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Entrada Back  
to School  
Night
- November  
11th-Veteran's  
Day (Holiday)
- November  
26,27 Thanks-  
giving
- December 21-  
January , 2010-  
Winter Break
- March 1-3,  
WASC Visit
- April 5th-9th-  
Spring Break
- June 14th ,  
2010-  
Graduation  
Ceremony  
(tentative)
- La Entrada  
Algebra tutor-  
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days 1:30 PM

**IMPORTANT**

Remember that work is DUE at weekly appointments. Any student who does not turn in work on time risks missing attendance and work credit for the entire week. If students are unable to attend an appointment, please contact the instructor.

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## Principal's Message

by Elizabeth Moore

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year in Independent Study! I trust that everyone had a wonderful, relaxing summer and is ready for a great school year.

First, I would like to introduce/welcome back our newest teacher Mrs. Kim Peck. Mrs. Peck is returning to us after a one-year tenure at the Parkview Independent Study program. Returning staff includes our office manager Yesenia Gonzalez, teachers Randy Dennis, Debra DeSpensa, and Robin Rubinstein who teaches part-time. I feel, as I am sure you do, very fortunate to have such qualified and caring teachers working with the La Entrada students.

Several exciting new things are happening at La Entrada. After almost a year of writing, preparation and site visits the State Department of Education has awarded La Entrada High School the prestigious Exemplary Independent Study Recognition Award (EISRA). This award is one of only three awarded statewide. Many thanks go to our great students, parents and staff for their contributions in making our independent study program one of the finest in the state. This award is comparable to the Distinguished School award available to traditional high schools.

We will continue with the our orientation classes that were instituted last year. These highly successful required classes include information relevant to student tenure at La Entrada, study skills and tips, and technology usage. By now, if

your child is new to La Entrada, he/she has probably attended one or more of these sessions. Upon completion of the assigned work students will be awarded two elective credits. New this year are required bi-weekly classes in core subject areas. These classes are required for students who did not score proficient or above on last year's California Standards Test (CST). It is our goal that along with the rigorous curriculum offered at La Entrada we will be able to improve student achievement for those who need it most.

One of our ongoing tasks is the self-study or "Focus on Learning" program to improve student performance and prepare for this year's WASC visit March 1-3, 2010. We are in need of students and parents who wish to participate in the accreditation process. We will also be asking for parent and student volunteers to meet with the WASC visiting team on the above dates. If you have any desire to assist us in this process please call me or email me at [emoore@pylusd.org](mailto:emoore@pylusd.org).

I know we all are looking to a successful and productive school year. June graduation will be here before we know it!

Thanks for your continued support!

*Elizabeth Moore*

*Do Not Go  
Where The  
Path May  
Lead; Go  
Instead  
Where There  
Is No Path  
and Leave A  
Trail...*

*Ralph  
Waldo  
Emerson*

# La Entrada News!

## La Entrada is on the Web!

La Entrada High School has its own website. The site can be found at [www.laentrada.pylusd.org](http://www.laentrada.pylusd.org). This site is regularly updated and contains valuable information for La Entrada parents and students as well as many of the forms that we use. This information includes important dates to remember, college information, important links, CAHSEE review sites, contact information, admissions information and our school brochure and handbook. Check it out and please give us any feedback as to how we may improve our communication to the community. Send feedback to [rdennis@pylusd.org](mailto:rdennis@pylusd.org).

## Work Permits

If you are currently working, or are looking for a job, you will need a work permit. The current rules are:

- ⇒ you may work only 4 hours during a school night (Mon.-Thurs.)
- ⇒ you may work up to 8 hours on Fridays
- ⇒ you may work as many hours as you like on Saturdays and Sundays

Also, if at any time you are having trouble getting school work completed and turned in on time, your work permit can be revoked by the principal. Work permits are available through the La Entrada office.

