



Regan Elementary School

Mrs. Angela Razza, Principal

Mrs. Maria Milo, TVP



MAY NEWS



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. RAZZA, PRINCIPAL

I can't believe May is already here and the school year is quickly coming to an end! You should have received your child's report card for the 3rd marking period. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher. The last report card will be available on June 16th, the last day of school.

Attendance is still extremely important as we end the school year. A lot of learning goes on each day and the skills build on each other. For a strong foundation, it is essential for students to attend school daily.

Smarter Balanced testing will begin for students in grades 3,4 and 5 on Tuesday, May 11 and continue throughout the month. In addition, all students in grades kindergarten through grade 5 will be given end of the year assessments in math and reading. Please make sure your child comes to school every day! Below are some tips that can help your child do well on tests and help your child succeed!

Help Your Child Do Well On a Test:

1. Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before every test.
2. Provide a light, healthy breakfast.
3. Have your child dress comfortably and arrive at school on time.
4. Send your child off to school with confidence-building words of praise and support: "You'll do great!" "Believe in yourself!" "I love you!"
5. Suggest that your child breathe deeply to relax before and during the test.
6. Remind your child to read directions carefully and look at all the answers before choosing one.
7. Tell your child to check his or her answers before submitting the test.
8. Do not schedule trips, dental or medical appointments, or early pickups for testing days.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the school to set an appointment with your child's teacher. We look forward to working together to



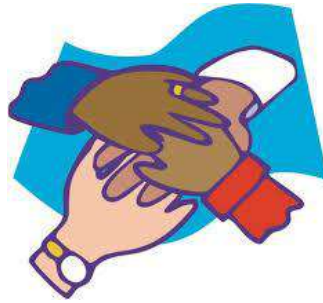
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 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

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| 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

Thank you to all the family members who have participated in our PTO and SGC this school year. Your input and support have been extremely helpful. Kendra Tompkins is a very active parent member on both. Kendra is the PTO president/treasurer and the SGC parent leader. She is always looking for more parents to join her to increase our parent involvement. Please join us for our next meetings. Your involvement matters. Thank you to all the families who have logged on for our many virtual family events. Those events were very informative and fun. Please know that your suggestions and participation are very important in order for your child's continued academic success at Regan School. Thank you again for your support and continued interest in your child's education.

For great family engagement ideas, activities and events be sure to visit or call the Silas Bronson Library at 267 Grand Street, Waterbury, CT 06702, (203) 574-8205 www.bonsonlibrary.org

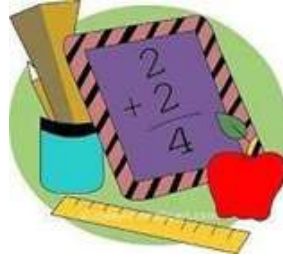
Please remember to contact me, Patty Poulter, Parent Liaison @203-574-8187 if I can assist you in any way.



CLASSROOM NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. CHIUCARELLO AND MISS DICKEY KINDERGARTEN

WOW, we can't believe it is May already! We have learned so much this year but still have so much more to learn, so make sure you come to school everyday ready to learn. In May, we will start learning about digraphs in Foundations. Your child may have started to see these already in Unit 4 or in small groups. We will continue our close reads in Wonders with questions to answer after the readings. In math, we are learning how to make a teen number out of a group of ten and some ones. Students will use ten rods and ones to help understand this concept. In May, students will complete their end of the year mCLASS testing and math testing. For students at home, please make sure you have a quiet area at home where you can concentrate. In May, we will also start an ABC Countdown! Each day will be a different letter and we have fun activities planned for each day. Before you know it, it will be June! We can't wait to learn with your child as we come to the end of Kindergarten.



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. DEMOLLARI AND MISS WOJTUNIK FIRST GRADE

May is already here and our first graders are counting down the days till the end of the year. Being in school everyday until the last day of school is our goal. May is an important month because mCLASS testing and iReady Diagnostic will take place. Those tests will show students' performance and their progress.

Students will learn new vocabulary and high frequency words in Wonders. In Math, students will learn that adding or subtracting a number that is a multiple of ten (10, 20, 30, etc.) can be thought of as adding or subtracting a number of tens (1 ten, 2 tens, 3 tens, etc.) In Foundations, students will continue to learn about multisyllable words. Lastly, in science we will be learning how plants and animals respond to changes in their environment. The unit will end with a selfcheck and a unit review.

Love,
Mrs. Demollari
Miss. Wojtunik



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. CIPRIANO AND MISS TYRRELL SECOND GRADE

May is here! We are counting down the days as the end of school is quickly approaching. Our second graders are working hard getting their Amplify Reading minutes and i-Ready Math minutes done daily (20 minutes every day).

Our last two assessments will be coming up soon:

mCLASS End-Of-Year Assessment - May 11 - May 21st

Math Diagnostic End-Of-Year Assessment - May 25 - May 28th

Students should have a quiet area to work during these assessments. They will need scrap paper and pencil to do the work during their math diagnostic. These assessments show students progress and growth for the school year.

In Foundations, we are starting our last unit and reviewing all of the other units from our trick words, vowel sounds, practicing marking our words, reading and writing sentences. In math, we are working on comparing lengths and 2 step word problems. In science, we are working on Unit 6, Objects and Patterns in the Sky. In reading, we are starting Unit 6 in Wonders. We will still be working on comprehension strategies and skills when reading our stories.

We have less than a month of school left. Keep working hard! We got this!

