

Welcome to the 2015-2016 School Year!



Welcome Students, Parents, & Learning Coaches to the 2015-2016 school year. I am so very excited to have each and every one of you here at Insight! All faculty and staff here at Insight are deeply committed to the academic success of each student. Beyond academics, we will also be providing students an opportunity to explore their future, through monthly career focus sessions and opportunities to take classes focused on career planning, technology, and health services. Our goal is to expand the career class options as we grow.

As the first day of school, September 1st, is right around the corner, I want to remind you on tips to be successful here at Insight. Be sure to log into your courses daily and complete work. Do not wait until the last minute to turn in assignments or reach out for help. Call, email, or text us right away when you need help. We are always here to support you. Please know my door is always open and I would love to hear from you! Here is to a very successful year at Insight!

Melissa D. Garcia, M. Ed

Learning Coach University

Learning Coach University (LCU) is a monthly workshop for parents and learning coaches. Each month will focus on a different subject to help you support your student and be their greatest cheerleader!

Subject: Where do I start

When: September 16th @ 12:00 p.m.

Where: Click on your (parent or learning coach) scheduled Class Connect link five minutes prior to start time

Questions About Graduation?

Click on, or copy and paste the following link to view a quick recording about graduation requirements:

<http://tinyurl.com/15-16-Graduation-Requirements>

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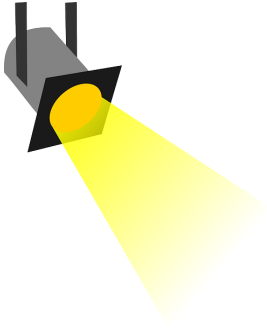
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K¹² Attendance



Make entering daily attendance easy- download the *free* K12 Attendance App for smartphones!

Teacher and Support Staff Spotlight



Heather Paraiso



Heather Paraiso is an Insight Family Support Liaison. She has enjoyed helping students over the past 11 years, as both a science teacher and as an administrator. She holds a B.S. in Earth Science, a teaching credential in Chemistry, a Master's degree in Cross-Cultural Teaching, and a certificate in Biofuels Technology with an emphasis on Aquatic Microbiology from UCSD. Heather lives in San Diego with her family and numerous pets.

Stephanie Zamora

I'm excited to be entering my second year teaching with Insight Schools! I work within the Social Studies department and have the privilege to be your World History teacher!! I love history!! I'm a SoCal girl and I grew up in Diamond Bar and graduated from Diamond Bar High School. Immediately after high school, my ambition to travel the world as a business consultant led me to double major in Political Science and Business Administration at UC Berkeley. I also had the privilege to study abroad at Cambridge University, England, and Waseda University, Japan to learn from different cultural perspectives. After graduation, I took on a project management position with Disney Consumer Products in Burbank, but quickly decided on a career change to enter the teaching arena. After a year of corporate culture, I enrolled at Stanford University to get my Masters in Education and Social Science credential. Since graduation, I have been teaching at a public school - Gabrielino High School since 2005. I've had the privilege to begin as a virtual teacher with Insight since August 2014. Teaching has brought me some of my greatest joys such as meeting my husband and working with one of my best friends. I am now the proud mother of two adorable little girls, Abigail (4) and Hannah (2.5) who both keep me busy with their insatiable appetite to play. My weekends now include catching up on sleep, making healthy meals, and finding new places for them to explore. After a brief trip to Yosemite, our family is on a quest to visit all the national parks during our breaks! I look forward to working with you all this upcoming year!



Support Calendar

The support calendar contains information on dates and times of a variety of parent and student support options, workshops and field trips. Each of the Class Connect sessions are scheduled for you already– all you need to do is click on the link in your Class Connect sessions list for that day!

