamina are admirable. Rosa comes to class every night, actively participates and completes every assignment. Her main goal is to become fluent in English, so she works on Burlington every weekend, listens to books online, and studies grammar and vocabulary. She has learned to communicate in English mostly by talking to people at work. Rosa is very friendly and likes to help people. Her future plan is to study medical coding; she already has a degree in computer science. Rosa, thank you for being who you are - an example for everyone and a delight to work with." Submitted by CVAEC ESOL Teacher Ms. Inguna.



October ESOL Student of the Month

GLADYS D. VENEZIA



"Gladys D. Venezia is an amazing student whose dream is to speak perfect English. She works in Burlington every weekend, listens to books online, watches educational videos, and actively participates in every class. Gladys is from El Salvador. She works full-time at St. Anthony's Hospital's Environmental Service which involves distributing supplies and working with housekeeping. Gladys is very friendly, and a good listener. She tries to help classmates, co-workers, and other people whenever she can. In the future, Gladys wants to study nursing in college or maybe become an elementary teacher. Gladys, thank you for being who you are - an example for everyone and a joy to work with." Submitted by CVAEC ESOL Teacher Ms. Inguna.

"My students and I have a special project we are working on. Students are interviewing staff members and then writing a paragraph together with a photo to be included in the newsletter. My objective is to introduce each staff member to the newsletter readers, and this way we'll be able to build community and mutual respect, as well as develop more personal relationships and raise awareness about what kind of work is being done behind the scenes." Submitted by CVAEC ESOL Teacher Ms. Inguna.



I would like to introduce Amy Canavan. She works at Clearview Adult Education Center as a program coordinator. She has many responsibilities including:

- Orientation for all the new students (GED and ESOL).
- Recruiting new students.
- Acting as the administrator when Michelle isn't in the building.
- Keeping the school running smoothly.
- Helping students with anything they need.

Amy has been working at the school for four years. Before that she worked as a teacher in the Pinellas School District for 24 years. She would like to see the school grow and welcome more students in the future. Amy also shared some interesting information about herself. She has participated in three marathons in New York City. I enjoyed talking with Amy and learning about her experiences. Submitted by CVAEC ESOL Student Kahnya Oeur Chhoy

"I interviewed Kathy Hamand, one of the staff members at my school, to learn about her job, experience, and future plans. Kathy is part of the staff of Clearview Adult Education Center. She is caring, thoughtful, and loves helping students. I had the pleasure of talking with her. She told me about her role in this school. She greets students, answers questions if anybody has any when they come in, schedules testing, answers the phones a lot, and does the monthly newsletter. Kathy loves her job. She gets to see the students every day and gets to know their names. It's very nice. She enjoys and loves talking to the students. She says that's an important part of the job for her. She thinks the students are fantastic. Kathy started to work in the district 16 years ago. She has worked for adult education for 13 years. She thinks her job is amazing, and she loves it. She talked about important things for her job. She doesn't just say hello to students in the morning. She tries to be nice and happy when the students come in. She wants them to feel like they are welcomed at the school and wants them to be happy here, so they want to stay to learn English. She doesn't really have any big challenges in her job except she said she can only speak one language. She wishes she could speak other languages and mentioned Vietnamese and Spanish so she could communicate more with everybody. She said she took French in high school, but nobody speaks French, so she forgot. Now she wishes she had taken Spanish. Kathy thinks this school looks like an international school because most of the students are from other countries. She loves the fact that everybody's different and everybody has different stories about where they come from. When she reads some of the stories students write, she is just amazed at what people have gone through in their countries and just to get here. She worries about the students because of what's happening now with some people getting deported. That makes her sad and scared for the students, but she is never afraid of the students, never, never. She talked about students' names, and how some are difficult for Americans to say correctly. She tries hard to make sure she gets their names right because she doesn't want to call somebody by the wrong name. She wants everybody to feel really comfortable when they come here because she knows it might be scary for them. One very important thing for her is that she wants to see the students succeed with everything they want to do, learn English, get a diploma, get a great job, and just be happy and safe too." Submitted by ESOL Student Waraporn Gable.





