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tensive English Language Center, she has taught up to 25 kids at a time; a total of 120 in a class where students typically stay for 12 to 18 weeks before moving up within the program and eventually, to their neighborhood schools.

Bueso was on the ground floor of the IELC, a program Nguyen spearheaded in 2009 after the district began seeing increasing numbers of new students with major educational gaps.

"They hadn't been consistently attending school in their home cities or at their refugee camps," she said.

The issues faced by refugee kids add to their need for assistance as they adapt to American schools, Bueso said. "They're coming here mostly because they don't have a choice, because there has been a war or some other major event. Immigrant children have usually had some schooling. They haven't had the disruptions that refugee children have had."

"I know you are nervous," Bueso said to her students. "It's your first day. I want you to not be nervous."

She held up a printed piece of paper. "This will be your schedule."

Khine smiled. "Ah, yes, schedule," she said, softly.

Outside, the morning sun made long shadows of the trees on the lawn. An older couple walked past on the sidewalk, but Khine didn't notice as she looked from the paper to her

teacher's face and back again. Bueso pointed to the class periods on the sheet.

"Mrs. Bueso, Mrs. Bueso, Mrs. Bueso, Mrs. Bueso," she said. "You will stay here with me."

Learning the territory

The hallway was empty as Bueso and associate teacher Pam McGhee led their students to a bank of lockers. They handed each student a paper bearing numbers and arrows.

Khine, who plans to become a doctor and attended school in Burma and at the refugee camp in Malaysia where her family lived for two years, had never used a combination lock. She watched her teacher turn one of the dials and stepped up to her own locker, smiling.

Now she stood inches from the painted metal, confident as she turned the dial and grasped the handle. Nothing. She started over, checking the paper and pulling at the handle—which stayed firmly in place. "You have to go past the second number," Bueso said, showing her again. Khine tried a third time and a fourth.

"Ack!" she said, stamping her foot.

"Don't worry," Bueso said. "You're going to be fine. We'll practice again."

The halls were empty as Bueso led her students down them, pointing to doors as they passed. "Gym," she said, pausing to don imaginary sneakers. "Nurse's office." She faked a cough.

In the empty cafeteria, clerk Geri Walker counted bills as Bueso demonstrated how a line worked,

where the milk was, how to enter numbers on a keypad. "Oh no!" Bueso exclaimed, bringing her hands to her face, then hitting a button. "Clear."

"You never have to feel embarrassment," Walker told the students.

When the group returned to the classroom, two new students sat waiting for them. Another teacher arrived with a student from her class a few minutes into the next lesson. Khine grinned when she saw that it was Abishag, her friend from the apartments.

The cafeteria challenge

Vice Principal Mary Decker walked between tables in the crowded lunchroom.

"This is your social time," she said. "But be respectful to yourself, others and the environment."

The room burst into conversation as she finished, but Bueso's group stared quietly at the laminated cards she held out: "Zesty pork burger on a bun, cheese pizza, salad."

No one reached to examine them.

"Mrs. McGhee and I will help you," Bueso said. "But first, I had better go make sure lunch is set up for Abishag."

The students said nothing as she left. Wisps of Abishag's bob hid her face as she stared at her lap.

The isolation her students feel in the lunchroom is typical, Bueso said.

"Not many, if any, speak the same language, so there can't be much communication—at least verbally," she said. "Even those who speak the same



Khine Their waits for instructions with other students in the cafeteria before classes begin on her first day of school late last month. MARY CHIND/THE REGISTER

language usually don't know anyone else in the class and don't talk much to each other unless they are really outgoing."

She and McGhee aren't required to stay with their students during lunch, but during the early months of the school year, they do.

"The lunchroom is such a big, noisy intimidating place," she said, "and food is a personal thing—and one of the things refugee students don't like about school. We've had kids get sick because they're not used to the richness of the food."

Within a week, she says, her students begin to relax and open up as they learn the routine and get to know one another.

