



# Read All About It!

Craven Literacy Council's Student Newsletter

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## Student Stories

SEND IN YOUR STORIES

Write a story or poem for the next newsletter.



### My Start in America

I came to America March 10th of 2010 to see the wonders of this country. I had a hard time understanding the people of America and they had a hard time understanding me. I asked my husband how I can get better at speaking English. He told me to go to school. I said where? He then asked around to find the Craven Literacy Council that helps adults with many things in reading and speech. I talked with a friend that went to the same place, and has had the same trouble with English. They told me that they went to the same place to learn English and reading.

I and my husband went to the school office to get signed up for some classes. There was some time before they called me back to introduce me to the tutor. Then the date was set to meet the tutor. When I met my tutor I was not sure of what was going to happen. As time has passed, my understanding of English has progressed in ways I don't know how to describe. She has helped me very much. All the folks at the Craven Literacy Council are a great part of learning and understanding. Big thanks to my tutor Ms. Lori Wretne and to all the other folks involved in learning.

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### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Rossan Rae òChenö Garcia on passing her NCLEX nursing test! We are so proud of you!



**My Trip to New Jersey**  
**by Fannie T.**

I went to New Jersey for my granddaughter's graduation. It seemed like it was only a year ago she was a baby. Now she graduating from high school. The trip was long but fun. I drove most of the way. It was eight of us my son, my grandson, three nephews and my son's father and Molly my dog. The graduation went well. It was cloudy but not raining.

The next day we went on a nature trail. We went down one trail and then up another. Up a hill where I slipped and almost lost my camera. I went for the camera and my daughter and niece grabbed me. They said let that camera go. I can't loose my camera, all my pictures were on the camera. I saved the camera and my daughter and niece saved me. We laugh now when we remember that day.



**My Summer,**  
**by Booth McDaniels**

This summer we went to Canada to work on the cabin. We put out a game trail camera and we took many pictures of game. A game trail camera is a camera you put on a tree to take pictures when the game goes by. We stayed in the Bear Hut the wife and I built. A Bear Hut is the name my wife gave the small hut we built. We are building a bigger log cabin. There was a lot of sweat in the cutting down of the trees in the lower part of the Land. The time in the Bear Hut with the wife and the dog was the best. We will return when we have the funds to go back.



**Hamburger for Lunch**  
**by Zaw Lay**

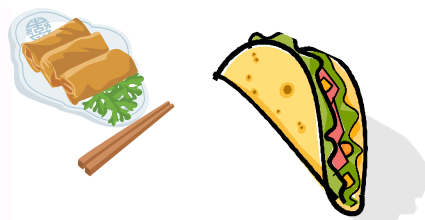
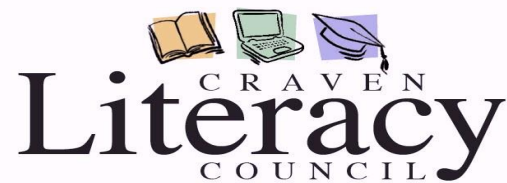
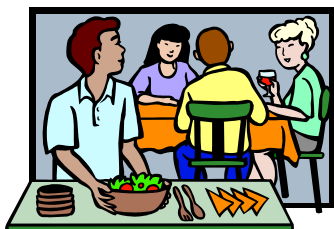


Every day I go to work by car. My lunch break is 30 minutes and I go home for lunch. Every day my wife cooks rice for lunch. But today my wife had an appointment and could not cook. I ate a hamburger but now I am hungry again.

**It's A Boy!**

Congratulations to Na La Mia and Zaw Lay on the birth of a new son Kavan!





## ESL CONVERSATION GROUP A HOLIDAY TRADITIONS POTLUCK\* & COOKIE DECORATING PARTY

For Students (and Their Tutors if they like)  
Please bring enough of your favorite traditional food to  
share with six to eight people!

OR

Bring a story to tell about holidays in your tradition!