“Malinda Newton has been working in Pinellas County for 32 years but has been here at Clearview for 7 years. At Clearview, Malinda handles duties such as preparing all staff checks, providing supplies needed by students and teachers, taking inventory, reviewing payments, and making bank deposits each week. When she started this job, she felt scared because there were many things to do. But currently, she thinks it is something easy to do and handles it in the best way. Malinda loves her job because it allows her to work with people from different countries, and the work environment makes her feel comfortable and at home. Also, Malinda shared with us that her father served in the Army, and they were constantly moving to different states and countries: Texas, Colorado, and Panama. When she was little, she enjoyed these changes because she loved meeting new friends and seeing new places.” Submitted by ESOL Students Jiliam Ortega and Mirna Vasquez.

What's
the
buzz?



Largo Library ESOL Students researched and presented stories regarding the Amazon. Everyone was astounded by the sights and descriptions of the Amazon. From the diverse flora and fauna to the magnitude and mystery of the Great Amazon River. We were equally surprised to learn about the size of the capital city, Manaus, with its population of 2.2 million people! One of our students, Lester Bulbarelli Miguel, delivered an excellent presentation that kept us on the edge of our seats with his knowledge and tales of the wonders of the region from the large, populated cities, visually beautiful and interesting foods, mammoth anaconda snakes, ethereal white dolphins, slow-going sloths, indigenous tribes, and the wondrous sight of the meeting of the brown and black Amazon river. It was a wonderful lesson! Submitted by CVAEC Largo Library ESOL Teacher Ms. Naki.





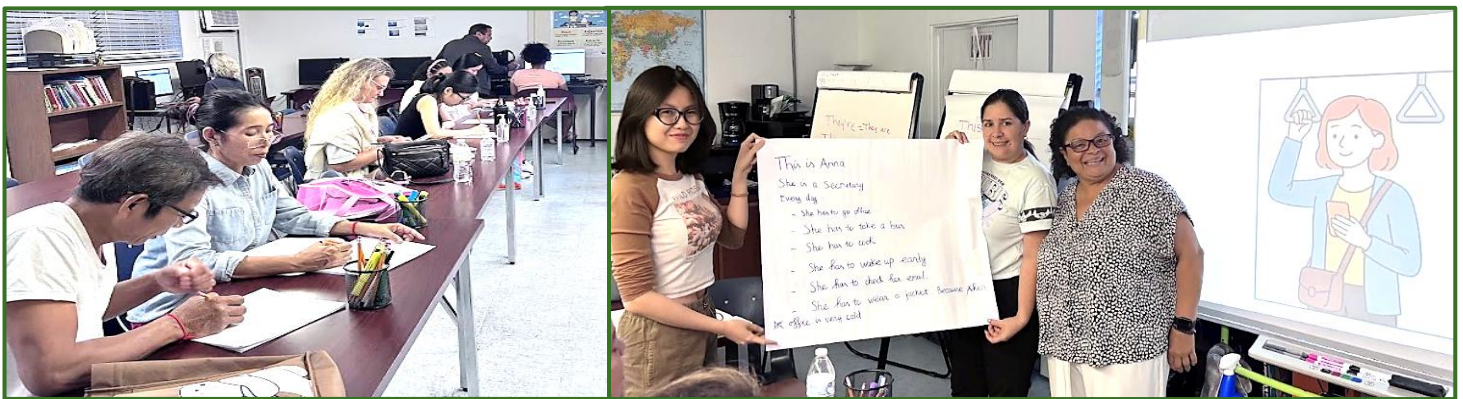
"I wanted to share a brief reflection on the progress of our ESOL night class at Feeding Pinellas at Northwest Church this term. It has been a powerful experience where language becomes a bridge to confidence, curiosity, and connection. My approach integrates neuroeducation and the science of reading, helping

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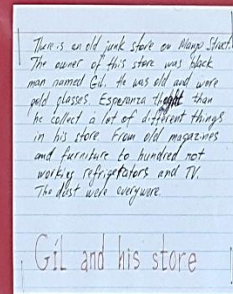
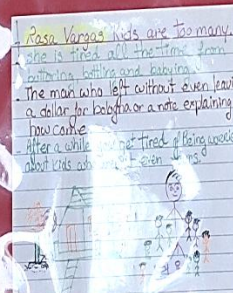
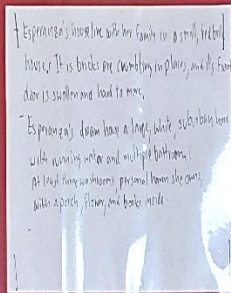
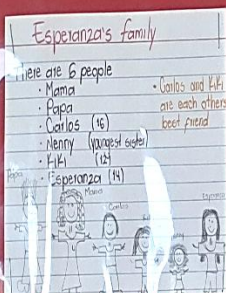
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students understand how their brain learns and making English meaningful through emotion, memory, and purpose. Each lesson blends communication, culture, and reflection, connecting real-life topics to global awareness. When we talk about clothing, we explore fast fashion and sustainability. When we learn about health, we discuss how the brain stores emotions and memories. And when we practice community vocabulary, we look at the evolution of communication from the pony mail to artificial intelligence. We have also introduced students to digital tools and AI, giving