## Important Testing Dates!

CAHSEE (the California High School Exit Exam) is a requirement for graduation and is given several times during the school year. Sophomores will all test March 16th and 17th, 2010. Make ups for those 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders who need to retake the test can test at these times: November 3rd and 4th, 2009, February 2nd and 3rd 2010, and May 11th and 12th, 2010. Any Seniors still needing to take the test to graduate should do so earlier than the May testing. We will be notifying all students with a letter. A **passing score of 350** on both parts of the CAHSEE is a requirement for graduation! La Entrada has a variety of study guides and prep materials to help get you better prepared. If you have any questions, or for further information, see your teacher, or call Mrs. DeSpenza at x14528

## SAT

SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test) for college bound students are given several times a year. The next testing dates are November 7th and December 5th, 2009. Seniors wishing to take the SAT can register online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Use school code number 054133. Call your teacher for more information.

## CSU News You Can Use

### CSUMentor.edu

Interested in attending a **California State University**? CSUMentor.edu is a free online resource designed to help students and their families learn about the CSU system. It can assist in choosing a CSU campus, planning to meet admissions requirements, and getting answers to frequently asked questions. It is designed to assist you from the time you begin your research until you apply to the school of your choice.

### SENIORS: APPLY NOW for 2009/2010!

The **California State Universities** are accepting applications for priority registration now through November 30<sup>th</sup>. Students with a 2.0 GPA or above who have taken the required high school courses, may be eligible for admission depending on SAT scores. Students with a 3.0 and above who have taken the required high school courses may automatically qualify for admission. Apply online at [www.CSUMentor.edu](http://www.CSUMentor.edu). CSUMentor.edu is the preferred method of application.

### Testing 1,2,3...

Colleges and Universities usually require testing for admissions and placement. Check with the college or university you plan to attend to see what they require. It is best to take the placement tests as often as possible during your junior and senior years.

<u>What</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>How to Apply</u>
ACT	10-24-09	09-18-09	www.act.org cost: \$32
American College Test	12-12-09	11-06-09	
	02-06-10	01-05-10	
	04-10-10	03-05-10	
SAT I and II Scholastic Aptitude Test	10-10-09	09-09-09	www.collegeboard.com cost: SAT I - \$45 SAT II - \$20 Language – add \$20 Subject Tests – add \$9
	11-07-09	10/01/09	
	1-23-10	12/15/09	
	3-13-10 (SAT only)	02-04-10	
	05-01-10	03-25-10	
	06-05-10	04-29-10	
EPT/ELM English Placement Test/ Entry Level Math (CSU only)	12-05-09	11-20-09	www.ets.org Contact the testing office of the CSU you plan to attend cost: EPT - \$18 / ELM - \$18
	03-20-10	03-05-10	
	05-01-10	04-16-10	
	06-19-10	06-04-10	



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CAHSEE is a  
graduation  
requirement.*



UC Approved Classes

## Need An ID Card?

See your teacher if you need an ID card. La Entrada students need school identification if they are taking concurrent classes and for all school activities.



## **GRADUATION CEREMONY**

**MONDAY, JUNE 14TH, 2010**

**THE FORUM THEATER AT LA ENTRADA  
(TENTATIVE)**

**La Entrada High School**

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## **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 2009**

**6:30 PM**

**LA ENTRADA HIGH SCHOOL CLASSROOM**

## **H1N1 Influenza**

### **What is H1N1 Influenza?**

H1N1 flu is a respiratory disease caused by type A influenza. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has determined that the swine influenza A (H1N1) virus currently in the news is contagious and is spreading from human to human.

### **How does H1N1 flu spread?**

Human to human spread of this H1N1 virus is thought to be happening in the same way that seasonal flu spreads. Flu viruses are spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing of people with influenza. People may become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose.

### **What are the symptoms of H1N1 flu?**

The symptoms of swine flu in people are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu and include fever (100° or higher), cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills, and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with the H1N1 virus.

### **What can I do to protect myself from getting sick?**

There are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses like influenza. Take these everyday steps to protect your health:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you get sick with influenza, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- Contact your health care provider for information about available vaccines.

**To keep the flu from spreading to more people, we ask you to keep sick children home. Any children who are sick in school will be sent home. Please keep your child at home if he/she has a fever of 100° or higher. For further information on swine flu, please visit the OCDE website at**

**<http://fluinformation.ocde.us>**

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