



Regan Elementary School

Mrs. Angela Razza, Principal

Mrs. Maria Milo, TVP

MARCH NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. RAZZA

March is here and springtime is finally on the way! It is amazing to see how engaged students are in their learning each day. Please make sure that your child attends class each day. We will begin to follow a full day schedule on Monday, March 15. This will occur on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Every Wednesday will be a 12:35pm dismissal. A plan for a full day and your child's schedule will be shared this week. If you have any concerns or questions about your child's progress, please call the school to set an appointment with your child's teacher. They are always willing to meet to discuss your child's progress. We all want our students to succeed!

We will start our school-wide reading project, *One School, One Theme* on Monday, March 7. We hope that each family embraces this reading project so that children get excited about reading. Each Wednesday, your child will answer a question based on the book.

The Smarter Balanced Assessments will be given to all students in the State of Connecticut that attend a public school. In the elementary years, students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will take the assessment. Regan School students will be starting this assessment soon. A letter will be shared on Parent Square with the specific dates on each test for students in these grades. Students will be assessed in math and reading. Grade 5 will also be assessed in science. You can have your child practice taking the test. Have your child practice taking the Smarter Balanced practice test by using this site: <http://ct.portal.cambiumast.org>. Click on Practice & Training Test on the right column. Follow the prompts. No password is needed.

As a reminder, if your child is out sick, please make sure to call the office AND/OR message the teacher on Parent Square. It is still considered an absence. If you have any questions about attendance, please call the school. If your child is not feeling well, please keep him/her home and participate virtually.

The 21st Century After School program will continue until mid - May. Please stop by the school and pick up the materials that have been organized for your child. They will need these materials in future planned activities. The students are enjoying the activities in the program. A separate post on Parent Square will continue to be shared each week so that families know what your child is learning each week in the program. The Extended School Hours program for students in grade 1 will be ending on April 15. If you have any questions about either of these programs, please feel free to call the school.

I hope you and your family are able to attend future virtual family events. We will continue to host evening events until June. The contents of the tote bags will be shared at future family nights. Please stop by the school to pick up the tote bag of materials if you have not done so yet. A Regan School t-shirt will also be in the tote bag.

We look forward to working together! Happy Spring!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Children should be logged into their *Google Meet* **NO LATER THAN 8:35 a.m.**
- The start of the school day begins at 8:35 a.m.
- A student is considered tardy after 8:35 a.m.
- The first brain break where students will log off is 9:55 - 10:10am.
- The second brain break where students will log off is 11:10 - 11:25am.
- Synchronous learning will end at 12:35 p.m.
- *Google Meets* are available daily from 2:30 - 3:05pm with all teachers.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Main Office	203.574.8187	Bus Company	203.591. 1847
School Fax	203.573. 6647	Special Ed. Bus	203.753. 8366
School Nurse	203.574. 8305	Parent Liaison	203.346. 2603
Cafeteria	203. 346.2347	Family Intake Center	203.346. 3511

Please notify the main office if your phone number or address has changed. It is important that the office keeps accurate information in the event of an emergency. Thank you!

**A MESSAGE FROM MRS. POULTER
PARENT LIAISON**

Here are a few tips from Channing Bete Company for you to help your child learn to love reading:

- Encourage conversations - talk with your child often
- Share family stories
- Read with your child everyday
- Let your child see you reading
- Make reading fun
- Stay involved in child's education

To learn more about reading visit the library or www.ed.gov for more tips. Make reading a fun family time! If you need anything such as books or other school supplies, please contact me, Patty Poulter, at 203-574-8187 or 203-346-2603.

SGC - Books have arrived for our second "One School, One Theme" activity for March through April. The "Parents are Teachers too" tote bags went home with the in-person students on April 26 and will be available for pick up at the school for our virtual students.

CLASSROOM NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. CHIUCARELLO AND MISS DICKEY KINDERGARTEN

We can't believe that it is March already! It's time to say goodbye to the cold and snow and hello to the beginning of spring. As spring arrives, we will begin planting seeds and be able to watch them grow. Students will get to bring their special plant home later in the year. We will continue to talk about what plants need to live and grow in science and this will help us take care of our plants.