them a sense of empowerment and relevance in the 21st century. Burlington English continues to support their progress through individualized practice. Our multicultural group, now includes new Cambodian true beginners. They have shown inspiring growth. In just two weeks, our newcomers are already greeting others, recognizing words, and participating with enthusiasm. This class is not just about English, it's about awakening curiosity and showing that learning opens doors to the world. Thank you so much for allowing me to be part of this program and for trusting me with our students' learning journey. It is a privilege to witness their growth and contribute. I love being a part of Clearview!" Submitted by CVAEC Feeding Pinellas at Northwest Church ESOL Teacher Ms. Patricia (Leidi).

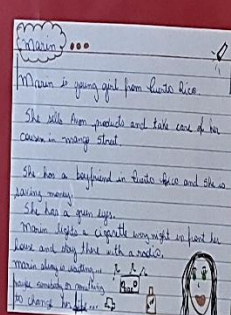
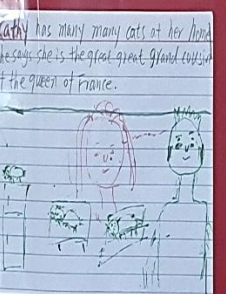
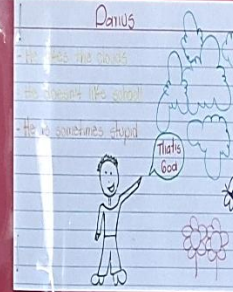
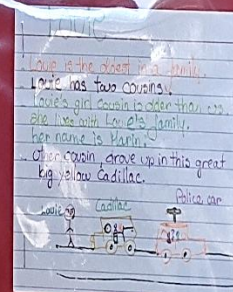
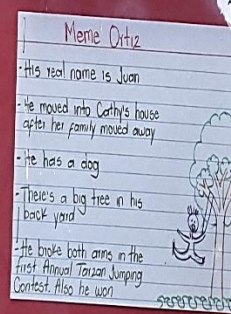
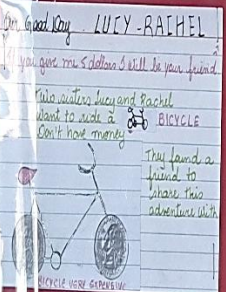


"My Friday Book Club (Level 6 Reading Class every Friday) is discussing 'The House on Mango Street' by Sandra Cisneros. As usual, I try to create some discussion and creativity opportunities, and I decided to do this year's Mango Steet visual project a bit differently. It was as much fun as last year's." Submitted by CVAEC ESOL Teacher Ms. Inguna.



MANGO

STREET





Opportunities for Pinellas County families to get **FREE** groceries at drive-through mobile sites.

The Juvenile Welfare Board (JWB) and the St. Petersburg Free Clinic (SPFC) have partnered to design a program to address food insecurity and mitigate the financial strain on residents facing high costs of living. Each household will receive approximately 50 pounds of food, including fresh produce, proteins, dairy, and shelf-stable essentials. All Pinellas County residents who demonstrate need qualify. While specific requirements may vary, residents are generally advised to bring photo identification and proof of residency like a utility bill with a current address.

Distribution events are set for
Thursday, November 20th, 2025, and
Thursday, December 18th, 2025.

We will let you know as soon as we learn of the upcoming distribution sites and times.



Thomas Chance

2025

Thanksgiving
 Dinner



A CELEBRATION of COMMUNITY in LEALMAN
 with your friends & neighbors at LANFC!

FREE Dinner
 FUN Giveaways, Resources, & More!

SATURDAY
 NOVEMBER 22ND
 5 - 6:30 PM

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5-6:30 PM
Every 4th Sunday

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Clearview United Methodist Church
 4515 38th Ave N, St. Petersburg, FL 33713
 Fellowship Hall on 39th Ave N

Upcoming Dinners in 2025

Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 23, Apr 27, May 25, Jun 22,
 Jul 27, Aug 24, Sept 28, Oct 26, Nov 23, Dec 28

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King of Peace
 Metropolitan Community Church

6085 Park Blvd, Pinellas Park, FL 33781

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD PANTRY

What are your hours?

