



# Principal's Message

The end of the year is just around the corner. It does not seem possible that another school year has come and almost gone. I do hope your child has not only enjoyed the year but has grown in many areas.

Many of the goals established at the beginning of the school year have been accomplished. There have been numerous successes to celebrate. A short list would include: students academic achievement recognized by twelve of our juniors meeting the requirements to enter the 2010 National Merit scholarship program, our API and API celebration day, numerous countywide art exhibits and competitions, and nine athletic programs qualified for CIF play-offs. Through the year I have had so many opportunities to see how our student achievement goals have been actively embraced by all staff, students and stakeholders.

During the next school year, we will continue to link the school with the homes and the community as we strive to continually improve student achievement. As the year comes to an end, I would like to thank each of you who have shown so much support of La Quinta High School. If my staff or I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to assist you and your child.



Louise Milner, Principal

## Important Dates to Remember!

- May 14 Orchestra Concert/Spaghetti Dinner~6:00 PM
- May 20/21 Choir Spring Concert~(Theater)~7:00 PM
- May 26-29 International Week (lunch activity)
- May 27 Senior Awards Night~Garden Grove Comm. Ctr.~ 6:00 PM
- June 5 Faculty vs. Seniors Softball Game
- June 5 Aloha Dance ~ LQ Gym
- June 8 Yearbook Distribution ~ after school
- June 9 "June Bloom" Drama /One Acts (Theater)~
- June 10 Cap & Gown Distribution~ after school
- June 11 **Senior Final Exams** (0,4,5,6)
- June 12 **Senior Final Exams** (0,1,2,3)
- June 12 Senior BBQ~Gym/Pool Area (11:30-1:00)
- June 13 Baccalaureate (Crystal Cathedral)~1:00
- June 15 Senior Breakfast, Video, Graduation Practice
- June 16 Graduation (Bolsa Stadium~6:00 PM)  
*Final Exams (0,1,3,5) Grades 9-11 (minimum day)*
- June 17 Last day of Instruction/Diploma Distribution for seniors  
*Final Exams (0,2,4,6) Grades 9-11 (minimum day)*
- June 18 Grad Nite (Disneyland)



# From the Guidance Office

## AP Testing

May is just around the corner which means that it is time to get ready for our Advanced Placement (AP) Exams. AP testing will take place May 4<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. Students enrolled in AP courses have the opportunity to take the corresponding AP exams that schools across the United States will administer during these two weeks. AP exams are an essential part of AP courses providing students with a standardized measure of what they have accomplished in their AP classes.



Most colleges and universities in the United States will grant students college credit for passing scores on AP exams. This will give students the opportunity to be placed in higher courses and get students a head start on their college degree. This year La Quinta has approximately 320 students taking over 600 AP exams. We wish them all luck and congratulate them on participating in the most rigorous academic courses La Quinta has to offer.

## Senior Awards Night

La Quinta High School will be holding our annual awards night at the Garden Grove Community Center on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Many of our outstanding seniors will be receiving recognition for their accomplishments in academics, athletics, and extra-curricular activities. Representatives from various distinguished organizations will be presenting scholarships and awards to the students on this coveted night.



The students and staff of La Quinta High School look forward to celebrating these outstanding accomplishments with family and friends. If you have any questions please contact Michele Ramos at (714) 663-6375. We hope to see you there.

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## Summer School

Summer School will be offered this year to students who have failed one or more classes in the subject areas of Math, English, Science, and/or Social Science. If your student has failed a course in one of the above subject areas and you have not filled out the registration form, please contact the Guidance Office to set up an appointment.

