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FREE EVENTS
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REGISTRATION

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MUSIC: The New York Philharmonic brings their annual free Concerts in the Parks series

MANHATTAN

CENTRAL PARK:

July 14, 8:00PM

July 17, 8:00PM

BROOKLYN

PROSPECT PARK:

July 15, 8:00PM

The CPC Literacy Program is having open registration for **FREE** Adult ESL classes from July to September 2009. Most of the classes are held in Brooklyn.

All applicants must fill out an application form, a written placement test and meet with a teacher before they can register.

REGISTRATION SCHEDULE:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 165 Eldridge Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10002 from 9:30AM to 12:30PM and 2:00PM to 4:30PM.

Directions: B, D trains to Grand Street or J, M, Z, F to Delancey Street.

Tuesday, Thursday at 4101 8th Avenue, 4th Floor, Brooklyn, New York 11232 from 9:30AM to 12:30PM and 1:30PM to 4:30PM.

Directions: D, M trains to 9th Avenue

Classes are first come first served.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

1. Photo ID – Driver's License, Passport, etc.
2. Passport sized photo
3. Social Security Number
4. Textbook fee – \$30 - \$35

If you do not have all the required documents you will **NOT** be able to register for class.

Simon Chiew: The Man behind the CPC Literacy Program

By Dara K. Fulton

Interview conducted by Adrienne Lew (former ESL teacher at CPC)

Simon Chiew is the **coordinator** of the CPC **literacy** program which serves **predominantly** Chinese **communities** in both Brooklyn and Manhattan. He is a former English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher. He has experience teaching students from **diverse** backgrounds and **cultures**. Simon is very dedicated to his staff and the CPC student population. He was asked several questions about his **experience** teaching English and learning new languages.

Why were you interested in teaching ESL?

English is a common language that people, from different backgrounds, use to talk to others. It's very exciting to help others learn the skills needed to make **connections**.

Have you faced difficulty learning a language?

When I first moved to Japan, I did not speak any Japanese. I practiced writing and watched TV to practice my listening. I used the language every day. You can't be shy or worried about making mistakes when learning a new language.

Do you speak other languages?

I grew up in a **bilingual** family, learned English and Spanish in school and studied Japanese while working in Japan. Learning a new language is a challenge but it is also very rewarding. My **goals** for learning a language are to **communicate** with different people and to learn about different **cultures**.

What is your vision for the Literacy Program at CPC?

The Literacy Program at CPC is growing so that we can serve more people in the **community**. We are always studying and learning about how we can make our program better. In the future, I want the Literacy Program to be in more **communities** and to have a bigger **presence**.

(Turn to page 2 to find the meanings of the words in **bold** and play a game!)

Students' Spotlight!

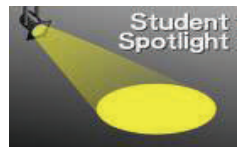
By Kim Mui

Spotlight: (noun) bright light on one area to center attention on a person

"My name is Sammi Xie. I'm from Guang dong, China. I have lived in the United States for 8 years. I'm learning English right now. I'm happy because I can speak a little English with my children and shop in American stores."

"My first name is Sherry. My last name is Wu. I'm from Venezuela. I speak Cantonese and a little English. I live in Brooklyn. I'm learning English right now. I want to learn English because I want to communicate with American people, and find a good job."

"My name is Zhenhua. My last name is Sun. I'm from Jiang Su, China. I speak Shanghainese and a little English. I feel very happy learning English because I can communicate with my neighbors. I can shop at American supermarkets and stores."



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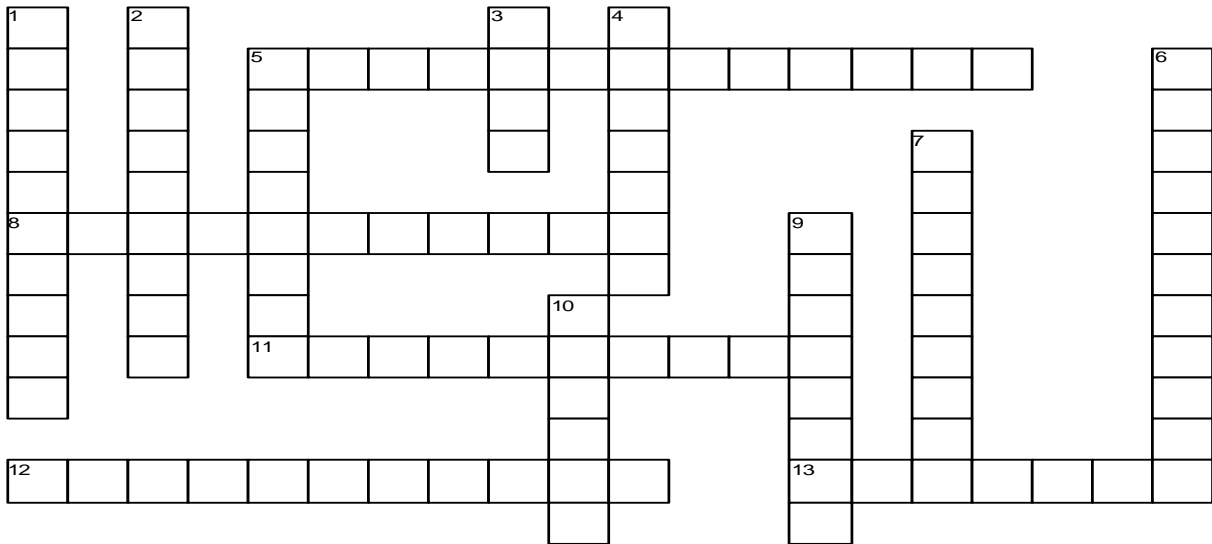
The Game Zone: Crossword Puzzle

By Ama Acquah

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Use the **bold** words from the Interview with Simon Chiew on page 1 for the puzzle below. Try to figure out the meaning in English first! Meanings retrieved from *Longman Dictionary of American English*, (4th ed.). (2007). England: Pearson Education Limited.

2. The words are: **community**, **predominantly**, **vision**, **bilingual**, **connections**, **coordinator**, **experience**, **presence**, **goal**, **communicate**, **literacy**, **difficulty**, **diverse**.



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ACROSS

- 5** mostly or mainly (ADVERB)
- 8** the process of joining together two or more things (NOUN)
- 11** knowledge or skill that you get or gain from doing a job or activity (NOUN)
- 12** someone who organizes the way people work together (NOUN)
- 13** the art, beliefs, behavior, ideas, etc. of a particular society (NOUN)

DOWN

- 1** a problem, or something that causes trouble (NOUN)
- 2** a group of people who live in the same town or area (NOUN)
- 3** Something that you hope to achieve in the future (NOUN)
- 4** very different from each other (ADJECTIVE)
- 5** the state of being present in a particular place (NOUN)
- 6** to give or exchange information or conversation with other people, using words, signs, writings, etc. (VERB)
- 7** Using or knowing two languages (ADJECTIVE)
- 9** the ability to read and write (NOUN)
- 10** an idea of what you think of something should be like (NOUN)