

THE SOURCE

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What is The SOURCE?

The SOURCE is a not-for-profit employee support organization designed to help employees keep their jobs, receive training to enhance their employment, and help employees move into better positions within or across companies. The SOURCE works with employees from:

- Butterball Farms, Inc.
- The Decc Co.
- Hekman Furniture
- Michigan Wheel
- Notions Marketing
- Pidgeon & Clay
- Spectrum Industries
- Vi-Chem

We are located very near each of these companies at:

1409 Buchanan Ave. SW.

Please call us at 452-5295 for more information or feel free to stop by the office at any time. Our office is open 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday, but special arrangements may be made for after hour appointments.

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THE GOVERNOR RETURNS TO THE SOURCE

Governor Granholm returned to The SOURCE last month to continue her statewide promotion of MI Opportunity Partnership. Granholm commended The SOURCE for our efforts to provide relevant and necessary trainings for employees of SOURCE member companies, as well as our efforts to refer the unemployed for work in our member companies.

While she was at The SOURCE, Governor Granholm had an opportunity to observe one of our English As a Second Language classes. The students in the class were all able to meet her personally, and she wished them all “great luck”. Before she left the class, Governor Granholm graciously accepted a batch of home made brownies from the students, which they made for the Governor in anticipation of her visit.



Governor Granholm also sat in for part of our Hidden Rules Orientation, which is based on Dr. Ruby Payne’s *A Framework for Understanding Poverty*.

This was Governor Granholm’s second visit to The SOURCE this year. She came for the first time in March to

learn more about what services The SOURCE provides and to encourage replication of our model throughout Michigan. We were delighted to have the opportunity to update her on our progress

since her last visit.

After her visit, Governor Granholm noted in her weekly newsletter that programs like The SOURCE are essential in the success of employees throughout the State of Michigan.

SPANISH CLASSES AT THE SOURCE!

We are excited to announce that we will be offering Spanish classes at The SOURCE again this fall! As a continuation of the Spanish for Neighbors series we began with Calvin College a year ago, we will be offering another basic level Spanish for Neighbors I class starting on the 21st of this month.

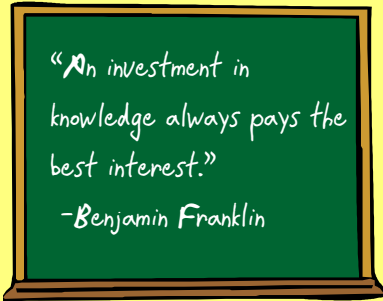
**Spanish for Neighbors I
Basic Spanish
Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Beginning 9/21/05 for 9 weeks
Cost: \$25 (includes book)**

We would also like to offer an intermediate Spanish class, but we need to know first if there is enough interest from employees and members

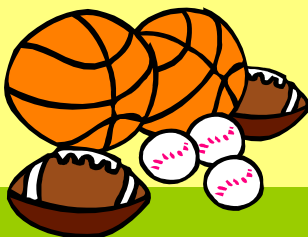
of the community. We need to know who is interested in taking the class and what days and times would be best. Based on that information, we will determine when and if we can offer the class. Anyone interested in taking an intermediate Spanish class at The SOURCE should call 452-5295 to let us know.

Both the basic and intermediate Spanish classes are open to the public. The cost of the classes, \$25, includes the required book, which students may keep. Students returning to the class who already have the book will only be charged \$15. Please call The SOURCE at 452-5295 for more information or to register for class.

For a complete list of classes, please visit our website at www.grsource.org.



Español



“DOLLAR SENSE” CAN HELP YOU \$AVE

Do you want to worry less about money? Would you like to get out of debt? Do you want more for yourself and your family?

Learn how to make the most of your money by enrolling in the next Dollar Sense course. Offered through MSU Kent County Extension, Dollar Sense is a 5 week long, non-judgmental, and fun (really) money management course.

Tammy, a former Dollar Sense student, said that the class “will help me get the things I want for my children and myself.”

Dollar Sense is an entry-level money management course targeted toward individuals who have few resources, credit problems, and/or a lot of debt. In this class, students will learn how to develop their own financial goals, as well as learn

to develop a spending plan that will allow them to reach their goals.

Students will also learn how to avoid money traps and “black holes”, how to incorporate savings into spending plans, and how beliefs about money affect spending habits. Topics like credit, credit reports, bill-paying systems, and credit unions will also be examined.

The next available Dollar Sense class will be starting on Tuesday, November 8 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Registration for this class will begin October 4th. There is a \$5 charge for the class, which covers the cost of all class materials and a notebook. Call Dave Treul at 336-3212 for more information and to register for class.

CLASSES FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Catching on to

Computers - If you or a family member are interested in learning more about how to navigate a computer, use Microsoft Word, and surf the Internet, Call The SOURCE to sign up for our basic computers class. Classes run once a week for three weeks and begin the first Thursday of every month. Morning and afternoon classes are available. This class is free and open to the public, so encourage your family members and friends to sign up!

Spanish for Neighbors I

- Designed for individuals who have little to no knowledge of the Spanish language, this class will focus on basic vocabulary, sentence structure, and pronunciation. The class costs \$25, which includes a book that students may keep. Registration is required. Spanish for Neighbors will meet from 5:30-7:30 p.m. every Wednesday for 9 weeks. Class begins on Wednesday, 9/21/05. Call 452-5295 for more information and to register for class.

ESL: Social Issues, Politics, and Law in the

United States - Students will improve their English skills while exploring such topics as social issues, politics, and law. This class is free and open to the public. Beginning September 27th, 2005, this class will be from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Please call The SOURCE to register at 452-5295.

YOUTH ALL-NIGHTERS @ THE Y

Need a quiet night alone at home? Send the kids to the Youth All-Nighters at the new downtown YMCA. Kids will enjoy swimming, basketball, movies, games, ping pong, pool, and best of all, free pizza! Youth All-Nighters are for kids between the ages of 6 and 12 and are from 8:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m.

- October 15
Cost: \$15, \$20 at the door.
- October 29 Halloween Special Event
Cost: \$20, \$25 at the door.

Overnighters are also available for older youths between the ages of 11 and 15 from 8:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Activities include contests, games, activities, open gym (basketball, volleyball, climbing wall), swimming, cardio, fitness centers, pool, ping pong, air hockey, and foosball. A school ID is required.

- Cost: \$12
- September 24
- October 22

To sign up for the All-Nighters or Overnighters, call 855-9522.