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Regan Newsletter May 2014

Dear Parents and Families of Regan School,

Ask your students about their daily learning targets in each academic area.

It has been a great year!!! Below is a list of dates to keep in mind for the entire end of the year activities.

Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

May 2, 2014 – Junior Achievement Day

May 7, 2014 – Rock Cat Game for 50 students in Grades 3-5.

May 8, 2014 – May 9, 2014 – PTO Plant Sale

May 14, 2014 – Early Dismissal @ 1:05 PM – Teacher Collaboration/PD

May 15, 2014 – PTO Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. – All Purpose Room

May 17, 2014 – The Gathering @ Library Park

May 21, 2014 – Field Day @ Bucks Hill Park

May 23, 2014 – PBIS Ice Pop

May 26, 2014 – No School – Memorial Day

June 5, 2014 – Kindergarten Orientation

June 6, 2014 – Spelling BEE

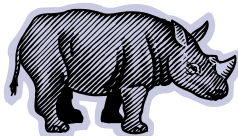
June 7, 2014 – Great Dash and Bash 5K Library Park

June 13, 2014 – PBIS Carnival

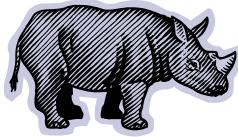
June 17, 2014 – Early Dismissal @ 1:05 PM - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!

Sincerely,

Noreen E. Buckley
Principal



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CLASSROOM NEWS

KINDERGARTEN Team – Mrs. Gutierrez and Ms. Parks

Hi Everyone! We can't believe this year is almost over! We are just starting our DRA testing this week with the children. Please keep reading with your child at home and have them try to retell the story to you. When they are retelling the story, make sure they are including the character, setting, and what happens in the beginning, middle, and end. Keep practicing sight words with your children, and having them sound out basic words while reading.

In Math, we are still working on adding and subtracting within 5. Please make sure when your child is doing their math homework that they are either drawing pictures or using their fingers to solve the problem. Please don't forget to practice counting with your child by 1's and by 10's to get to 100.

In Science we have been celebrating Earth Day, and even got to plant our very own garden! The children have been telling us how they have been helping to clean up the earth by picking up trash and making sure to turn off their lights when they don't need them! Soon we will be learning about the life cycle of frogs and butterflies! All of the children have come so far and it is so great to see! It was very nice to see many of you at parent teacher conferences last week! Some of our folders have not been cleaned out in a while; please make sure you are checking your child's folder every night. Keep up the good work and we are so excited to see our kids get ready for first grade!

GRADE 1 Team – Ms. Dunn and Mrs. Roden

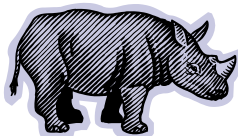
Happy Spring to our First Grade Families! We have been enjoying the warmer weather and our time back together after break. The students returned well rested and ready to complete the school year. Our end of the year assessments will begin. Please continue to read with your child every day and ask him or her to retell the story with the book closed. Please quiz your child on addition and subtraction math facts to twenty...they are doing great with those! Field day will be May 21st, so we are looking forward to a lot of fun with the students. Thank you for your continued support and hard work to help us have strong finish to our school year.

GRADE 2 Team – Mr. Dombrowski and Mr. Homewood

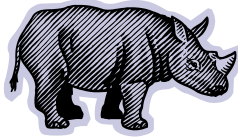
It is hard to believe that the year is winding down but our second grade students are ready to continue to working right up to the finish line. Students continue to work on various genres of literature in reading. Our second graders will be taking the DRA this month to determine their end of the year reading levels and we are both excited to see the amount of growth our students have made from September to now.

Please continue to encourage your child to read at least 10-15 minutes every night. Ask them questions about what they have read so you can be sure that they are practicing "real reading" by reading the words and not just flipping through the pages and just looking at the pictures. We are working hard Unit 4 – poetry and reader's theatre. Students cannot wait to share their work with you! In addition, the children are working on reading fluently, making predictions, answering open ended comprehension questions, summarizing, finding the main idea and details, and author's purpose for writing.