In ELA we will continue to use Wonders read alouds to learn about story elements and answer questions about a text. Students will be placed in a new small group based on their instructional focus and will work with the teacher a few times a week. Please continue to review the letters and the sounds they make at home. Students will still work on blending and segmenting sounds to help them read and write.

In math we will continue to work on addition and subtraction. Students are now seeing both kinds of equations at the same time, so they will need to recognize what the equation is asking them to do. Students will also start to work on math story problems. Students will learn how to solve the problems and share their answers.

We enjoy watching your child learn and grow. It has been such a pleasure so far and we can't wait to see how much farther they will come! As always, remember to have your child complete Amplify and iready minutes daily. Your child should also work on Foundations daily. If you ever have any questions or concerns please contact us!



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. DEMOLLARI AND MISS WOJTUNIK FIRST GRADE

March is here already and first graders are very excited about spring. Spring is a favorite season for most of our students because they can say goodbye to a frigid winter and enjoy the warm weather. During March, students will be involved in discussions about insects and how people work with animals. The Wonders reading program integrates science and literature and students love fiction and nonfiction texts about insects and animals.

In Math, students will work on unit 3 and they will be introduced to the concept of place value with tens and ones. Students will explore two-digit numbers to see that different combinations of tens and ones can represent the same total. Finally, students will tell and write time to the hour and half hour on analog and digital clocks. Foundations lessons will be posted on google classroom weekly and students will work in the classroom too.

Science is a favorite subject for our first graders. They are eager to learn more every day. They ask and answer a lot of questions about plants, animals and how they adapt to survive.

Lastly, we will be starting our One School-One Theme story this month! The book we will be reading is "Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors?", it is very fitting since we will also be celebrating Women's History Month!

Love,

Mrs. Demollari

Miss. Wojtunik



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. CIPRIANO AND MISS TYRRELL SECOND GRADE

Hello March! Spring is finally here. We have been working hard completing our Amplify Reading Quests- 20 minutes, every day and i-Ready Math lessons - 20 minutes, every day. In Foundations, we are now in Unit 11-2, learning new trick words, double vowels, suffixes, practicing marking our words and reading stories. In math, we are adding and subtracting three digit numbers using multiple strategies- expanded form, open number lines, place value charts, regrouping and base ten blocks. We are continuing to solve one step and two step word problems. In science Unit 4, we are learning all about plant and animal structure. In ELA/Wonders, we are working in Unit 4- folktales about nature, the comprehension strategy- theme and fluency, learning new vocabulary, rereading for understanding, visualization, finding evidence and learning new suffixes.

This month is all about famous women in history. We have chosen for our One School/ One Theme book to read about "Amelia Earhart".

Please check on your child's daily assignments. You can always send us a message on ParentSquare to see how your child is doing. We have office hours every day for student help.

Miss Tyrrell and Mrs. Cipriano



A MESSAGE FROM MR. MITCHELL AND MRS. SCHMIED THIRD GRADE

Happy March! Warmer weather and longer days are not too far away. Here are a few things that we plan on working on during March:

Math - Math i-Ready should be done for 20 minutes everyday. In math class we are working on learning how to solve one and two-step word problems using the four operations, drawing, interpreting and solving problems related to scaled bar and picture graphs. We are solving word problems involving perimeter and area. We are also continuing to learn our multiplication facts.

Reading - Reading Amplify needs to be worked on everyday. They should be working on one entire quest. In reading class, we are working on strategies and skills (ask/answer questions, reread, find the evidence, point of view, compare and contrast, cause and effect, genre); practice examples for Smarter Balanced Assessment that students will take in April/May (Continue independent reading to improve fluency and comprehension.)

Science - We are learning all about motion and all the different types of motion that we see in our worlds.

Social Studies - Famous Women in History

All 3rd grade students have asynchronous work to be completed in the afternoon/evening. Please check your child's Classwork page in Google Classroom to be sure that he/she is completing and turning in their daily assignments.

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. BETANCOURT AND MR. WELCH FOURTH GRADE

Dear parents/guardians,

We can't believe that it is already March! The school year is flying by. Here are a few updates about what we are working on in school currently.