These include: Help Desk (for parents and students)

Parent Orientation (for parents and learning coaches)

Career Workshop (for students, parents and learning coaches)

Teen Parent/Pregnant Teen (for students)

Learning Coach University (LCU) (for parents and learning coaches)

Field Trips (for our students and their families)

~ September 2015 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Quarter 1 - C1 - Start 11-12 Help Desk 12-1 Parent Orientation 2-3 Help Desk	2 10-11 Help Desk 2-3 Help Desk	3 10-11 Help Desk 2-3 Help Desk	4 10-11 Help Desk 12-1 Parent Orientation 2-3 Help Desk	5
6	7 No School	8 11-12 Help Desk	9 Warehouse, Shipping & Transportation Transportation Career Workshop @ 3:30 p.m.	10 2-3 Help Desk	11 11-12 Teen Parent/Pregnant Teen Support Group	12
13	14 Quarter 1 - C2 - Start 10-11 Help Desk 2-3 Help Desk	15 11-12 Help Desk 12-1 Parent Orientation 2-3 Help Desk	16 10-11 Help Desk 12-1 Learning Coach Univer: Where Do I Start? 2-3 Help Desk	17 10-11 Help Desk 2-3 Help Desk	18 10-11 Help Desk 12-1 Parent Orientation 2-3 Help Desk	19
20	21	22 11-12 Help Desk	23	24 2-3 Help Desk	25 11-12 Teen Parent/Pregnant Teen Support Group	26 FIELD TRIP! Sriracha Chili Grinding & Factory Tour @11:30 a.m. in Irwindale. (Free.) Limited to 20 cars only!
27	28 FIELD TRIP! Fender Factory Tour @ 11:00 a.m. in Corona. (Cost.)	29 11-12 Help Desk	30	Notes:		

Career Focus for September: Warehouse and Transportation Industry

Field Trip to Sriracha Chili Grinding & Factory Tour

Join us on Saturday September 26th from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. for this **FREE**, fabulous tour of the Sriracha factory in Irwindale!

We will watch the annual chili grinding event, tour the factory and experience a Chinese Lion Dance!

All ages welcome to this field trip– please RSVP to reserve your spot at:

<http://goo.gl/forms/b7c4ygd89a>

This field trip is limited to only 20 cars– act fast!

Field Trip to Fender Guitar Factory

Love music? Join us on the Fender factory tour on Monday September 28th from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

This fantastic tour will take us through the factory and visitor center in Corona.

Ages 9 and up welcome.

Costs: Adults \$10

Seniors \$8

Children (13-17) \$6

Children (9-12) \$0

Please RSVP to reserve your spot at:

<http://goo.gl/forms/FFh2HKE7bf>

*Did you know?
Warehouse jobs can be physically
demanding– what better way to stay
in shape? You also get to learn how
to work a pallet jack and forklift!*

*Did you know?
Truckers drivers start out mak-
ing around \$40,000 per year,
but can make double that?*

*Did you know?
A warehouse worker usually
starts around \$10/hour but
more experienced warehouse
workers can earn more than
\$30/hour?*

Information Corner

"Are you a "Night Owl" or an "Early Bird"? - Schedule your most important tasks during a time when you are alert and not sluggish. Study when you will get the most out of it. "

-Joe Grisafi

Questions About Schedule Changes?

Contact our Student Support Specialist
Jaime Forrest via k-mail.

Starting the School Year Off Strong

- ⇒ Log into, and complete work in, your classes every day
- ⇒ Respond to k-mails, emails, phone calls, and texts from your teachers
- ⇒ Reach out for help when needed
- ⇒ Learning coaches enter attendance each day
- ⇒ Attend as many live Class Connect sessions as you can
- ⇒ Set yourself up for success by creating a daily work schedule
- ⇒ Hold yourself accountable for completing your work each day
- ⇒ Check the gradebook for each class at least twice per week (both parents and students)

Did you know?!
Your enrollment is not complete until your ISMA is signed properly by the parent and student, and submitted?