In math, we continue to focus on place value. Emphasis is placed on regrouping in addition and ungrouping in subtraction up to the hundreds place. Students will continue to make new tens, hundreds, and thousands. We also have just made flash cards in the classroom that students will be allowed to bring home and return to school every day for extra practice! In social studies, we are continuing to discuss community and how they can become excellent citizens.



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Your child will continue to receive homework Monday – Thursday. They should be studying their spelling words every night since there will be a spelling test **every** Friday unless otherwise noted. You can also go to these websites for additional help: Spellingcity.com, Primarygradesclasspage.com, Starfall.com, Fasttmath.com, Oswego.org, and RAZ-kids.com. We are looking forward to ending the year in style! ☺

GRADE 3 Team – Mrs. Baker and Mr. Mitchell

May has finally arrived. This month will find the third graders extremely busy.

1. Math (mult./division facts) and Reading (wcpm) fluency tests
2. DRA reading assessment
3. Math and ELA Acuity pretests (Unit 4)
4. CogAT - Cognitive Abilities Test
5. SBAC - third grade Common Core testing
6. Junior Achievement class visit/lessons
7. Field Day

In addition to all of the above, we will continue with the fourth marking period curriculum. Please continue to stress that your child do his/her BEST each and every day!

Many thanks to all who attended our Student-Led Parent Conferences on April 23rd. We hope you found the conferences to be informative.

GRADE 4 Team – Miss O'Brien and Mrs. Scarmo

It's hard to believe that it is already May! We've had a very productive year so far and we will be busy continuing to prepare for fifth grade throughout the rest of the year. Here are a few reminders for the month of May: On May 2nd, volunteers from local companies will be at Regan to complete the Junior Achievement program with all students. Grade 4 students will learn about "Our Region" in which they will look at different economic regions in the United States and discuss the resources businesses use to make products. It is a great educational opportunity for the students. Field Day is on Wednesday, May 21st at Bucks Hill Park. Mr. Gilmore has organized many fun activities for the students to participate in!

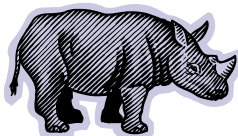
Our fourth graders are taking the Smarter Balanced field test from April 29th to May 15th. They will be tested in Reading, Math, and Writing. All testing will be done on the computers. As always, please continue to check your child's communication folder each night and encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes a day.

GRADE 5 Team – Mrs. Hart and Ms. Petruzzi

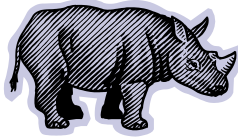
We are pleased to report that the fifth grade has completed the Smarter Balanced testing for this year. Students have worked hard all year in order to prepare for the tests and they worked diligently to complete each portion. The fifth grade teaching staff is very proud of every child's effort.

As we approach the end of the school year, there are a few important things to keep in mind. Students will once again be given a DRA reading assessment and the district Acuity tests in math and reading. Students will also be taking spring assessments to show their growth in words read per minute and their ability to multiply multi-digit numbers. Each student has worked extremely hard throughout the year to master these skills and we look forward to seeing how well they perform.

We are looking forward to what the rest of the year has in store for us. There are many end of the year activities planned, so be sure to check for notices sent home.



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READING DEPARTMENT EXPECTATIONS – Mrs. O’Leary and Mrs. Ciarlo

Second and Third Grade Expectations:

- Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.
- Read on-level text with purpose and understanding.
- Read on-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression.
- Write opinion pieces (state an opinion and support a point of view with reasons) and informational/explanatory texts (examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly), and narratives (write about real or imagined experiences or events).
- Engage and participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners.
- Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English including capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

How can you help?

- Encourage your child to read every day.
- Provide stories (*fiction*) and informational (*nonfiction*) books.
- Ask your child simple and difficult questions about the books they are reading.
- Discuss with your child the things they are learning in school.
- Talk about other books that have similar characters and plots.
- Research topics together that are of interest to your child.
- Talk to your child as you cook, shop or drive in the car.

NURSE – Ms. Pelletier

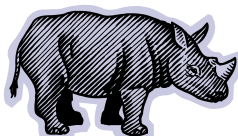
I cannot believe May is here! Our long cold winter is gone and Spring is with us – Yeah!