Our pantry is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. It is in the small white building across the parking lot from King of Peace Sanctuary.

What Do I Need to Bring? If possible...

No photo ID or proof of residence is needed.

How Often May I Come?

Guests may come once a month. We recognize the extra strain many families and individuals are under, and are attempting to meet the need.

How do I donate or volunteer at the pantry?

We accept donations of all kinds of non-perishable food. Each month we have a specific need that we request, which you can see in the image below. If you would prefer to donate financially to the food pantry or if you would like to volunteer, please email melanie@churchstpetersburg.org or call the church office at 727.323.5857.



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WEDNESDAY

11.05.25

5:30p - 7:00p

Clearwater Campus

6100 154th Ave N. Clearwater, FL 33760

Career Pathways Showcase



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Explore hands-on
career tracks built
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Instructors, counselors
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Explore the campus
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Free Haircuts provided
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- SPC awarded more than \$71 million in free funding for college last year.
- Get hands-on support and let us help you attend SPC debt-free!



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St. Petersburg College
SPC

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Campus Events

St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus
Tuesday, Nov. 4 | 6-8 p.m.

Tarpon Springs Campus
Thursday, Nov. 6 | 6-8 p.m.

Clearwater Campus
Wednesday, Nov. 12 | 6-8 p.m.

Online Event

Find Free Money for College
Wednesday, Nov. 5 | 6-6:30 p.m.

Bring these with you to get the most out of Debt-Free Degree Night and smoothly prepare for enrollment:

- Social Security Number or Alien Registration Number (if applicable)
- 2 forms of Florida ID such as:
 - Driver's License
 - Car Registration
 - Voter ID
- FSA ID (If you don't have one, we will help you create one!)



Pinellas County Schools
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RIDE FREE
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FREE

Pinellas County Schools students and staff ride PSTA for FREE with a PCS ID!

Pinellas County Schools is partnering with the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) to provide free rides to students and staff (including volunteers and substitute teachers!) through the Universal Pass, or UPASS, Program! All Pinellas County Schools students and staff ride free all year round! Just display your school or employee ID badge to the PSTA Driver. Substitute teachers can display valid substitute teacher slips, and volunteers can display valid level 1 and 2 badges. You may also be asked to verify your identity with a photo ID card.

RIDE ANY ROUTE, ANY DAY OR TIME, FOR FREE!

Approved IDs to Ride Free

Pinellas County Schools:

- Students—ID badge, screenshot of online portal showing they are currently registered, printout of current class schedule
- Faculty and Staff—ID badge
- Substitute Teachers—substitute teacher slip
- Volunteers—levels 1 and 2 badges

****all may show anything that proves that they currently fit in one of the above categories****

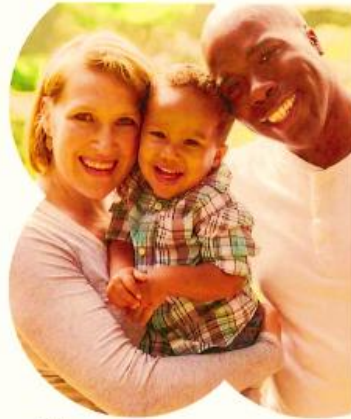
Plan Your Trip: [Download Transit App](#) or use [Google Trip Planner](#)

System Map, Schedules and Routes available [here](#).

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Call 727-221-5395 to get started

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Pinellas Park, FL 33782**

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l'anglais**

Учить английский

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- Computer Network Support Specialists earn an average of \$29.38 per hour*

DETAILS

- 900 HRS (Approximately 9 months)
- TUITION - \$2,628
- BOOKS, SUPPLIES, FEES - \$2,151 (Estimated)

SCHEDULE

► **Clearview Adult Education Center Campus**
3815 43rd St N
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Mon - Fri | 7:00 am - 12:15 pm



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- Financial aid available for qualified students
- Small class sizes
- Gain the skills needed to install, maintain and repair air conditioning, refrigeration and heating systems
- Prepare for the EPA Refrigerant Handling Certification (Section 608) and the ESCO Workplace Readiness Certification
- Heating, AC & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers earn an average of \$22.57 per hour*

DETAILS

- 750 HRS (Approximately 8 months)
- TUITION - \$2,190
- BOOKS, SUPPLIES, FEES - \$1,579 (Estimated)

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