**When:** Tuesday, December 20  
**Where:** Craven Literacy Council Office  
2800 Neuse Blvd., New Bern  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please RSVP (tell us if you are coming) by calling 252-637-8079  
no later than Monday, December 19

(NOTE: American-born students are also welcome to come and help our  
foreign students practice their English!)

(\*Potluck – a meal where everyone brings something to share with others.)

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### Disney World by Mandy Blickensderfer



This is a story about Disney World. Mom, Dad and I met Amy, the girls, and John at Disney World. We had fun with the family. We saw fireworks inside the park. We went shopping for shirts and hats. We rode on some new rides. One was a roller coaster. We had a good time at the park.

#### On Sunday Morning by Kenya Wade

I went to Sunday School with my tutor and I read a Halloween book to the kids. They liked the book. Then I went to church with my tutor.

Here is what some of the story is about. A family went to the store to buy a Halloween costume. Dad found a scary mask. The baby brother did not like it. So dad picked a different mask - a silly mask. The oldest brother picked a pirate costume. The sister picked a princess costume. They picked the baby brother a bunny costume, but mother said next Halloween because the baby was too little. As they were trick-or-treating, the oldest brother realized that there was a hole in the bag! He started to cry! Then his sister came and said, "I will share my candy with you!" At the end of the night, the oldest brother said, "I hope I can save some candy for next year. Ha, Ha!"

#### Remember to Call Your Tutor if you Cannot Attend a Lesson!

Please remember to call your tutor if you cannot come to your lesson or will be late. We understand there are many reasons you may have to miss your lesson. You may be sick, your child may be sick, you may have to work late or you may have an appointment. Please call your tutor as soon as you know you cannot attend a lesson. Your tutor works hard to schedule time for your lessons so it is important to let your tutor know if you cannot come. Your tutor will also call you if they have to miss a lesson.

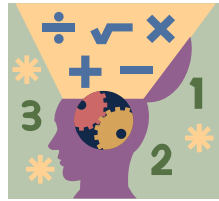


## My Friend

I went to see a friend today, Mrs. Dodge. She has given me the power with these letters P, E, M, D, A, S. With these letters I can fight a good fight. And go on down the road of mathematics to meet my goals of getting my GED the key I must have first. And then I can go on collecting my keys of knowledge as I go on. The keys will be marked with these letters P, E, M, D, A, S.

She is like a key to the doorway to the kingdom of mathematics with her help. I have the power to pass through the doors. But one thing you must remember this at all times as you pass P, E, M, D, A, S. What's that! With a smile she said Please, Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally. So off you go! And I went step by step and as I began to walk. I said parenthesis, exponents, then I took two steps and said multiplication and division. And then the last two addition and subtraction. And then I was there, stepped over the line marked X, Y at the center point to the door of the Kingdom of Knowledge. And opened the door to a beautiful world of the knowledge of mathematics.

Thanks to the help of my friend Mrs. Linda Dodge with pen and paper in hand, I enter with a large smile and a heart filled with great joy.



Thank you My Friend Mrs. Linda Dodge,

Your Friend,  
Rebecca B. Harris CNA  
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### My Driver's License Story by Anna Aye

When I came into the USA I didn't know how to drive. When I was in Arizona I used to go to work by bus. I had never learned to drive before in Burma or Thailand because I didn't need to drive. Then I moved to New Bern and got a job. The first year I went to work by bicycle and then the second year I used to go to work by scooter.

The third year I decided I needed a car. But first I needed a learner's permit. When I went for the test I found it was very difficult for me because I couldn't understand English very well. I could read some but not understand it all. I studied hard and kept going back. My employers went with me several times to take the test. I don't remember exactly how many times I went back but I think maybe 10 or 11 times. I went to the office so many times that they knew my face. They would say "You, AGAIN!"

After I had a permit, another employee went with me and helped me buy a car. We used my car for my practice driving. I took the road driving test 3 times and I was very afraid but when I passed the test I was so happy.

