



★ FAS STUDENT NEWS ★

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MARIA ROMERO

Trustworthiness is the character trait for October. One's true character is revealed by the choices you make, the promises you keep, and your principles. Not only what you say, but also what you do defines who you are. Adversity in one's life does not just build character...it reveals it. Someone once said that character is what you do when no one is looking, and Lord Thomas

B. Macaulay, essayist, said that the measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew he never would be found out. Is trustworthiness one of your core values, one of your character traits? Could you be trusted to do the right thing even if you knew no one would ever find out? Think of how great our school/community/country would be if we had a culture where we

could leave our car doors unlocked, and our homes unlocked, and if we lost our wallet or purse we knew it would be found again with everything in it. This would mean that we lived where people were trustworthy. What would it be like to live where people did not lie, or spread rumors or gossip, or disrespect people who were different? Obviously, this is not the prevalent cul-

ture in our current community, but what can one person, YOU, do to start to make this a place where trustworthiness is a character trait that is displayed more often? What can you do and what can you show your children? It has to begin one person at a time. Do your utmost best to become a person that is trustworthy.

Membership Matters!

In the world of budget cuts and fiscal crisis, what can the average student do to make a difference in the world of adult education?

The Fresno Adult School chapter of the California Council for Adult Education (CCAEE) is looking for students to join our team! A student who is actively enrolled at FAS will receive many benefits for membership which include the following:

- ◆ Eligibility for annual scholarship
- ◆ Community Leadership Internship
- ◆ Opportunity to be active in the community

- ◆ Participate in school wide activities
- ◆ Letter of recommendation for service completed
- ◆ Student membership card

A student membership is available in two different levels. A 6 month membership is available for \$5.00 and a 12 month membership is available for \$10.00. In order to maintain membership, a student must maintain active enrollment in their classes at Fresno Adult School.

The most important role of student membership is in communicating with the state and local government on the importance of



adult education. Several adult education schools throughout the state have closed their doors or have begun charging fees for classes.

Thru supporting the FAS Chapter of CCAEE, students can give their important input to the legislature and help to spread the word that adult education makes a difference in the lives of the students at Fresno Adult School.

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October Calendar of Events

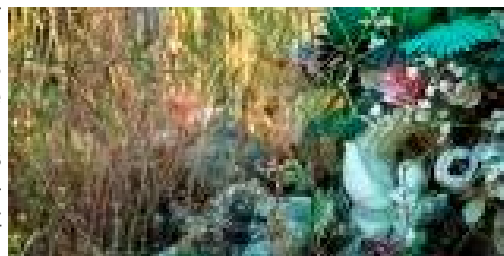
Each Tuesday	Financial Aid Support in Lobby 9-12 noon
Each Tuesday	Tzu Chi Free Medical Clinic in front of school 9-2pm
Each Wednesday	Workforce Connection in Lobby 9-12 noon
10/6 & 10/7	CAHSEE Testing for FAS Students—Must be Pre-Registered
10/9	Winners Announced for Non-Violence Poster Contest
10/14	Pre-Paid Legal Services in Lobby 9-12 noon
10/16	National Latino AIDS Awareness Day-Free Rapid HIV Testing
10/27	Blood Drive from 8am-12:30pm
10/28	FCC in Lobby 9-12noon
10/31	Halloween

“Private Spaces in Public Places”

Lyssa Bird currently has her exhibit on display in the FAS foyer. She is a Graduate Student at CSU Fresno. "Private Spaces in Public Spaces" examines roadside altars in a way which is not possible from a vehicle speeding by at 50+ miles per hour. What is installed here at Chavez is a small but important body of work from the artists masters' portfolio. The work in totality attempts to embody the unique and individualistic way people use public space to memorialize loved ones which have died due to tragic accidents (some from automobile accidents, others through drowning and heat exhaustion).

In May of 1998, Ms Bird lost her husband in a single vehicle accident. He died as a result of his injuries and the inability of emergency services to reach him due to traffic congestion. Most of her work has been an attempt at reconciling this loss and the ugliness of death with the beauty she sees all around her. This current series of work is a continuation of her own self-examination as well as a look at how others deal with their own grief and feelings of loss. Roadside altars have become a widespread means of private grief being displayed in a most public of places.

The artist display will be on campus through the end of November. An artist reception will be held on Thursday, October 15th for an Art Hop event.



Photographer Lyssa Bird will have this piece and many more on display at FAS this fall. Enjoy the beauty of her work!

Blood Drive October 27th



Fresno Adult School has been a long time supporter of the Central California Blood Center (CCBC). The mission of the CCBC is to supply blood and blood products to the 31 hospitals in Fresno, Tulare, Madera, Kings and Mariposa Counties. CCBC must collect between 5,000 to 6,000 pints of blood a month to meet the needs of our Valley community. It may seem the CCBC is always asking

folks to donate and actually, we are. The need for blood is never ending and even on days when the blood supply is fairly strong, one auto accident or surgical complication can rapidly lower inventories to critical levels. The Blood Center works diligently to be prepared for every incident and will continue to do so. Donors, people like the students of FAS, continue to be responsive with blood donations, but as the Central Valley community continues to grow, so does the need for additional blood donors. For example, blood usage has increased 30% over the last few years. To meet this need, CCBC must create more and more opportunities for donors to help save lives more conveniently. The Valley has been completely self-sufficient, blood-

wise, for the past several years and CCBC remains continually dedicated to this mission. To sustain this self-reliance, the Central California Blood Center is always looking for new opportunities to increase awareness and find and encourage new donors to roll up their sleeves and give. Presentations on our upcoming blood drive will happen in classrooms on the 19th & 20th of this month. Our blood drive is on Monday, October 27th, please support those in need in the valley by donating!