



Regan School

May 2017

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn the more places you'll go.”

— Dr. Seuss, *I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!*

Mrs. Angela Razza, Principal

Mrs. Maria Jimenez, Teaching Vice Principal

May Calendar of Events

- 1-5 Gr. 5 ELA Smarter Balanced Testing
- 9-11 Gr. 4 Math Smarter Balanced Testing
- 9 Gr. 5 Field Trip - Energize CT Center
- 10 PTO Meeting @ 6:00pm
- 15,18,19 Gr. 3 Math Smarter Balanced Testing
- 16 Gr. 3M, 4C, 5B - Field Trip Mattatuck Museum
- 17 Early Dismissal! @ 1:05pm, Teacher Collaboration/PD
- 24 Gr. K Field Trip - Flanders Nature Center
- 25 Gr. 4 Field Trip - CT Science Center
- 26 Gr. 3 - Field Trip - Energize CT Center
- 29 Memorial Day - No School

IMPORTANT - Mark your Calendar!

Wednesday, May 10 – PTO Meeting @ 6:00pm

Wednesday, May 17 – 1:05pm dismissal
Teacher Collaboration/PD

Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day – No School

A Message from the Principal, Mrs. Razza

I can't believe May is already here and the school year is quickly coming to an end! Smarter Balanced testing has begun for all grade 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students! In addition, all students will be given an End of the Year assessment in math. All students will be testing in reading as well. Please make sure your child comes to school every day! Below are some tips that can help your child do well on tests.

Help Your Child Do Well On the Test:

1. Make sure your child gets a good night 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 test.
8. Do not schedule trips, dental or medical appointments, or early pickups for testing days.

Attendance is still extremely important as we end the school year. All students that attend school each day during May and thru the last day of school on Wednesday, June 21st, will get a certificate for a free ice cream from Dippy's Ice Cream on Lakewood Road. As part of our attendance incentive, students may wear their favorite t-shirt on any 1:05pm dismissal day and also the day after Memorial Day!

I also want to thank all of our wonderful families and staff for all of the extra help with events going on at Regan! Your help is always appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, please call the school to set an appointment with your child's teacher. We look forward to working together to help your child succeed!

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Regan School	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

Important Information:

Children should arrive **NO EARLIER THAN**

The start of the school day begins at

Late slips will be administered when students arrive at

Students are dismissed at

If Regan School has an **early dismissal**, dismissal time will be 1:05 **p.m.**

If an **EMERGENCY** dismissal is called, dismissal time will be 12:00 **p.m.**

8:05 a.m.

8:35 a.m.

8:40 a.m.

2:50 p.m.



Cut and return to the main office **ONLY** if your phone number or address has changed.

Thank you!

Child's name _____ Grade/Teacher _____

Child's name _____ Grade/Teacher _____

New home phone number _____ New cell phone number _____

New address _____



Notes from The Attendance Committee

Attendance

The fourth marking period is beginning and we are gearing up for the stretch run. With a lot more to learn, student attendance is still super important. Let's keep up the great attendance school wide! There is a lot of testing this month between math and ELA as we strive to determine students' abilities upon the year ending. Our attendance committee continues to closely monitor our daily percentages of students in the classrooms. Just as a reminder, your child's classroom receives a reward for having 17 days of school with 100% attendance in class as they try to spell out the words "PERFECT ATTENDANCE." Mondays still appear to be the most difficult day to keep our attendance numbers but kick off your week on the right foot!! There is no better way to kick start the week than by being on time to school and jumping straight into the weekly routine! One additional incentive we are doing for the remaining 37 days from May 1st-June 21st includes ICE CREAM! If students are here every day throughout May and June they will receive a coupon for a free cone or cup of ice cream. What a great way to start summer vacation by going out as a family the night of June 21st for some ice cream to celebrate! "I scream, you scream, we all scream for ICE CREAM!" Students are excited about the incentives and they strive to be here daily throughout May and the rest of the school year.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DRESS CODE POLICY: No denim jeans, leggings or T-shirts

Boys: pants or shorts in solid navy blue, black, gray or khaki

Shirts must be oxford or polo with sleeves and a collar or turtleneck in solid white, black or blue

Girls: jumpers, skirts, dresses, pants, or skorts in solid navy blue, black, gray, or khaki. (knee length skirts, jumpers, dresses, or skorts)

Tops must be oxford or polo with sleeves and a collar or turtleneck in solid white, black, or blue

Gym Day Attire for Boys and Girls: Students may wear sweats in solid navy blue, white, or gray

Optional: V neck cardigan sweater, blazer, suit jacket, vest, or fleece sweater must be without a hood, in a v - neck, crewneck, or with a zipped collar style in solid white, black, or blue

Footwear: Shoes or sneakersNO flip-flops, open toe, or open back shoes.

