
NEWSLETTER

Connecting the Pieces of Success

WASC Visit

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges will be onsite at April 6-9th. The visiting committee will be meeting with staff, students and parents to verify the self-study report with a focus on student learning. To see the full Self-Study report please visit: www.pointquested.com. We are also looking for parents interesting in meeting with the committee members on Sunday afternoon, April 6th. If you are interested, please contact Shee Thao at (916) 422-0571 x 221

Important Dates

March 18/19: CAHSEE Administration

April 7-9: WASC Visit

April 7: Award Ceremony

April 9: Minimum Day (8:30-1:00)

April 14-18: Spring Break

May 12: Minimum Day

May 26: Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL



Point Quest
EDUCATION

Director's Dialogue

It is hard to believe that it is already almost spring. We have been very busy at Point Quest this winter. Over the past several months, students have worked on implementing the Organized Binder system and holding each other accountable in their learning activities. *Student Achievement Teams* have been established, with our older students meeting with each classroom to determine strengths and growth areas in the classroom's Organized Binder system. Organized Binder is a proven system that creates an





Common Core State Standards

New standards, called Common Core State Standards (CCSS), are on the way for all students in California, beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. These standards set high expectations for all students. They are rigorous and internationally benchmarked; research- and evidence-based; aligned with college and career expectations; and they build on the foundation laid by individual states. The aim of this state-led initiative is to develop standards that ensure all students are held to consistent expectations that will prepare them for college and career.

Please watch the school's website for an informational video. The following resources have also been compiled for parents.

- <https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/cc/elaresources.asp>
- <http://www.capta.org/sections/programs/e-standards.cfm>

organized, highly predictable, and dependable classroom. It establishes very clear expectations and routines that help teachers minimize classroom management issues and students organize their learning. Using this system teachers and students organize, access, and file classwork and homework to build a bank of student thoughts and information from which they can study and reference. Organized Binder makes teachers more effective and students more successful.



March 21, 2014 is the end of the third quarter. Grades and progress towards IEP goals will be completed and mailed no later than April 4th.

As we work our way into spring and the weather gets warmer many of our students have issues with school attendance. As a reminder attendance is mandatory for all school-age children. We try to work closely with families and students to assist in issues that arise. If you are having trouble with getting your student on the van in the morning, please do not hesitate to call the front office.

Looking forward to the end of the school year, mark your calendars for our last day of school, May 30. Graduation will take place at 10:00am that day for students who will be receiving a diploma, a certificate of certification or aging out of the program. If you are not sure if your students will be participating in the graduation ceremony, please contact Greg Rodrigues at the main office number.