



Arcadia High School Newsletter

Arcadia High School PTSA

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President's Message

It is hard to believe that another school year is coming to a close; time goes so quickly! It has been a pleasure to work with parents, teachers, administrators and students as your PTSA President this year. We have a wonderful community – I'm not surprised that Arcadia was once again named the best town in California for families. Thank you all so much for the support you provided to our PTSA and Arcadia High School.

The May PTSA meeting was a fabulous way to honor all of you, our volunteers, and to install next year's PTSA officers. Our Honorary Service Program also took place and the following people, who have given so much of their time to help our students and AHS were honored: David Vannasdall and Karen Tom were given the Honorary Service Award, Laurie McQuaid was presented the Very Special Person Award, Ophelia Ha and Ruth Lagace received the Continuing Honorary Service Award. Congratulations and many thanks to all of the honorees. You have all truly made a positive impact on our school. Thank you also to the Honorary Service committee: Kathy Yamane (chairman), Mary Beth Haney, Donna Lee and Karen Tom. Many thanks also to Dana Thompson for our terrific luncheon.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee: Karen Tom (chair), Suwanee Chew, Laura Corral, Fenton Eng and Lori Kodama who worked hard to bring together the following slate of officers. We are very proud to present a strong and dedicated 2010-11 PTSA Executive Board who will continue

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to work for our children next year.

Thank you and best wishes to our newly elected Executive Board:

President	Fenton Eng
Executive VP	Lee Callander
VP Legislation	Kim McElwee
VP Programs	Suwannee Chew
VP Publicity	Dan Jee
VP Membership	Ruth Lagace
Assistant	Mary Beth Haney
VP Ways & Means	Gina Kerfoot
VP Newsletter	Tina Rodriguez
VP Hospitality	Monica Carrasco
Recording Secretary	Leigh Chavez
Corresponding Secretary	Sara Ho
Treasurer	Dana Beckon
Financial Secretary	Castalia Chan
Auditor	Debbie Beveridge
Historian	Carol Misakian
Parliamentarian	Lisa Brock

The Senior Awards Program is coming up and our PTSA will be awarding seven, \$500 scholarships to deserving seniors. Thank you to all of you who donated to the PTSA letter campaign, which funded these scholarships – we appreciate your generosity and support!

The June PTSA meeting will be held at Church of the Good Shepherd (located on the corner of Duarte Rd. and Holly Ave.) in the Fellowship Hall, starting at 9:00 am (snacks at 8:45 am). I hope to see you there.

We need you!!! There are several chairman positions still available. Please contact Fenton Eng if you are interested in helping next year. Fenton's contact information is 462-0767 or fong59@hotmail.com.

Again, thank you to each and every one of you for your help and support this year. Enjoy the end of the year festivities and have a fun filled and relaxing summer. See you at Apache Days in August!

Ruth Lagace

Arcadia High School PTSA Calendar

June 2010

- 2 Grad Night meeting - 7:00 pm - AHS Cafeteria/Apache Pit
For Details: <http://ahspta.com/DetailsGradNight>
- 3 PTSA Meeting - 8:45 am @ Church of the Good Shepherd (Fellowship Hall)
- 4 Senior Activity Day and Yearbook Distribution..
- 6 Baccalaureate - 5 pm
- 8 Hispanic Parent Booster Meeting. This will be the last meeting for this school year (Date Change)
7:00 pm, Apache Pit/Cafeteria [Reunión en la cafetería de la escuela]
For Details: <http://ahspta.com/DetailsHispanic>
- 8 Finals - minimum day Students will be excused at 12:29 pm
(No off campus permits these days)
- 9 Finals - minimum day Students will be excused at 12:29 pm
- 10 Finals - minimum day Students will be excused at 12:29 pm
- 10 Last day of school
- 11 AHS Graduation, 6:00-8:00 pm, (Santa Anita Track)
- 11/12 Grad Night - 11:00 pm to 5:00 am

July 2010..

August 2010..

- 17 Apache Days - Seniors..
- 18 Apache Days - Juniors..
- 19 Apache Days - Sophomores..
Note that Music Camp Freshmen will be allowed to register with Sophomores on August 19..
- 20 Apache Days - Freshmen..
- 20-25 Music Camp (check with Music Club for more information)..
- 23 Apache Days - Make-Up Day..
- 26 School Begins..

ROP NEWS

ROP is gearing up for summer and will be having the following *FREE* classes; Computer Programming C++, Computer Program JAVA, Digital Photography and Retail Marketing. Class enrollment is based on a first come basis and have been filling quickly for information come to P-12.

Work Permit Reminder:

If you are a student under 18 years old who is currently working, the law requires that he/she have a work permit (even during summer). Work permit applications can be obtained in the ROP office P-12 and are free. The ROP office will be processing work permits during the summer. The office hours will vary and will be posted outside the ROP office door, or you may call us at (626) 821-1775. Remember; please allow 24 hours to process your work permit.

Picture yourself at the end of the summer. What have you accomplished? Was the summer successful? Were you happy with what you did? Below are some activities your student can do during the summer.

***Take an ROP class**

It will look good on college applications
It will expand your teenager's educational options
It will help your son/daughter pay for college
It will help your teenager acquire lifelong skills and habits
It will help improve problem solving and decision making skills

*** Get a job**

Let neighbors, friends and relatives know you are interested in working
Make a personal visit to a business or employer with a resume and follow up with a phone call
Remember, employers are looking for someone willing to work, someone willing to learn, someone who will be there and someone who gets along.

