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Building Community While Learning English at PACE

Each day begins with the arrival of people from a wide variety of cultures and different walks-of-life at the Paterson Adult and Continuing Education (PACE). From 8:30 am to 3:00 pm they study English and spend a half-hour practicing their conversational skills by discussing current events. Some of the varied native languages represented by the students includes Spanish, Arabic, and Bengali.



The English as a Second Language (ESL) learners at PACE display amazing determination and patience as they mix and interact, drawing inspiration and courage from each other. Their unique multi-cultural mix affords them great comradery and team spirit. They are very proud, and share challenges together all while striving toward competency in English.

One of the most enjoyed and anticipated lessons is when the students work on “if clauses,” which are reflected in some of their *Present Unreal Conditional* statements. Statements like, “If I were a billionaire, I would build a multi-story building that could house more students, complete with books and needed equipment to enhance learning” exemplify their altruism!

Budding Orthopedic Surgeons at School 29



Ms. Cifelli's 3rd grade students at School 29 recently had the opportunity to examine artificial bones as part of their unit on the human body. One of the bones, made of the transparent plastic “Lucite,” gave students an interior view of the role played by screws in connecting the bone and prosthesis as part of a hip replacement. Dr. Golden, the William Paterson University Professor in Residence at the school, borrowed the bones from a friend who works at the medical equipment and technology company, Stryker.



Students from several schools gave a spirited, uplifting concert as part of the Paterson Music Project. Excited parents and attendees packed the School 1 auditorium. The concert featured pieces performed by orchestra, choir and band.

It is not in the still calm of life or the repose of a pacific station that great characters are formed. The habits of a vigorous mind are formed in contending with difficulties.

— Abigail Adams, First lady and political adviser

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