Starting from square one

Vin Nguyen was a refugee, "a boat person," he said. "And I know. The classroom is culture shock. They have never had a desk to sit at, have never seen a

PILOT PROGRAM

Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a program recently initiated as a personal project by Nguyen and Joe Jongewaard, a school board member and longtime community volunteer, pairs refugee families within the Des Moines school district with local residents, who will help them learn the basics of American life. To learn more, contact joe.jongewaard@q.com.

computer, never had to experience water fountains, bathrooms, line up for lunch. They have to change everything they have done for many years to adapt to this new setting."

School districts get extra money for students whose first language isn't English. The funding is for four years, but most students are in the program longer. "But if they have not met the educational objectives, we cannot just stop providing services. They are now part of a bigger picture that we have, for the school, the city, the state. They live here. We owe them educations."

Meredith Middle School Principal Cindy Flesch cites individuals like Bueso and Nguyen for the pro-

gram's success. "Once we break through those language barriers we have the opportunity to find out what each of these students brings to us."

After dinner on her first day of school in America, Khine sat down to write in the journal given to her by a reporter to help track her thoughts. She wrote:

In my heart, I have been thanking my mom and dad for bringing me here to the United States. I am grateful to be in the school. It is good for me and for my future to be able to go to school in the United States. I hope that I will be able to get the best future and more happiness in my life. I will set my priorities and try to succeed. I will try my best to achieve my goals.

FILMS

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ble, Joseph Gordon-Levitt is Joe, a hit man with a mission to kill the older version of himself.

Won't Back Down: Two mothers (Viola Davis and Maggie Gyllenhaal) look to transform their kids' bleak inner-city school.

Oct. 5

Butter: When the champ (Ty Burrell) of a butter-

sculpting competition in Iowa quits, the field gets clogged up between his go-getter wife (Jennifer Garner), a gifted orphan girl (Yara Shahidi) and a stripper (Olivia Wilde).

Pitch Perfect: The Glee-ification of pop culture continues in this comedy about a freshman (Anna Kendrick) persuaded to join her university's female singing group, The Bellas.

Oct. 12

Argo: Based on a true story, a CIA specialist (Ben



"Sinister" stars Ethan Hawke. SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Affleck) hatches a plan to rescue six Americans holed up at the Canadian

ambassador's house by sending in a team disguised as a sci-fi film crew.

Here Comes the Boom: A teacher (Kevin James) turns to mixed martial arts to raise money to save his high school's extracurricular program.

Oct. 19

Alex Cross: Tyler Perry takes on the cinematic mantle of James Patterson's literary detective as he's pitted against a serial killer named Picasso.

Killing Them Softly: Three guys rob a mob-protected card game, throwing the local underworld

into disarray. Enter Jackie Cogan (Brad Pitt), the enforcer unleashed to hunt them down.

Oct. 26

Cloud Atlas: The adaptation of the 2004 sci-fi novel following six stories that explore how human lives affect one another.

The Sessions: John Hawkes stars as a paralyzed man in his 30s in an iron lung who decides that now is the time to lose his virginity, to a sex surrogate (Helen Hunt).

Today on Television

Find expanded program schedules for cable and satellite television providers in the Des Moines area at DesmoinesRegister.com/tv.