### **Summer School Details**

*Location:* Santiago High School

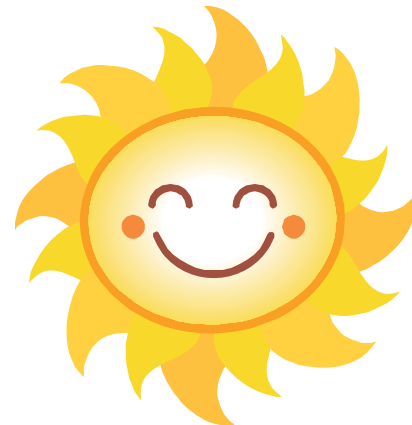
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Garden Grove, 92843

*Dates:* Session 1- June 22- July 10 (no school July 4<sup>th</sup>)

Session 2- July 13- July 30

*Time:* 8am-12:30pm



## Enrolling in Community College Classes

Taking a class at the community college during the summer is a great way for students to gain college experience and earn college credit that can transfer to the UC and/or Cal State system. Classes like psychology, sociology, art, music, and even online classes are available. Taking college courses can help make your transcript more competitive when applying to college. A list of Golden West, and Coastline the bulletin Guidance Of-should come in counselor for tion on how to



classes for Orange Coast, are posted on board in the fice. Students and see their more informa-sign up.

## School Spirit

Hello everyone, I am truly amazed at the phenomenal school spirit that we have. The amount of students we have involved in clubs, the amazing ASB, the participation in assemblies, these are just some of the many examples. We are also very proud of the number of parents also involved in the school, and with our Parent Power School program.

Finally, a special thanks should go to our staff, who give up their time to support our students in their many activities.

We look forward to an even better next year!

Chris Cumberland, Asst. Principal

## Graduation Notes

This Year's graduation ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 16th, 2009, at 6:00PM at Bolsa Grande High School Stadium. The Ceremony will last approximately one hour and the following restrictions will apply:

No signs or banners

No balloons

No food or beverages (only water)

No noisemakers

No umbrellas



A paid security company will be on hand to enforce the ceremony guidelines, which are designed to provide an enjoyable environment, as well as allow everyone to hear and see their loved one as they receive their diploma.

There are no tickets required and the gates will open at 4:45 PM for "first come, first serve" seating. If you have any questions regarding the ceremony, please contact Tom Duggan, Asst. Principal at 714.663.6372.

## La Quinta Grad Nite

Tickets are being sold for \$80 dollars and you can feel comfortable knowing your graduate is safe celebrating at the Happiest Place On Earth! Grad Nite is on June 18th, for more information contact Tom Duggan @ 714.663.6372.

**May 22nd is your last chance to buy a ticket, get your ticket now!**

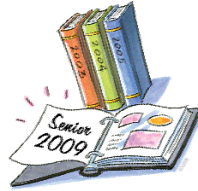
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## Yearbook

Buy your son or daughter a 2009 La Quinta High School yearbook before it's too late. The cost of the yearbook is \$90.00 and supplies are limited! So don't miss the opportunity to provide your senior with a book of memories he or she will cherish forever.

**Buy a yearbook now!**



## Activities

This past winter La Quinta students have showed tremendous effort in working their way through the year! Leading into another fantastic upcoming year, the Aztec family would like to congratulate our new 2009-2010 A.S.B. officers: Brian Keleman as President, Andrew Hua as Vice President and Lisa Tran as Secretary/Treasurer. Once again, Congratulations to our new A.S.B. Officers, we are sure that you will all make us proud.

A.S.B. would like to thank all of you for all of your support this year and hope all the La Quinta students will continue to make this a very memorable year.



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## Athletics

La Quinta welcomed a new Athletic Director in February, Ron Van Der Sluis. Mr. Van Der Sluis comes to us from Garden Grove High School where he was the head football coach for 8 years. We are glad to have him as an Aztec!

