

# Life Skills

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Happy Easter

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## Life Skills: Important for Daily Life

Life skills are not only used here at TCC, but are actually important for everyday activities that help us outside of these four buildings. Throughout this News-letter, you can find a list of classes, activities, projects, and field trips that all help us in our daily lives and expose us to the unique city of Tucson.

While there are several different buildings, what makes the Life Skills building distinct is the variety of classes offered to us. Each class is engineered to appeal to certain key life skills that all accumulate to make our lives more enjoyable.

Classes range from science to history, reading to computer skills, even money management.



## Classes in Life Skills!

Morning Class:

- \* Computers
- \* Library/Community
- \* Calendars and planning
- \* World History
- \* Celebration Group
- \* Connections Café
- \* Farm to table



Afternoon Class:

- \* Budgeting
- \* Ladies Social Skills
- \* Book Club
- \* Community
- \* Money Skills
- \* Reading
- \* Science Class



Afternoon Part Two:

- \* Language Class
- \* Office Team Too



# Farm To Table



Tyson is knuckle deep in soil working on a new plant.

Farming is an essential of our daily lives in and outside of TCC. We eat farming products in our lunches, at homes, at many restaurants around town. We also have several plants in each one of our building as well as our front patio. At TCC, we water these plants daily and make sure they get enough sunlight. It is important that we learn how plants function and help enrich our lives, so the life skills building has created our "Farm to Table" class. Each Friday morn-

ing the class meets, gathers up sunscreen and then leave to the Presidio Community Garden. We clean the common area, including all garbage even if it may not be ours and we have a 3 x 20 plot for our own gardening. We always bring our own work bags, planting gloves, and make sure to wear appropriate shoes. We have to make sure we stay hydrated, so we bring our own water jugs. It's gets hot working outside in the garden. It's important to make sure our

plants are properly taken care of.



*"My favorite thing about going to Library Group is visiting all the different libraries around town."*  
-Ashley Brown

# Library Group

The library is one of the most important places in any given city, because it offers so many educational opportunities. In addition to books of all topics, there are a variety of magazines, newspapers, and free computer access. Some of us like using the computer, checking out books, or just relaxing with our friends while paging through a magazine. Every

Wednesday morning we meet before taking sun van to a library, often the Wilmot Murphy library. Sometimes, we even get to take a trip to Bookman's, where we buy books or just look around at what they have. Some of us especially like buying C. D.'s or coloring books. Ashley said, "my favorite thing about going to library group is visiting all

the different libraries around town." You always have something to look forward to in Library Group.



# Computer Group



Computer group is an activity where we get to learn about the benefits of things like the internet as well as how to use the internet to further our education and communication. We learn how to use email, use Google to search, and how the internet can entertain us.

The first thing we do is learn how to turn the computers on and how to properly use a keyboard. We all have to enter in a special password to open

the computer. Second, we make our own e-mail address. Often times we send e-mail with family and friends to practice. Other days we learn about special events and write down any information we can. We all like different things, such as music, animals, and even games. In our free time we watch different music videos or lyrical videos, different types of games, and sometimes we Google pictures of our favorite animals. Dogs and cats are among our favorites to look up. It's important

to know how to use the internet and computers as the world changes. The internet is another way to educate ourselves. For instance, some of us enjoy watching sign language videos to increase our vocabulary and communication skills. Sierra said, "Computers are very fun to use and create pictures with Microsoft Paint." A good example of this can be found on our TCC Facebook page and the back of this newsletter. Computer class is one of our favorites here at TCC.



# Our Staff in Life Skills!



We love all of our staff, but the people that help us in Life Skills help us with tasks that relate to our daily life. Each class offers a unique skill set to work on that helps us learn how to express ourselves in more ways than one. In History class we learn about the world around us and more about ourselves in the process. We study where our last name come from and how the world and our country came to be. In Writing and Reading class we learn how to express ourselves through the written word.

**Tyson said, "The Life Skills staff are very fun to talk to in the morning."**

We read great stories and share with each other the joys of the reading process.

But there are so many different classes in Life Skills.

From computer class to money skills and budgeting, Life Skills provides an environment that is informative and entertaining at the same time! Everybody is good at something, and the staff in Life Skills know just how to bring out the

best in each one of us. We grow, learn, and socialize in so many ways.

Below: Jessica



## Best Friends!!



## Sara and Nicole

Life skills would never be the same without these two people. Sara is our head of the department and Nicole make sure the floor is operating while the program is in session. Both of these people help us in different ways. Nicole takes us to the mall, movie theater, bowling, the store, restaurants, and the li-

brary, too. She teaches reading group, celebration group, and farm-to-table just to name a few of her many classes.

Sara is head of life skills. Additionally, she teaches everybody how to cook occasionally, helps start new classes, and help out with administrative duties.

Bottom Left: Nicole  
Top Right: Sara



**Sara, Nicole, Jerry D, and Jessica K are the staff working in Life Skills.**



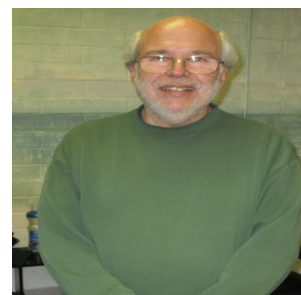
## Jerry D. and Marcia

Jerry's biggest help is during our computer and library classes. In computers, Jerry helps us create our own personal e-mail addresses so we can contact our friends and family outside of TCC. Tyson says, "I love e-mailing my friends!" Jerry also teaches us how to search for different Youtube videos, listen to music, watch instructional sign language videos, and search Google

for any pictures/images we want to look up. In case there are any computer issues, jerry is always there to fix the issue, not to mention he is a very funny guy.

Marcia is one of the newest staff in life skills. She is nice and a very good laughter. She took over the science class. Lately we have done some classic science projects, livk

homemade ice cream and volcanoes. Marcia is a helpful person if somebody needs anything. We love having her here.



Left: Jerry in action!  
Above: Jerry's personality according to Tyson.





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