Broadcast Local Channels

	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
WOI	The Chew		Good Afternoon America (N)		General Hospital (N)		The Doctors (N)		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	World News	News	Entertainment	The Middle	Last-Standing	Happy Endings	Apart-ment 23	Democratic National Convention	News	10:35 Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)		
KCCI	News	Bold/Beautiful	The Talk		Let's Make a Deal		Dr. Phil Worst Husbands in America		The Dr. Oz Show	News	Evening News	News	Inside Edition	NCIS: Playing With Fire (DVS)	NCIS: Los Angeles		Democratic National Convention		Democratic National Convention	News	Late Show With David Letterman	Ferguson		
IPTV	Caillou (E)	Daniel Tiger	Clifford-Dog	Thomas/Friends	Fetch! With Electric Comp.	Arthur (E)	Martha Speaks	Wild Kratts	WordGirl (E)	Curious George	PBS NewsHour (N)	Wood-smith		Democratic National Convention (N) (Live)					Business	Last of the Wine	Austin City Limits			
WHO	Channel 13 News at Noon (N)	Days of our Lives (N)	The Nate Berkus Show		Be a Millionaire	Jeopardy!	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	News	Nightly News	News	Wheel of Fortune	America's Got Talent (N) (Live)		Democratic National Convention					News at 10	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)	Jimmy Fallon			
KDSM	The Steve Wilkos Show	Maury	Judge Mathis (N)		Swift Justice	Swift Justice	The People's Court (N)	Simpsons	Big Bang	Two and Half Men	Big Bang	Hell's Kitchen 2 Chefs Compete (N)	MasterChef Top 3 Compete (N)	13 News at 9 on Fox 17 (N)	30 Rock	Two and Half Men	Raymond		Excused					
KCWI	Cops	Cops	Judge Ross	We the People	Better	Lifecan-gar	Lifecan-gar	The Jeremy Kyle Show	Family Guy	American Dad	TMZ (N)	How I Met	Hart of Dixie	Destiny & Denial	The Next New York	The Office	The Office	TMZ	How I Met	Law & Order: Criminal Intent				
ION	Batman & Robin * Arnold Schwarzenegger	Premiere. The dynamic duo returns to take on an icy villain.	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Flashpoint	Unconditional Love	Flashpoint	The Good Citizen		
KDMI	Yongary-Deep	Moby Dick *** Gregory Peck	A seaman is obsessed with killing the legendary whale.	The Scalphunters *** Burt Lancaster,	Ossie Davis	One Day in September *** Ankie Spitzer,	Gerald Seymour	The Contractor *** Wesley Snipes,	Charles Dance	Gunmen * Christopher Lambert,	Denis Leary	Cold Case True Calling												