Spring sports are well under way. We have a number of teams doing well in Garden Grove League play. The baseball team, under the direction of Mel Baty, is off to a fast start in league with 6 wins and 0 losses. Boys' tennis is playing well under the guidance of coach Bryan Tran. Coach Jeff Nadeau's Girls' Softball has been improving all season and is poised to be in the upper echelon of the GGL. Michelle Rose has the Boys' Volleyball team playing its best right now. Coach Jeff Fulton has a record number of athletes participating in Boys' and Girls' Track. Boys' and Girls' Swim is off and swimming with the leadership of Coach Matt Hansen. The Golf Team has been improving all season and is getting ready for League Finals. Tri Nguyen has led the badminton team to another Garden Grove League Title. I am impressed by the hard work and dedication of both the coaches and athletes.

The weather is getting better all the time, so come out and support our Aztecs. Remember summer camps for a number of sports are right around the corner.



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## Sports Clearance

It is important for those athletes planning on participating in the summer program to make sure you're **cleared** to play. If your student didn't play a fall or spring sport, there is a clearance process, which begins with Diane Smith in the guidance office. Clearance packets can be obtained there and the process includes the following:

- Completing an Acknowledgement of Risk Form (**must be done in person**)
- Filling out an Emergency Card
- Filling out a Proof of Insurance Form (If you don't have insurance, it can be obtained for a minimal price)
- Having a physical exam (form is in the packet).
- Signing the GGUSD Athletic Code and filling out the Athletic Residency/Transfer Eligibility Form
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The entire packet must be completed and processed by Diane Smith and students must have a 2.0 grade point average to participate. Further questions can be answered by Diane Smith or Ron Van Der Sluis at 714.663.6372.

**AZTECS  
OF THE MONTH**



**Vincent Vu and Jennifer Wong**



**JANUARY**

**ATHLETES OF THE  
MONTH**



**Caity Caraballo, Daisy Sanchez, John Rio,  
Becky Martinez and Daniel Arreguin**



**Theodore Nguyen and Alexa Schlackman**

**FEBRUARY**



**Sandy Phan, Tien Nguyen, Lily Fassnacht, David  
Alvarado and Adrianna Cardoza**

**MARCH**



**Jeannie Mai and Mark Su**



**Not in any order: Quan Chu, Kathy Tien, Mi-  
chael Hill, Bobby Ellingwood, Caity Caraballo,  
Greg Miraglia, Wendy Truong, Richard  
Nguyen, Kevin Luu, Paul Cabrera, Kevin  
Anderson, Alex Sifuentes and Ryan Le**

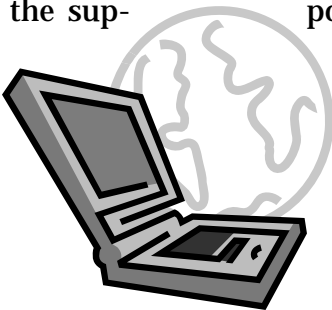
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## La Quinta's Website

Highlighted within our home page you will find resources for parents, students and the community. A new addition ~ Honor Roll will now be posted on the website for students and parents to view. We hope you will take time to browse through our web pages. They will lead you through the work of our school, as well as with the school district. We are proud of the sup-

port we provide to the La Quinta family. Visit La Quinta's website at <http://laquinta.org>



## La Quinta KIWIN'S Spirit

Aztec pride was on display in full force at the annual KIWIN'S club convention. In April, the Woodland Hills Marriott welcomed over 400 community-service-minded students from high schools all across the California, Nevada, and Hawaii (Cal-Nev-Ha) district. Everyone agreed that our 40 LQ KIWIN'S club members were definitely the most spirited when we won the spirit stick award for the 4th consecutive year! That's in addition to the other 21 awards and trophies our school club and members took home. **Nhat Tong** was not only recognized as the distinguished club president, but also won 1st place in the oratory contest. But perhaps the biggest source of Aztec pride was when, for the first time in La Quinta High School's history, our own **Mary Nguyen** was elected Governor of the Cal-Nev-Ha District! So the next time you see Mary, ask her the famous KIWIN'S question, "How Do You Feel?" Congratulations Mary! And a special thanks to our conference faculty advisors for cheering them on: Mr. Aldous, Mrs. Crosby and Mrs. LaPera.