Strong Start Schedules				
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
9am	Strong Start Onboarding	Strong Start Onboarding	Strong Start Onboarding	Strong Start Onboarding
10am	Watch recordings: All teachers have kmailed you an "Intro to my class" recording link.	Attend Content Live Lessons	Attend Content Live Lessons	Attend Content Live Lessons
11am				
noon	Lunch			
1pm	Complete iReady Assessment	Attend Content Live Lessons	Attend Content Live Lessons	Attend Content Live Lessons
2pm				
3pm				
4pm				

Strong Start Sessions can be accessed through your ClassConnect Calendar in the platform.

Please see your ClassConnect Schedule in the platform for specific dates/times for each of your content classes

Beginning of the Year Hangouts!

DATE	START TIME	END TIME	COST/ PERSON	LOCATION	CITY	COUNTY	HOSTING TEACHER	HOSTING TEACHER PHONE #
Tuesday Sep- tember 1st	12:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	Varies	Starbucks	San Diego	San Diego	Kristina Bos	323-505-2671
Thursday September 3rd	12:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	Varies	5694 Mission Center Road #604 San Diego, CA 92108				
Friday September 4th	12:00 noon		None	Camarillo Community Center Park 1605 E. Burnley Street Camarillo, CA 93010	Camarillo	Ventura	Bo Binas	661-857-7735
Saturday September 5th (Pending final approval from park)	2:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	None	Hawthorne Memorial Park 3901 W. El Segundo Blvd. Hawthorne, CA	Hawthorne	Los Angeles	Brittney Fiorello- Larkin	424-294-8688
Wednesday September 9th	10:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	varies	Starbucks 260 W. Birch Street Brea, CA	Brea	Orange County	Stephanie Zamo- ra	909-287-1218
Wednesday September 9th	2:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	Varies	Starbucks 23790 Newhall Avenue Santa Clarita, CA 91321	Santa Clarita	Los Angeles	Jennifer Kline	661-388-0376
Wednesday September 9th	5:30 p.m.		None	Virtual Office	N/A	N/A	Carly Boyd- Dovideo (Sub for C. Naga- yama)	805-888-9999
Thursday September 10th	11:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	Varies	Long Beach Town Center Food Court Front Entry 7565 Carson Blvd. Long Beach, CA 90808	Long Beach	Los Angeles	Monique Kroese	562-354-0661
Thursday September 10th	12:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	Varies	Starbucks 25960 Iris Avenue Moreno Vally, CA 92551	Moreno Valley	Riverside	Krstine Smith Danielle Ward	951-567-3533 951-289-5448
Thursday September 10th	12:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	Varies- \$15- \$20	Cal Bowl 2500 Carson St. Lakewood, CA 90712	Lakewood	Los Angeles	Joe Hargrave	714-759-2536
Friday September 11th	10:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	None	Virtual Office	N/A	N/A	Courtney Dale	559-285-1097
Friday September 11th	10:00 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	Varies	Maui Wowi Hawaiian Coffees and Smoothies 409 Mission Avenue, Unit C-120 Oceanside, CA 92054	Oceanside	San Diego	Katie Miraglia	858-376-7134
Friday September 11th	12:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	Varies	Starbucks 2849 Lenwood Road Barstow, CA 92311	Barstow	San Bernardino	Dana Mendez	714-519-6584
Friday September 25th	12:00 p.m.		None	Bike on the BoardWalk Mission Beach Meet at main life guard station San Diego, CA	San Diego	San Diego	Joe Grisafi	619-485-0667
Friday September 25th	12:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	Varies	Meet @ seating area @ Union Station 800 N. Alameda St. Los Angeles, CA 90012	Los Angeles	Los Angeles	Nick Parra	657-549-1629

Connect With Us!

Have a Question?!

Your homeroom teacher can help! Call on them with any question through k-mail or by phone!

For technical issues, please call: 866-512-2273



Have ideas or suggestions for our newsletter?
K-mail Dana Mendez!

Want to Join the PTA (Parent Teacher Association)?

Are you interested in helping us begin our first PTA?

Please click on, or copy and paste the following link so we can get your information and reach out to you!

<http://goo.gl/forms/udFJxJQ1s1>

*Have a stupendous
September!!!*

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