In science, students are learning about external and internal animal biology. So far, they have completed several hands-on activities that have helped them understand animal anatomy.

In math, students will begin finding equivalent fractions. As always, make sure your children are practicing their addition and subtraction skills, as well as multiplication and division. All of our math skills build on the skills from past units, so it's essential that they continue to practice them. Students should also complete 100 i-Ready minutes (1 hour and 40 minutes) every week.

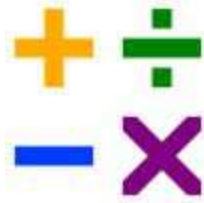
In reading/language arts, fourth grade will begin learning how technology and science can help advance humanity forward, which incorporates nicely with our current skill, point of view. Additionally, please make sure your children are completing their 60 Amplify Reading minutes every week.

If you have any questions, feel free to come onto our office hours from 2:30-3:05 Monday through Friday.

Thank you and stay safe!

Mr. Welch

Mrs. Betancourt



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. DEFAZIO AND MRS. TIMAUL FIFTH GRADE

Where does the time go? Can you believe it's already March?

Our students have been working hard on many things. This month students will learn about amazing women throughout the world. We will also learn about Earth and it's systems. Students will learn about Earth's different spheres. In reading, students will learn about what people can do to bring about positive change. We will learn about people who made a difference in the world. Then we will continue with expository text about nature. In math we will solve word problems that include adding and subtracting decimals, fractions, and mixed numbers.

Please check in with your child and your child's teacher to make sure they are completing their assignments. We expect students to be completing i-Ready and Amplify Reading minutes daily. The expectation is that they complete all assignments as well as their specials assignments.

If you have any questions please reach out to your child's teacher. Thank you!

Mrs. DeFazio and Mrs. Timaul



A MESSAGE FROM NURSE ALLISON

Hello Regan Families,

I hope you are all doing your best to stay healthy and keep other's healthy. Spring is around the corner! Keep wearing your masks and maintaining social distancing. Restrictions have lightened up in Connecticut, but it is still important to take precautions. We can do this!

Fifth Grade Parents

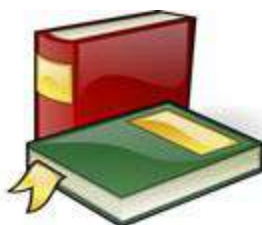
It's hard to believe that your child's elementary school years are coming to an end. I apologize if I caused any tears! But next year they will be heading to middle school. Most of our students head toward North End Middle School! But no matter what middle school you attend, a state mandated **2021** physical exam is required for entry into 6th grade.

If your child's last physical was January-early August of 2020 (or before), they must have a completed physical before the next school year begins or will be excluded from starting 6th grade. If you have completed physical, you may either send it to Regan school nurse, drop it off at North End over the summer, or bring it the first day of school.

If your child's last physical was during fall 2020, he/she will be allowed to enter but must have physical during fall 2021 (usually one year and one month from last physical).

Corona Virus Updates

The Waterbury Healthy Department is conducting vaccines clinics as are various other organizations. If you currently qualify for a vaccine and need assistance registering or simply have questions, feel free to call the health department at 203-574-6780 for information.



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. PRONOVOST READING INTERVENTIONIST

We have finished looking at our reading data for the middle of the year and have rearranged our Intervention groups. I have added any new students to my Reading Intervention Google Classroom that will be receiving Reading Support. Those students will see either myself, Mrs Byrnes our Reading tutor, or Mrs. Milo. Be on the lookout for an assignment posted. New Intervention students must have an Intervention Permission Form signed and returned. I will post it in our Intervention Google Classroom under "Classwork". Please be patient with us with the times for groups to meet as things continue to change. We have a few successes to report. 4 students have exited Reading Intervention and I am so proud of them. Keep reading everyone!



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MILO LITERACY FACILITATOR AND TVP

Hello Families and Students!

Please check out the awesome, FREE reading resources listed below. Whether it's 20 minutes a day of good old fashioned book-in-hand reading or reading on a digital platform, the time spent with text will only help children develop their skills!

