

# World Language Lab Newsletter

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## World Language Lab's News



Remember?

I hope everyone is enjoying this great hot Summer weather we are having right now after all the unexpected snow and ice we had a couple of months ago.. As the summer semester is getting hotter and hotter, I would like to share with you some language lab news.

We should be most thankful for all the positive things in our lives and think about the things that we are most grateful and thankful for. I hope you all are having a wonderful Summer this year.

### ESOL EXIT EXAMS

*The Language Lab will be giving the Exit Exams for ESOL*

*Listening/Speaking students on Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.*

*Please keep this in mind if you want to schedule a class or an oral exam in the lab that day.*

### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

*I remember my dad saying things to my brothers and me over the years. Things that really didn't make a lot of sense until now. How many of these do you remember your dad saying?*

*HOW MANY DO YOU CATCH YOURSELF SAYING?????*

*-Don't ask me, ask your mother*

*This will hurt me more than it hurts you*

*-We're not lost, I'm just not sure where we are*

*-You call that "noise" music?*

*- When I was your age, I treated my father with respect!*

*-As long as you live under my roof, you'll live by my rules*

*- I'll tell you why. Because I said so, that's why.*

*- Turn off those lights! Do you think I am made of money?*

*-What's so funny? Wipe that smile off your face.*

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ ESOL Exit Tests
- ◆ Holiday
- ◆ Movies

### Our Mission Statement

The mission and goal of the language lab at Richland College is to provide support for language acquisition to all our foreign language learners with our user-friendly tools such as audio, video and computer related technology to assist student learning. These technology-based tools are an important asset to our students who have grown up in a high tech world.

### District wide Meeting of Language Lab Coordinators

*The District Wide Meeting of Language Lab coordinators met on Friday, April 9, 2010 here at Richland College, from 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM. We met in room B-228. We had Lab Coordinators from Brookhaven, Eastfield, El Centro, Northlake and Richland. They shared innovative ideas, they are all working on in their respective colleges.*

**FIRST DAY at WORK...**

A young man hired by a supermarket reported for his first day of work.

The manager greeted him with a warm handshake and a smile, gave him a broom and said, "Your first job will be to sweep out the store."

"But I'm a college graduate," the young man replied indignantly.

"Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't know that," said the manager. "Here, give me the broom...I'll show you how."

A comment written in a homework assignment by an English Professor at the University of Ohio

*I am returning this otherwise good typing paper to you because someone has printed gibberish all over it and put your name on the top*

*- A few Suggestions on studying a foreign Language*

*1. Make your mouth or hand do what your mind is learning – Study out loud – do go to the lab and work*

*If you study out loud, you double your efficiency by adding auditory memory and you make your mouth work, helping with pronunciation and Speech.*

*2. Study day by day - You cannot get by in a foreign language course by cramming at the last minute. You may be able to learn vocabulary items that way, but you cannot teach your mouth to use them in sentences.*

*3. Occasionally go back and review "old" topics and vocabulary. Language learning is cumulative. You learn new skills on the basis of old ones.. the more you recycle familiar information ad skills, the better you will be able to integrate new ones.*

*4. Don't be afraid to make mistakes. Self-consciousness can be a might big obstacle to learning a language. Perhaps part of the reason small children readily acquire languages is that they are not afraid of making mistakes;; their egos do not restrain them from acting like "little clowns".*

*From The Augustine Club at Columbia University*

**Listening/Speaking classes**

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mid-Term testing

Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010

Exit- Exams

Please keep this in mind when bringing your class to the lab.



Free Books/Free Magazines

The World Language Lab has a section

with free magazines and free books for students. If you have any magazines or books you would like to donate, please drop them off in the language lab section marked

Free Books/Free Magazines.



I would like to thank Elizabeth Taheri who donated several boxes of popcorn

to our Foreign Film Series. She also donated apples and cookies for the students. **Thanks Liz!!**

My grandfather once told me that there were two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was much less less competition

By Indira Gandhi

During the Summer semester, we will be open the following hours:

Monday – Thursday

8:00 AM – 9:00PM

Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Saturday & Sunday Closed

German Influence in Texas

In the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century, a large number of German immigrants settled in Texas, primarily in Central Texas and specifically in the hill country west of Austin. One of the most "Germanized" towns was Fredricksburg, located 68 miles west of Austin, Texas.

German is taught here at Richland College during the Fall and Spring semesters and also during both summer sessions.

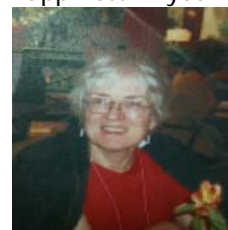
Our instructor Peggy Little is a long-time Richland instructor who has taught for the DCCCD for almost 40 years.

**Some Highlights from My Life**

By Peggy Little

As a college freshman I was told I had to take German if I wanted to be a doctor. I saw no reason for this, but being an obedient kid, I took the course, not realizing that I was taking the first step into my life's work. Mom had no money for medical school, so, since I enjoyed French and German so much, I decided on becoming a language instructor. And every day has brought me new challenges, new awareness, new discoveries and immeasurable enjoyment in my work with words. I'm at my happiest when surrounded by dictionaries all in use at the same time.

The lesson here? Accept all "barriers" that come your way and pursue multiple pathways -you never know when you'll hit the right road leading to happiness in your career.



**By: Dr. Wright L. Lassiter, Jr  
Chancellor**

AN OLD FARMER'S ADVICE

As I have mentioned on previous occasions, friends and associates send me items that really catch my fancy and I like to share them with the readers of this weekly column. I hope that you get as much of a laugh out of this advice as I did.

- Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull strong.
- Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.
- Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
- Words that soak into your ears are whispered . . . not yelled.
- Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
- Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.
- Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- Every path has a few puddles.
- When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- Most of the stuff people worry about ain't gonna happen anyway.
- Don't judge folks by their

- Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
- Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you some.
- Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.
- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging.
- Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
- The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with watches you from the mirror every morning.
- Always drink upstream from the herd.
- Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
- Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back in.
- If you get to thinking you're a person of some influence, try ordering somebody else's dog around.
- Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply.
- Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.
- Some days all you do is smile and just wait for some kind soul to come and get you out of the bina you've gotten yourself into.

I share these "reflective moments" with you, my colleagues, because there are dark clouds on the horizon from the perspective of the finances of the State of Texas. I will be sharing those details with you on a consistent basis, however one of my obligations as chancellor is to exert energy to enable us to be hopeful in spite of dark clouds and the actions that we must take to address them.

It is important to visualize our circumstances as a District from the perspective of the "glass is half full; not half empty." As always, food for thought.

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Father's Day  
June 20, 2010

**As we prepare for Father's Day Celebrations, this weekend, here is a Father's day trivia.....**

The necktie was "invented" in Croatia (also known as the Cravat). President Clinton liked his ties colorful, while Regis Philbin wants his to match his suit. The duke of Windsor (who is known for the Windsor Knot had a vast collection, but Col. Sanders always wears the same black one. And many men won't wear them at all!!!! Like them or not, neckties are the Father's Day Gift. Americans spend more than \$1 billion each year to buy a staggering 100 million ties. That's roughly one tie for every male over the age of 20 in the United States.

**Father's Day Tidbits:**

- ✚ One father is more than 100 schoolmasters."  
-- English Proverb
- ✚ "To be a successful father ... there's one absolute rule: when you have a kid, don't look at it for the first two years."  
- Ernest Hemingway.
- ✚ "A man knows when he is growing old because he begins to look like his father."  
- Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- ✚ "If the new American father feels bewildered and even defeated, let him take comfort from the fact that whatever he does in any fathering situation has fifty percent chance of being right."  
- Bill Cosby
- ✚ "Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father!"  
Lydia M. Child
- ✚ "It is a wise father that knows his own child."  
- William Shakespeare

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**Foreign Film Series**

During the 1<sup>st</sup> summer session, The World Language Lab will be showing free foreign films every Thursday from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM in room D-163. We warmly invite students, faculty and staff to these great foreign films.

*Free popcorn*

*Free TOLI credit to faculty and staff*

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Our Movie Schedule for the Summer is as follows:

Thursday, June 17, 2010

**Amores Perros**

Three interconnected stories about the different strata of life in Mexico City all revolve with a fatal car accident. Octavio is trying to raise enough money to run away with his sister-in-law and decides to enter his dog Cifi into the world of dog fighting.

Thursday, June 24, 2010

***Where God Left His shoes***

When Frank and Angela and their two children are evicted from their New York apartment, they have no choice but to move into a homeless shelter. *Where God Left His Shoes* is the story of a family that refuses to break apart during the darkest time of their lives and discover that they will survive as long as they have each other.

Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010

***Mother***

The latest film from award winning Korean director Bong Joon-ho, *Mother* is a unique murder mystery and tale of primal love that vogue calls "riveting and darkly funny."

**Announcements!!!!**

- . Tutoring Schedule for the summer 2010 is now posted in the Language Lab web-side
- . The movie schedule for the summer 2010 is also on the Language Lab web-site
- . Portuguese - audio CDs are now available from the Language Lab.
- . The foreign films Database of all foreign languages have been posted in the Language Lab web-page under each language
- . The Language Lab will be updated with newer computers at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> summer session.
- . The French form that students use to buy their French tapes is posted on the French Language web-side. Students can access it, print it & take to the Business office & pay for their tapes before coming to the Telecourse Center to pick up their tapes

**Free tutoring in the Language Lab This Summer**

We have two native French students that are volunteering in the language lab B-217 and will be tutoring French. If you are taking a French class feel free to come to the lab for free tutoring.

Our volunteers are:

Michele Nkovey Berre

Laurence Worah Ogowet

They will tutor Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



4<sup>th</sup> of July

Remember Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 the Language lab will be closed for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday. We will re-open Tuesday July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010..

We're on the Web!  
<http://www.richlandcollege.edu/languages/lab.php>

# June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Did you know? >>> Marilyn Monroe was born June 1 <sup>st</sup> ?	2 Hug your cat day	3	4 Juan Peron is elected to a second term in Argentina	5 LAB CLOSED
6	7 Donald duck is created	8	9	10 Movie: <i>Take Care of My Cat</i> Room D-163	11	12 LAB CLOSED
13	14	15	16	17 Movie: <i>Amores Perros</i> Room D-163	18	19 LAB CLOSED
20 Father's Day	21	22 1953 - Armistice Ending the Korean war was signed	23	24 Movie: <i>Where God Left His Shoes</i> -D163	25	26 LAB CLOSED
27 1919 World War 1 ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles.	28	29	30	1 Movie: <i>Mother</i> Room D-163	2	3 Lab Closed
4 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Holiday	5 Independence Holiday No classes	6	7	8 1 <sup>st</sup> summer session ends today Movie: Mar adentro	9	10
11	12	13 2 <sup>nd</sup> Summer Session begins today	14	15 Movie: <i>Inglorious Bastards</i>	16 Classes meet today	17
18	19	20	21	22 Movie: <i>El tiempo de las Mariposas</i>	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Movie: <i>Roozi Ke zan Shodam</i>	30	31

*Richland's Vision is to be the best place we can be to learn, teach and build sustainable local and world community*