



# Read All About It!

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## Student Stories

SEND IN YOUR STORIES

Write a story or poem for the next newsletter.

### Four Students Earn Certificate for Completing Basic Keyboarding Class



**Students Stand With Their Instructors and Certificates.**

Congratulations to: Htwe Htwe Myat, Nube Zumba, Beatriz Contreras and Argelia Contreras for completing the Basic Keyboarding Class. These students completed a 4 week class that focused on basic computer keyboarding. Maureen Powell is the instructor that led the class with the help of Diane Hanyo. If you are interested in taking the Basic Computer Keyboarding Class, please let your tutor or Donna and Cathy know.

## Christmas and New Year Parties

By Lulu Jacome'



For Christmas we have a parrillada or meat on the grill, Pico de gallo, guacamole, salsa verde and tortillas ó homemade. Also we have Buñuelos dipping into the syrup.

We were dancing and singing, we also have three Piñatas and we opened the presents, that was very fun.

Our New Year Party we made Pozole, Tamales and Mole, this all was delicious and we were dancing, playing cards and waiting for 12 o'clock to give everybody a hug and say Feliz Año Nuevo.

## A Circus Adventure

By Omar Epps

Today is a good day. Parents bring their kids to the circus. Children see animals and clowns. Everybody watches lions run through fire holes. Clowns make tricks and funny jokes. People all laugh out loud and enjoy themselves. Elephants let the kids touch them. Now the show is over. Everybody has a happy day and happy faces.



## My Big Family

By Bonifacio Hernandez Cornejo

Hello. My name is Bonifacio Hernandez Cornejo. My nick name is Boni. I live in New Bern, North Carolina, together with my wife Juanita. I work as a cook. I have five brothers and two sisters. My sisters live in Mexico and my five brothers live in the United States. They live in



Texas, California, and Virginia together with their families. All my brothers work in construction. My brothers and sisters are married. Only my brother Teodomiro is not married. He is single.

## **My Holiday**

**By Sei Mu**

I am writing about what I have done on my holiday. I visited with my friends and I celebrated the Karen's New Year.

Last week I went to visit my friends in Rockingham. I spent time with them for two days and I came back to New Bern on 29, December. I have many friends over there, because I lived there almost one year. All of them are working at Perdue chicken plants. They started work at Perdue in 2009 and came there from different states.

On Saturday we celebrated the Karen's New Year at St. Paul Catholic Church. The celebration started at 10:00 AM and finished about 4:00 PM. There were around 500 people who attended that celebration. Some participants came from Rockingham, Chapel Hill, Raleigh, and some were local people.

I saw some Americans and other ethnic refugees who joined with us. We had traditional dances and foods.

I am happy and proud when I saw that many people came to celebrate with us in the Karen's New Year. I hope next year is better than this year.

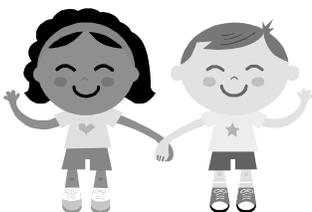
A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

## **Has The Dream Come True?**

**By Jimmy Tootle**

After reading the Martin Luther Jr. speech I came to a conclusion about his dream. I do think the dream has come true. Black and white can play together. My granddaughter has two white girl friends and they have sleepovers at each other's houses all the time. All schools are integrated now. There are no black and white schools.

They go to church together. I go to an all white church and I like it. They make me feel loved. They miss me when I am not there. Black and white work together.



Today we hold hands together because we have become friends.

## **Last Names in Mexico** (by Juanita Hernandez Guillen)



When two people marry in Mexico, they do not change their names. Everyone has two last names: The first last name of his father and the first last name of his mother. I want to give you an example. My name is Juanita Hernandez Guillen. My father's name is Arturo Hernandez Blaz and my mother's name is M. Mercedes Guillen Cornejo. "Hernandez" is my father's first last name and "Guillen" is my mother's first last name. This is a nice tradition.

## **Birthday Times Means**

by Joanne Vincent

**B**allons

**I**ce cream and cake

**R**ejoicing

**T**hinking of other

**H**appy

**D**ates of birth

**A**wesome

**Y**ear older



## **When I Came To The United States** By Riyad Askar

When I came to the United States I was amazed. There were some problems for a newcomer, but I knew I could make it here. I had to learn a new language. I also had to find a new job to be able to take care of me and my wife.

When I first came to the United States and got a new job, I walked to work. I met a lot of people while walking to work each day. Some of these people always looked sad and lonely. There was an air of sadness about them like their situation would never get better. One guy in particular caught my attention. He was an older man that always seemed hopeless.