International Children's Digital Library (ICDL)

The non-profit [International Children's Digital Library](#) identifies exemplary books that help children to understand the world around them and the global society in which they live and makes them freely available on the Internet.

KidLit TV

Children can experience authors and illustrators reading their works through [KidLit TV's Read Out Loud](#) program, which includes an array of titles featuring diverse people and cultures. Find more read-alouds, plus podcasts, activity ideas, book trailers, and more at their [award-winning website](#).

Story Time from Space

[Story Time from Space](#) is a project of the Global Space Education Foundation, which sends children's books to the International Space Station. While in space, astronauts record themselves on video reading these books to the children of Earth and share them on the Story Time from Space website.

**A MESSAGE FROM MR. NAZARIO
MUSIC TEACHER**

I am so happy to welcome students back this month for live music instruction. We are going to start with the basics and work our way forward to the end of the year. I look forward to the opportunity to teach students both in person and online the joys of music and music making, whether it be singing, moving, or listening. Looking forward to it!!!!



**A MESSAGE FROM MR. GILMORE
PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER**

Hello Regan Families!

We are into March and hopefully some nice weather. Try to get outside for some safe and healthy exercise. I will continue to post lessons weekly on our Google Classroom page.

Have fun, stay safe and stay active!



**MS. BAECHLER
ART TEACHER**

In Art, students will be learning about tints and shades, architecture, illustration, and landscapes. They will be learning about the artists Georgia O'Keefe, Charles Sheeler, Claude Monet, Sieglinde Schoen Smith and Maggie Taylor.

Students are welcome to use any art supplies at home. This can include pencils, colored pencils, markers, paint, watercolors, construction paper, tape, glue, etc. Students should be using what they have to complete their assignments; I will accept any and all supplies!

I will be holding office hours on Google Meets B and C days from 2:30 until 3:05. Remember, these office hours are optional and meant to help you and your student if they are stuck on an art assignment or if they have any art questions. I am more than happy to walk students and parents through the process of uploading a picture of their artwork to the assignment. Each student should be completing 30 minutes of art per week.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or feedback for your student's art class!

Stay creative and safe!

Ms. Baechler




A MESSAGE FROM MRS. TATA LIBRARY MEDIA TEACHER

Continue to check our library Google Classroom weekly for new lessons and assignments. We will be starting March by celebrating Read Across America Week. Lessons will focus on Women's History Month for the second week of March. We will end the month by starting units on literary genres. Library office hours are on A and E days from 2:30-3:05 for March. Please come on to office hours if you need help with lessons or assignments.

Thank you,

Ms. Tata

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

-  **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** Remember to register for the Box Tops program! Download the free app. You can now scan your receipt with your phone. Each Box Top counts! Regan School earns money for school supplies! Go to [BTFE.COM/PRODUCTS](https://www.btfec.com/products) for a complete list of Box Tops product. We will no longer be collecting the Box Tops at school.

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STOP & SHOP REWARDS: Visit www.stopandshop.com/aplus and scroll down to register your Stop & Shop card. Regan School's ID # is 40370. You can also call the A+ School Rewards Hotline at 1-877-275-2758 for assistance.

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SHOPRITE FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM: Help Regan School Earn FREE educational equipment and be entered to win a ShopRite gift card! Registration is easy; enroll your Price Plus Card to Regan School and each time you shop you will receive an automatic entry into the sweepstakes! Register your card at www.shopriteforeducation.com. Please note: If you enrolled your card to the school in the past, your card must be re-enrolled to continue supporting Regan School. For complete contest rules, please visit www.shopriteforeducation.com/rules.




Dear Families and Friends:

We are excited to inform you that we are participating in an incredible program that allows us to earn FREE classroom equipment and supplies!

Here's How You Can Help!

- Sign up your ShopRite® PricePlus® Club Card to our school code by:
 - visiting www.shopriteforeducation.com
 - or -
 - completing and returning this form to school.
- Shop at a participating* ShopRite® from October 1, 2020 - April 25, 2021 with your enrolled card and our school will earn points towards free classroom equipment, all donated by the store.

Please Note: Cards must be re-enrolled this year. Cards enrolled during previous school years, will not roll over to this year's program.

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