***If your child is out of dress code, you may be contacted to bring appropriate clothing/shoes to school that day.**

Help Regan School earn funds for school supplies

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Remember to bring in your Box Tops! Ask friends and family. Each Box Top counts! Regan School earns money for school supplies!

Stop & Shop card: Submit your card number or register on-line. When you shop at any Stop & Shop, our school earns money for school supplies.

Shop Rite card: Submit your card number or register on-line. When you shop at any Shop Rite, our school earns money for school supplies.

A Message from the Parent Liaison, Mrs. Poulter

Message that Going to School Every Day Matters for Success in School and Life

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.

Thank you to everyone who supported our scholastic book fair and those parents who volunteered to help. It is very much appreciated. This fair helps us earn books for children. Reminder to all families about School / Community meeting on Thursday, May 4th at the East Mountain Park, East Mountain Road, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Lots of great information will be provided.

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

Hours are: Monday - Thursday 9a.m. - 8p.m.

Friday - 9a.m. - 5:30p.m.

Saturday - 10a.m. - 2p.m, Sunday - closed

www.bonsonlibrary.org

A Message from the PTO

April Showers bring May flowers.....so we should see lots of blooms soon. Speaking of blooms we will be having our annual Spring Plant Sale on May 10-12 during school hours. Geraniums in a variety of colors for \$5.00 a plant.

Our next PTO meeting will be Wednesday, May 10th at 6 pm where we will be finalizing the Field Day activities. PTO will provide T-Shirts for the students, however if any parents or staff would like to purchase one please send back the order by May 5th. An order form has already been sent home. A volunteer form for Field Day will be going home in the next few days. Keep an eye out for that.

Thank you to all the students that participated in the Spring Fund Raiser. The highest selling class was Kindergarten, Ms. Bugryn's class. Congratulations and enjoy your EXTRA RECESS!!!!



Notes from the School Nurse

Happy May! It's allergy and bug time of the year. Keep hydrated and covered as needed. Washing hands and hydrating helps with allergy prevention and control. Consult your doctor for over the counter meds for persistent itchy, watery eyes and stuffy nose. Ticks are in the news as very plentiful this year. They not only carry Lyme disease but other viruses as do mosquitoes too. Full arm and leg covering should be maintained if hiking or playing in or near woods. Check your pets frequently for them and remove. Proper repellents for pets and children are available. Ask your doctor or pharmacist. Any signs at site of redness, rash or a fever - call your doctor.

May has many field trips planned for our students and Field Day is in June. Please remember to dress your child well. Fifth and sixth grade Health packets have gone out, any questions call me. Finalizing any health tests, eyes and hearing will be completed shortly. Stay well. Enjoy May!



Notes from the Regan School Governance Council

April Book Swap 2017 - Rachel Bruce spearheaded the idea for our first Book Swap which took place on April 5th 2017. Students, parents and teachers donated an endless amount of books for each class, and in exchange, the students were allowed to swap five books to take home. All the books were collected by Mr. Ricciuti while the teachers catalogued it, but it was the special efforts of Jody Dellacrose, & Gabriel Torres who took the tedious task of organizing them and ensuring their fair distribution. A special thanks to everyone involved, for volunteering your time to benefit all the children of our school.

Upcoming Events - The student Governance Council has met monthly throughout the school year and although these have been mostly discussions, terrific and exciting ideas are in the works from parents, teachers and parent liaison, Patty Poulter. So be on the lookout for Student Governance Council events! The S.G.C. will meet again on May 16, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the school library.

As we draw closer to the end of the school year, I have observed firsthand the privilege it is to have very bright, talented teachers and faculty who sacrifice much of their free time. In coordination with the parents who contribute in these meetings and fostered by Principal Razza, who has been very supportive, we have an opportunity to make the academic excellence at Regan School even better.