These last weeks at school will be quite busy testing, finishing up projects and lots of fun too. There are a few class field trips and of course, our great Field Day. Information will follow from the Principal’s Office.

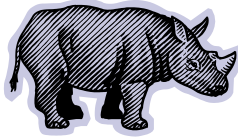
With this beautiful blooming warm weather, allergies and bug issues occur not only at school but everywhere. Please remind our children to avoid tall grassy and brushy areas; they can harbor so many things. Never touch a plant, as it may be poison ivy or poison oak. “Ticks” can fester in these areas also. Always wear long pants and shirt sleeves if hiking or walking in these areas for protection.

Parents who have received a vision or hearing referral and have not returned them, please do so by school ending. Fifth grade parents, as the packet stated, mandated physicals must be done between January 2014 and June 2015. If one is completed by June, you can send it into me for their health record or bring it to Middle School upon entering. Any questions, please call me at 203-574-8305.

I look forward to being with your children these final weeks of school. Remember, I am here for parents too.



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PARENT LIAISON – Mrs. Poulter

Thank you to all the families who attended our School / Community meeting on Saturday April 5th at the PAL Learning Center. Lots of great information was provided, there was delicious food and everyone who attended went home with books and more. Hopefully more of our Regan School Families will be able to attend next year. Also thank you to all the families who attended our Parent – Teacher Conference Night and also to those who took the time to do the Parent Survey. If you did not have a chance to take the survey it is on the www.waterbury.k12.ct.us home page.

For great family involvement ideas, activities and events be sure to visit or call the Silas Bronson Library at 267 Grand Street, Waterbury, CT 06702, (203) 574-8205 Hours are:

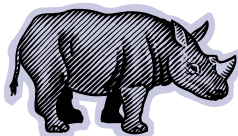
Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday - 9a.m. – 5:30p.m

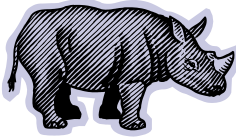
Saturday - 10a.m. -2p.m

Sunday – closed

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The Greater Waterbury Kiwanis Club along with Waterbury PAL will be hosting our Annual Bicycle Safety Rodeo

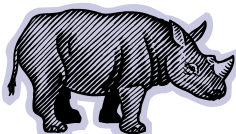
When: Saturday May 3rd

Sessions will be 9am, 10am & 11am

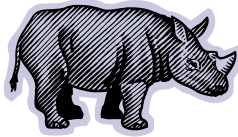
Where: The PAL Recreation Center
64 Division Street Waterbury

Children will learn safe riding tips, receive a new free bicycle helmet and have snacks and refreshments. There will also be a free Raffle for children.

Children must come with a guardian and their bicycle. You must register in advance by calling PAL at 203-346-3921. This event is free to attend and open to the public.



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The Waterbury Teacher's Association &
the School Administrators of Waterbury

Great Dash & Bash

5K Saturday, June 7, 2014

9:00 am Registration

10:00 am Race

Library Park, Waterbury

Dash:

5 K Runners and 1-mile walkers welcome, scenic downtown course starting and ending at Library Park, on Grand Street in downtown Waterbury, CT.

Awards will be given to top age group finishers and all top overall finishers. First 250 runners will receive event T-shirt.

**For additional information contact Kristin Mabrouk
203.754.9622 x 106 kmabrouk@waterburymca.org.**

Bash:

Post Race festivities will be held at Shamrock Pub and

Grill on Meadow Street! Runners receive a complimentary post-race beverage and food!

All proceeds will benefit the youth programs for the Police Activity League, the Greater Waterbury YMCA and the Boys & Girls club youth scholarship funds.

5K runners: \$20/pre-registration; \$25/day-of-race.

1-mile walkers: \$15/pre-registration; \$20/day of race.

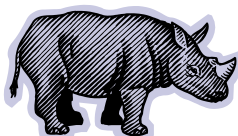
17 and under \$15/pre registration; \$20/day of race.

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Register online: Runsignup.com/greatdashbash



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