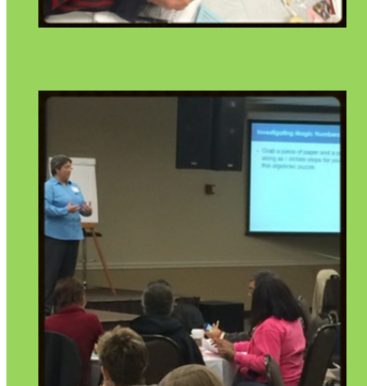
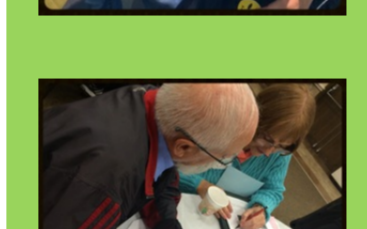
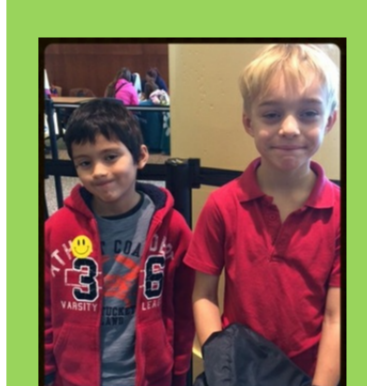
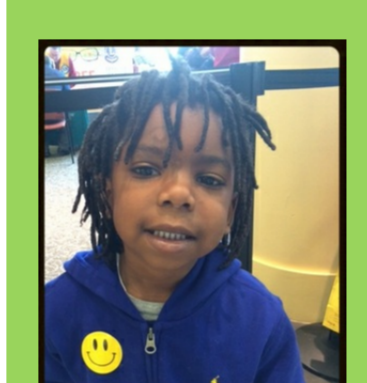
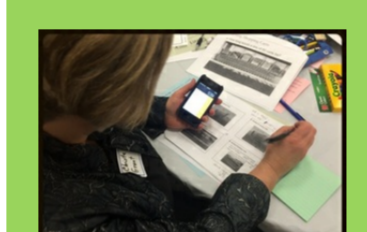


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This Month in Pictures



We want to feature YOU in upcoming issues of the Coalition newsletter. You get to hear about our efforts and events all the time but we really want to hear from you! Please submit stories and articles to: [Sarah Stannard](#). Be sure to include a short author bio and some general information about your program.

Stay Connected to the Tarrant Literacy Coalition!



Dear Literacy Partner,

March is an important, historic month for educators in the United States.

Did you know: On March 17, 1633, the first school opened in America. It was a real classy place.

Guess What? That's not the only classy fact in this newsletter! Scroll down for more classy news from TLC.



Today is Your Last Chance to Register for the 2016 Metroplex Literacy Conference at DBU! Don't Miss this Opportunity to Learn More About the HISET Exam: One of Texas' New Options for High School Equivalency Testing.

Join faith and community-based literacy program directors, teachers and volunteers for a day of networking and learning. Session topics include: resources for High School Equivalency instruction, English Language Acquisition (ESL) instruction, Immigration and Citizenship, and Adult Basic Education.

[View the list of sessions](#)

Keynote speaker Dr. Gail Linam is the academic dean of Dallas Baptist University. Dr. Linam provides academic support of the university's online education, Center for Service-Learning, hybrid education, and the pre-nursing program. She holds a master of religious education and a Ph.D. in education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Saturday, March 5, 2016
8:30am to 3:15pm
Dallas Baptist University

[Click here for more information or to register now!](#)

This Just In: [Jonna McDonough](#), HISET Director, will [present](#) at this year's **Metroplex Literacy Conference!**

About her session: Participants will learn about Educational Testing Service's HISET® program, receive information about program research initiatives including national test-taker data, preview the web-based reporting portal and other free instructional resources, and have opportunities to ask questions about the HISET.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about one of the new high school equivalency testing options in Texas!



Our Spelling Bee is All the Buzz! Plan to BEE There!

Join us for another great evening of spirited competition at the eighth annual Corporate Spelling Bee. Watch as the Texas Wesleyan "Crusaders" defend their title against some of Tarrant County's best spellers while vying for thousands of dollars of fabulous prizes.

Red and Julie Goldstein, Honorary Chairs
Jill "J.R." Labbe, Emcee
Gary Cumbie, Wordmaster

April 28, 2016 at the TCU Brown-Lupton University Union

Visit our [website](#) or [email](#) for more information.

Thank You Yelp Foundation!

We are excited to share that Tarrant Literacy Coalition has received a \$5,000 grant from the Yelp Foundation, having been nominated and voted upon by community members in the Yelp Foundation Gives Local grant contest. It's an honor to have been nominated and to see such an outpouring of support from our local community. **Thank You!**



The Yelp Foundation's mission is to address the needs of local communities including: access to information, education, local economic development, and freedom of expression. Thanks to this grant, we'll be able to further that mission locally by providing high-quality literacy instruction to adult learners in Tarrant County.

[Visit the Yelp Foundation Site](#)



Congratulations, Erica!
Erica Ortega was one of many students impacted by the Pearson GED® score change in January. Erica only lacked a passing score on the math portion of the exam, but because the Texas Education Agency allowed passing score changes retroactively (to those who took the exam after January 2014), Erica has received her certificate of high school equivalency!

Erica currently works as a customer service specialist and plans to attend TCC as soon as this summer. She and her oldest daughter Andrea, who graduated from Brewer High School in 2015, will begin taking classes there together. Andrea was unsure about attending college until her mother decided to and said she was inspired by Erica's achievement.



TLC is Seeking Volunteer English Language Teachers

Tarrant Literacy Coalition is seeking volunteer English Language Acquisition (formerly ESL) instructors for classes at the Agape Baptist Church! Commitments are small: only 1.5 hours per week!

No experience? No Problem! We'll make sure you get the training you need to make students successful!

Class are held:
Tuesdays 10:00am-11:30am
Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm

Call 817-870-0082 or [email](#) for more information.



Check Out Literacy ConneXus' 2016 English Language Acquisition Instructor Training!

Teaching English With Excellence (TEX) Training is coming to a city near you! These trainings will help new instructors to master the skills they need to be effective leaders of an English Language Acquisition classroom. Reservations are required.

[Click here to learn more about these upcoming training events!](#)