"It is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings." - Ann Landers

Kindergarten - Ms. Bugryn and Mrs. Gutierrez

We are in the home-stretch of the school year! We are excited for many upcoming learning experiences and events with the students. Throughout the month of May, we will be talking about and exploring butterfly and frog lifecycle through read-aloud and hands-on activities. We will be reading Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and at the end of May, the students in both Kindergarten classes will be presenting a little play based on the story. More info will follow! Students will also get to see how a caterpillar changes into a butterfly with a classroom project. Students will be learning about more ways to help keep our Earth clean and healthy. We will be going outside to plant flowers and vegetables in the school garden, and learn about the critters that live there. Students will also get to see how a

caterpillar changes into a butterfly with a classroom project.

At the end of May, we will have our field trip to Flanders Nature Center in Woodbury, CT. More information will be coming home. Our End of Year MClass testing begins in May so please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and comes to school ready to learn each day. Keep reading and talking about books at home (retelling) and have your child practice his/her trick words. In math, we continue to explore addition and subtraction to 10, shapes, patterns, counting, and finding partner numbers. Thanks again for all your support.

Grade 1 - Ms. Jimenez-Montanez and Mrs. Russell

May is here! It is time for us to buckle down and finish up our wonderful learning in this last full month before June arrives and summer is here. We have been learning so much and we can't wait to share it with you. In Wilson's we are still working on learning about vowel-consonant-e pattern. We are marking up the words and learning how to spell the words correctly as we write complete sentences. We are also reading a lot of books and informational texts with this vowel pattern. In reading we are working on our author study unit. We have just learned about Kevin Henkes and how he has a lot of great lessons to learn through the mice characters in his stories. His mice act just like humans! Our next two authors are Ezra Jack Keats and Helen Lester. Please make sure that your child is reading for 15-20 minutes each night. Asking them questions about what they read will help to make them a better reader.

In math we are learning about adding and subtracting double digit numbers. We are using many different strategies to help them learn. In the classroom we use math rods, number lines, and hundreds charts. We encourage you to practice adding and subtracting numbers 1-20 as frequently as possible. If they are unable to add and subtract quickly, it will be difficult for them as they continue on into second grade. Using flash cards is a great tool for at home review! Field day is coming up in June and we have a lot of fun things for the end of the year, including our PBIS Carnival. Behavior plays a part in participation. We are continuously reminding our students to be Regan Role Models. Respect plays a part in our Regan pledge. We hope that you have noticed your child being respectful at home because we have been working on it so much at school. Thank you for all of your support and help!

Grade 2 - Mrs. DeFazio and Ms. Razz

During the month of May we will continue to work on poems and plays. Our students have started learning about different types of poems. They are learning more about the structure of poems. We will continue to learn about Acrostics, Limericks, Shape or Concrete, Haiku, and Sensory Poems. Your students will also be participating in reading plays within the classroom. They will take turns being certain parts and will learn about reading with inflection. **** We kindly ask that you send your child to school with dry erase markers.**** Students work on white boards throughout the school day in ALL subject areas. Teachers have provided dry erase markers throughout the year, but we have been running out! We still have a lot of learning to do in these last couple of months and students need to be prepared.

In Math we are continuing our learning of addition and subtraction within 1000. We are currently using the partial sums and number line approaches. When subtracting we will only be using the number line approach. We will also begin adding and subtraction within 1000 using story problems. Fractions or partitioning will come later in the month along with arrays. Please remember that your child should be wearing a jacket to school daily, it is chilly still in the mornings. Also remember that if they are wearing a warmer layer inside the classroom it still has to be in dress code color, no hood and no designs. Please continue to read nightly since their goal is to read 87 words per minute, at a 2nd grade level. Check your child's folder nightly because important papers go home often.

Grade 3 - Mr. Mitchell and Mrs. Schmied

May in 3rd Grade! We are excited about poetry in ELA and Graphing in Math. This month both classes will be going on a field trip to learn about energy. This goes along with our science curriculum for the month. Notes from Mrs. Schmied: Please read out loud at home and make sure your child is reading a book every night. We are testing this month for the End Of the Year scores. We are also testing in Smarter Balance and I-Ready. Notes from Mr. Mitchell: Please work on you math facts, regrouping double digit and rounding numbers. With the warmer weather behavior tends to change. Please remind your students about following expectations and how much we need to learn before summer break.

Grade 4 - Ms. Cassella and Mr. Dombrowski

This month has been jam packed with activities for the students with parent conferences, PBIS incentive, and their culminating assessment. Parent conferences were a huge success with many parents attending in person or by phone. Also, the students who participated in the PBIS picnic were able to play 6 different games. Finally, they finished the unit for marking period three about theme by completing their final performance task of writing a letter to the author of a book of their choice and by decorating a soda bottle.