Basic Cable Channels

	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
A&E	Criminal Minds Mayhem	Criminal Minds Paradise	Criminal Minds Today I Do	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds Middle Man	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	6:05 Coma (Part 1 of 2)						Coma (N) (Part 2 of 2)			9:57 Coma (Part 1 of 2)				
AMC	The Good, the Bad and the Ugly	1:15 The Sum of All Fears *** Ben Affleck	Terrorists plan to detonate a nuclear bomb in the U.S.	GoodFellas **** Robert De Niro,	Joe Pesci	An Irish-Italian hood joins the 1950s New York Mafia.	Crimson Tide *** Denzel Washington,	George Dzundza	Premiere.	The Last of the Mohicans *** Daniel Day-Lewis,	Russell Means													
CNN	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	The Situation Room (N)														Democratic National Convention (N) (Live)						Piers Morgan Tonight (N) (Live)	
COM	12:10 Strange Wilderness * Steve Zahn,	Jonah Hill	30 Rock	Gentleman's Intermession	2:55 30 Rock	3:28 Futurama	4:01 Futurama	Always Sunny	Always Sunny	Colbert Report	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart	Workaholics	7:21 Tosh.0	7:54 Tosh.0	8:27 Tosh.0	Tosh.0	The Burn-Jeff	Yukon Men The Race for Fur	Yukon Men The Race for Fur	Yukon Men The Race for Fur				
DISC	Gold Rush Bedrock Gold	Gold Rush Man Down	Gold Rush In the Black	Gold Rush Frozen Out	Gold Rush Judgment Day	Gold Rush The Jungle	Bering Sea Gold: Under the Ice	Yukon Men Hunt or Starve	Yukon Men The Race for Fur	Bering Sea Gold: Under the Ice														
DISN	The Great Mouse Detective ***	Phineas and Ferb	Phineas and Ferb	Fish Hooks	Fish Hooks	Good-Charlie	A.N.T. Farm	A.N.T. Farm	A.N.T. Farm	Good-Charlie	Jessie	Spy Kids *** Antonio Banderas,	Alexa Vega	Gravity Falls	Code 9	Austin & Ally	My Babysitter Phineas and Ferb	Jessie	A.N.T. Farm	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place			
ESPN	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	First Report	Football Live	NFL Live (N) (Live)	Around the Horn	Interruption	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	Beverly Hills Nannies	Beverly Hills Nannies	Beverly Hills Nannies	Beverly Hills Nannies	Beverly Hills Nannies	Beverly Hills Nannies	Beverly Hills Nannies	Beverly Hills Nannies	Beverly Hills Nannies	Beverly Hills Nannies	Beverly Hills Nannies	Beverly Hills Nannies	Beverly Hills Nannies	Beverly Hills Nannies	Beverly Hills Nannies	Beverly Hills Nannies
FAM	8 Simple Rules	8 Simple Rules	'70s Show	'70s Show	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba
FNC	America Live (N) (Live)	Studio 8 With Shepard Smith (N)	Your World With Neil Cavuto (N)	The Five (N)	Special Report With Bret Baier (N)	FOX Report With Shepard Smith	The O'Reilly Factor (N)	Hannity (N)	America's Election Headquarters (N)	On the Record With Gretta Van Susteren (N) (Live)														
FX	Deception (2008) * Hugh Jackman	Death at a Funeral * Keith David,	Peter Onorati	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	Date Night * Steve Carell,	Mark Wahlberg	Date Night * Steve Carell,	Mark Wahlberg	Enemy of the State ***								
HALL	The Martha Stewart Show	The Martha Stewart Show	The Waltons The Triumph	The Waltons The Premonition	The Waltons The Pursuit	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie
HGTV	My First Place	My First Place	My First Place	My First Place	My First Place	My First Place	My First Place	My First Place	My First Place	My First Place	My First Place	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Love It or List It	Property Virgins	Property Virgins	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Million Dollar	Million Dollar	Property Virgins	Property Virgins		
HIST	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Top Gear Small Cars	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms
LIFE	Wife Swap Bonnett/Linkins	Wife Swap Bailey/Downs	Wife Swap West/Grimes	How I Met	How I Met	Dance Moms Break a Leg	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms
MCC	High School Football	ESPNEWS	Rock Island	Behind	Newsleaders	Kirk Ferriz	Take-down	Impact Golf	Sports Weekly	Brooks-Sports	Talk Sports (N) (Live)	High School Football	Dubuque	Hempstead vs. Dubuque										
MTV	Awkward.	Awkward.	Awkward.	Awkward.	Awkward.	Awkward.	Awkward.	Awkward.	Awkward.	Awkward.	Awkward.	Awkward.	Awkward.	Awkward.	Awkward.	Awkward.	Awkward.	Awkward.	Awkward.	Awkward.	Awkward.	Awkward.	Awkward.	Awkward.
NICK	Dora the Explorer	Dora the Explorer	Sponge-Bob	Sponge-Bob	Robot, Monster	Kung Fu Panda	Odd Parents	Odd Parents	Sponge-Bob	Sponge-Bob	iCarly iCook	iCarly	Victorious	Victorious	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	2:03 Bar Rescue	3:12 Bar Rescue	Bottomless Pit	4:21 Bar Rescue	Fallen Angels	Bar Rescue	Murphy's Mess	6:39 Bar Rescue	Bottomless Pit	7:48 Bar Rescue	Swanky Troubles	8:57 Bar Rescue	Hogged Ham's	10:06 Bar Rescue	Bottomless Pit							
SYFY	Stake Land (2010) *** Nick Damici	Blade II ** Wesley Snipes	A vampire hunter unites with his prey against a new threat.	Daybreakers ** Ethan Hawke,	Claudia Karvan	Face Off	Face Off	Face Off	Pirate Treasure	Face Off	Pirate Treasure	Face Off	Pirate Treasure	Face Off	Pirate Treasure	Face Off	Pirate Treasure	Face Off	Pirate Treasure	Face Off	Pirate Treasure	Face Off	Pirate Treasure	
TBS	American Dad	Name Is Earl	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	King of Queens	King of Queens	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
TNT	Bones The Skull in the Desert	Bones The Man With the Bone	Bones The Truth in the Lie	Bones The Graft in the Girl	Bones The Soldier on the Grave	The Mentalist Red Sauce	The Mentalist	Miss Red	Bones The Woman in Limbo	Bones Titan on the Tracks	Bones The Suit on the Set	CSI: NY A Man a Mile	CSI: NY Outside Man											
USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	White Collar	Ancient History (N)	9:01 Covert Affairs	Glass Spider (N)	10:02 Royal Pains	(DVS)	11:02 White Collar	Ancient History			
WGN-A	WGN Middy News (N)	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	America's Funniest Home Videos	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	WGN News at Nine (N)	America's Funniest Home Videos	Old Christine	Old Christine		