Miss Tyrrell and Mrs. Cipriano



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

Happy May!! We hope everyone is getting a chance to get outdoors to enjoy these warmer days. In addition to our third grade curriculum, May is our assessment month. Here are some important dates:

Early May mClass Reading Assessment
May 11 - 13th Smarter Balanced Assessment - ELA
May 18 - 20th Smarter Balanced Assessment - MATH
May 25 - 28th iReady Math End-of-Year Assessment

Please encourage your child to take their time and to try their best while testing. All students should show their work on paper before selecting or inputting answers on the Math assessments - both Smarter Balanced and iReady. For students testing virtually, please have them test in a quiet area that is free of distractions. We recommend a good night's sleep each night and a healthy breakfast each morning.

Many thanks for all of your help and support!



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

Dear Parent and Guardians,

We can't believe the year is almost over! The kids have worked so hard and it's time to highlight what they have learned this year. Please encourage your children to do their very best on the upcoming Smarter Balanced (SBAC) test. This is a very important test.

We take the ELA SBAC on May 11, 12, and 13 and the Math SBAC on 18, 19, 20. They will need plenty of sleep, a good breakfast, and encouraging words. Also, if your child is virtual, make sure that he or she is not distracted by anything and has paper and pencil.

Additionally, fourth grade will be taking the i-Ready end of the year assessment on May 25, 26, and 27. We know this is a lot of testing, but it is only for part of the day and the rest of the schedule remains the same.

We know your children will do the best they can!

Sincerely,

Mr. Welch

Mrs. Betancourt



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

Happy Spring! We are looking forward to the warmer weather and doing some activities outside. We are excited about the month ahead. Although we will be taking the Smarter Balanced assessment, we still have a lot of learning to do.

In Science, we will be continuing with Unit 7 - Learning About How Humans Affect the Earth. In reading, we will finish up Unit 5 and work on some writing skills to prepare for 6th grade. In math, we will continue to work on fractions in many different ways.

Lastly, we have a few dates to be aware of:

May 11-13th ELA Smarter Balanced Test

May 18-20th Math Smarter Balanced Test

May 25-27th Science Smarter Balanced Test

Please make sure your children are getting a good night's sleep the night before the test. We also have a few other assessments we will be completing. We have the End of Year iReady testing as well as Mclass tests.

Talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions.



A MESSAGE FROM NURSE ALLISON

Hello Regan Families,

Happy May! This weather has been very back and forth, so please be cognizant of expected daily temperatures and dress your child accordingly so he/she can enjoy outdoor recess and gym.

Fifth grade families, your child will need a physical to enter sixth grade unless their last physical was after September of 2020 (a new physical will be expected one year after the last one). Please make an appointment if you haven't done so yet. If a 2021 physical has been completed, you may drop a copy off to my office or have it faxed to (203) 573-6647.

Finally, Covid vaccines are available through the Waterbury Health Department, various clinics and pharmacies. You may either register online or calling any of these facilities to register:

https://www.waterburyct.org/filestorage/9573/91635/103409/COVID-19_Vaccine_Clinic_%28E%29_2.1.21.pdf or

<https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine>

I hope everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day. Stay safe! Stay strong and positive!

Nurse Allison



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. PRONOVOST READING INTERVENTIONIST

This month the students are taking their end of year mCLASS reading assessment. Grades 3-5 are taking them from April 27- May 10 and grades K-2 are taking them from May 11 - May 21. This assessment will show your child's growth in the areas of phonological awareness, decoding, and reading fluency. The assessment is given one-on-one and is very brief. I know everyone will do their best. I am very proud of all my students and the effort they have put in so far this year. The work in school and at home really does show. Keep up the great work!

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MILO LITERACY FACILITATOR AND TVP

Hello! With the end of the school year just around the corner, now is an excellent time to start thinking about materials and books to keep our children engaged during their time off. Summer reading is a great way to prevent what we, in education, refer to as "the summer slide." In short, that's when children lose some of the achievement gains they made during the previous school year. Please feel free to reach out to me if you would like some books to build your at home library. My email is mmilo@waterbury.k12.ct.us.

Just 20 minutes of daily reading is all it takes to keep your child on track for future reading success!



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

For our final full month of school, we will learn how to utilize technology in the music classroom to facilitate learning of music standards and concepts. Younger grades will work on thematic songs while older grades will make playlists and read lyric sheets online.



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

Hello Regan Eagles! We are holding gym classes outside and participating in running activities. We will be using bean bags, cones, jump ropes and juggling scarves. Virtual students should continue to complete our lessons weekly. Have a safe month!



**MS. BAECHLER
ART TEACHER**

In Art, students will be learning about portraits and figure drawing. They will be learning about one of my favorite artists, Kehinde Wiley. They will also learn about Laura Callaghan, Frida Kahlo, Amy Sherald, and Winslow Homer.

I have taken the time to show in person and virtual students how to create digital art using websites on their computer. Students should be able to complete most or all assignments digitally. 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 work created with any and all supplies!

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

Stay creative and safe, Happy May!



A MESSAGE FROM MS. TATA LIBRARY MEDIA TEACHER

We will be finishing our poetry units in grades K-5 at the beginning of this month. For the rest of May, each grade will be focusing on a specific genre. Best wishes to all the third, fourth, and fifth graders that entered the 25th Annual National Student Poetry Contest hosted by the American Library of Poetry.




This is the link for our new library website:

<https://sites.google.com/waterbury.k12.ct.us/regan-library/home>.

Regan students have access to EBooks and Interactive EBooks on our library catalog. The username is regan and the password is rhinos.

-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 for a complete list of Box Tops product. We will no longer be collecting the Box Tops at school.
-  **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.
-  **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.

School Code: **1 7 6 8 5**



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For a list of participating stores, please visit
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