The class is continuing to work on producing high quality open responses following the "RACE to Answer Questions" steps and a rubric to score their answers has been implemented into the classroom. The students will use this scoring rubric to self-assess themselves and to target what needs to be included in their answer for full credit. For marking period four, the students will be learning about different types of folk literature (tall tales, myths, pourquoi tales, fairy tales, etc.) to determine the characteristics of each type. At the end of the unit for their culminating assessment they will have to pick their favorite type of folk literature to write their own original story. In Math, students have been introduced to angles. Students have used various strategies to determine if an angle is obtuse, acute, or right. In addition, using protractors has been a task we are tackling. Measuring and drawing angles will continue to be a pertinent part of this marking period. They will be able to analyze them and create different kinds of angles and they will be able to identify the different properties of these angles. Students have drawn models and created equations to show their mathematical thinking. Students have continued to use the IReady computer program and will continue to do so for the remainder of the school year. The final diagnostic test will take place this month. As the fourth marking period continues, we look to continue to work vigorously throughout the year into Spring Break and then down the home stretch.

Reminders: Homework: A reading comprehension worksheet is assigned each night Monday - Thursday. Also, occasionally there will be a word study assignment. Math homework will be handed out weekly going forward giving students the responsibility of choosing the best times that work for them to complete it.

Word Study: A weekly word study list and a spelling test at the end of each week, Also, it is important that students practice spelling their words each night even if there is no assigned word study homework.

Reading: It is important for students to be reading a minimum of 20 minutes at home each night to maintain their skills.

Online Learning: Students who have access to a computer or electronic device at home is encouraged to use www.mobymax.com, lexiacorefive.com and Iready.com. Login information was sent home earlier this year but is still available upon request. Thank you for your continued support!

Grade 5 - Mrs. Betancourt and Mrs. Chasse

As we approach the end of the school year the children are working hard. We are currently working on historical fiction. In order to write a historical fiction piece the students are reading interviews of people who were children during World War II. In math the students are working on coordinate planes. Please look out for the homework packet as this time of year the students tend to forget to hand in their homework. Students should be reading every night at least 20 minutes and practicing their multiplication facts also. Report Cards just went out; if you did not receive it please contact the school.

Safe School Climate Committee



Scatter seeds
of kindness
wherever you go



Grade K – Carla Polanco, Reina Williams, Gianna Aldarondo, Savanna Anufrijevas

Grade 1 – Madlyn Fac, Xaviana Gonzalez, Shivani Luthra, Cecilia Rodriguez

Grade 2 – NA

Grade 3 – Dasha Soriano, Leila Benjamin, Jordan Echevarria, Melissa Lopez, Zeinab Saleh

Grade 4 – Sara Anis, Aubrie LaFlamme

Grade 5 – Wandaely Pacheco

Congratulations Students of the Third Marking Period!

Each marking period, 2 students from each class are selected based on criteria which includes attending school at least 97% of the time and were on time for school each day. These students also completed all of their classroom assignments with exceptional effort and also consistently followed the Regan Rhino expectations in the classroom and in all areas of the school.

Kindergarten – Miss Bugryn – Mason Mantz and Ella Mantz

Kindergarten – Mrs. Gutierrez – Altagracia Bonilla-Rodriguez and Anjelika Sanchez

Grade1 – Miss Jimenez – Leandy Martinez and Heidi Loja

Grade 1 – Mrs. Russell – Andy Martinez and Kaitlyn Segura

Grade 2 – Mrs. DeFazio – Kenneth Rivera and Tanya Vazquez

Grade 2 – Miss Razz – Jai-Lyn Lewis and Octavio Bonilla

Grade 3 – Mr. Mitchell – Owen Lestage and Any Alves-Batista

Grade 3 – Mrs. Schmied – Jaslene Baez and Jisaias Gonzalez

Grade 4 – Miss Cassella – Adorian Ricketts and Wanyahia Owens

Grade 4 – Mr. Dombrowski – Ilir Kaliki and Sierra Brown

Grade 5 – Mrs. Betancourt – Saniyah Brown and Osahon Obasuyi-Ogiamien

Grade 5 – Mrs. Chasse – Onesty Roberson and Wandaely Pacheco