Earn money
Gain experience
Further career plans
Avoid boredom

***Volunteer**

Volunteering is one activity where you get back more than you give. Volunteering is a way to make a difference. Being a volunteer helps make life better for everybody: the people you help, your community, your family and yourself.

The ROP office has a volunteer book which list places in the community looking for student helpers.

Check with public libraries
Check with local hospitals
Check with your city recreation department
Check with your church or synagogue for projects that might need help

Have a great summer break!
Cindi Franz
ROP Counselor

Textbook and Library book reminder from the AHS Library:

We would like to remind parents and students that all textbooks and library books need to be returned, and any fines paid before seniors will be allowed to receive their diplomas, and all others be allowed to register in August. Seniors please remember: many job applications, security clearances, etc. require verification that you have graduated from AHS. We will not be able to verify this unless you are cleared in the library of all books and fines. Please try to be cleared in the library by the last day of school. Returning students who are cleared at the end of the semester won't have to wait in long lines to take care of this at registration in August. Please contact the Library if you have any questions.

Thanks from the Library Staff

ATTENTION PARENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2011:

It's time to start thinking about Grad Night 2011!

Grad Night is a very fun and rewarding event.

All senior parents are encouraged to get involved and participate. There are a variety of ways to help.

Please contact Co-Chairs Mary Brockmeyer or
Lisa Lucas for further information.

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Apache Days

YOUR CALENDAR SHOULD HAVE THESE DATES NOTED!

Apache Days for the 2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR will be August 17-23rd! Seniors will register on Tuesday 8/17, Juniors on Wednesday 8/18, Sophomores on Thursday 8/19, and Freshmen on Friday 8/20. Make-up Day for all grade levels is Monday August 23rd. Keep those days free to take care of business at Arcadia High School! AHS families will be receiving their passwords from Arcadia Unified School District the first week of August. Using these passwords, families are required to fill out two District forms-the Annual Notification to Parents and the Emergency Contact Form. Each form has a signature page which must be printed out and signed by the parent. Bring these two forms to Apache Days along with the rest of the Apache Day Packet. This is the third year that the packet is online.

When you complete the district forms, you MUST continue online to the high school site. These forms must be completed, printed out, and signed BEFORE you come to Apache Days. If you do not bring these forms, you will not be allowed to start the registration process. If you do not have access to a computer and cannot get to the Arcadia Public Library prior to your scheduled registration time to access a computer, please arrange to come to Arcadia High School with a parent to complete your paperwork in the computer lab. Filling out the online forms will take a full hour, so please allow for time to complete these forms before your scheduled registration time. Please make sure your parent brings all the emergency contact information, insurance form numbers, and identification materials necessary to fill out all the forms.

For our new students, an explanation of Apache Days...every year, during the five days of registration, thousands of students (over 90%) are able to pay their fees, get their schedules, take their ID card and annual pictures and pick up their books, and begin the process of orienting back to our campus. There will be more than 300 parent volunteers for the entire process. Please be timely, fill out the forms, and bring a backpack for your books. Thanks to our efficient volunteers and staff, no student should take longer than 2 hours to register during Apache Days!

In advance, we'd also like to say a big THANK YOU to all the parents who say yes when they are contacted to help! It takes over 300 volunteers to make this event a success. Apache Day volunteers are such a valuable resource, we appreciate your participation! WE still need your help as we write this article, so please contact us ASAP if you are available to volunteer for a 3 hour shift. Let us know what day and

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time (morning or afternoon), you can work. We will also need volunteers on the first morning of the school year, August 26, 2010. Thank you for all of your time in assisting our students as we welcome all back to AHS!

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Apache Day Chairs, 2010-11



The AHS Counselors will be available during Apache Days to assist students who have conflicts and/or errors on their 2010-2011 school year class schedule.

Dear AHS PTSA,

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as your newsletter editor for these past two years. My oldest is graduating this year, but I will return when my younger children age up and arrive at the high school. Thank you for all your support.

Gratefully,

Suzanne Davis

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"Building our Future Together."

Please visit our website @
<http://ahspta.pbwiki.com/>

Staying Connected!

- AHS website: www.ausd.net/ahs Gives you student bulletins, teacher e-mails, counselors and administrators, bell schedules, daily updates on what's happening at AHS, phone numbers, ISIS, Library, ASB, etc
- Counseling Center website: <http://www.ausd.net/ahs/Counseling/> Provides information on all aspects of the Counseling Center. View PowerPoint presentations and all documents here!
- E-mail listserv: listserv.ahspta@ausd.net Weekly updates for activities, parent resources, calendar of events, volunteer opportunities.
- Read PTSA newsletter : www.ahspta.com and click on newsletters or go to www.ahspta.com/Newsletters
- Calendar of PTA events: www.ahspta.com and click on calendar or go to www.ahspta.com/calendar
- Input to PTSA Newsletter: ahsnewsletter@ausd.net E-mail articles for the quarterly newsletter about campus activities, counselors tips, administration's message.
- Arcadia Choral: <http://www.arcadiachoral.com>
- Athletics: <http://athletics.ausd.net/>
- Music: www.arcadiamusic.org
- CPBC: www.arcadiachineseparents.org

