



Regan Elementary School

Mrs. Angela Razza, Principal

Mrs. Marianne Sullivan, TVP

OCTOBER 2021 NEWS



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MRS. RAZZA



Happy Fall! We are off to a great school year with a lot of learning that is happening in every classroom! Teachers have finished administering the mClass reading assessments for all students. Parent reports will be sent home soon. If you have any questions regarding your child's reading report, please call or message your child's teacher and set an appointment to discuss. Children will have a short assessment each month to monitor their oral reading. Teachers are strategic with planning both whole and small group lessons to meet the needs of all of their students. I encourage you to have your child read each day at home so that the reading skills they are being taught at school can be reinforced at home. We plan on sending home books throughout the year so that your child has additional books to read at home. Feel free to let your child's teacher know if you want more books at any time. The Silas Bronson Library is also another great place to borrow books.

In addition to the many things children have been learning since the start of the school year, each class has completed a project for Hispanic Heritage Month which is celebrated from September 15 - October 15. Ask your child what country or famous person they learned about through their class projects. We will celebrate on Thursday, October 7 at 6:30p.m. with some virtual salsa dancing!

I am excited to announce that the 21st Century After School Program for students in grades 2 - 5 will begin soon. As I get more information, I will pass it along. In the meantime, please complete an application if you would like your child to participate in the program. Once your child has been accepted, a notice will come home with more information. Contact the school if you would like me to send home another application. This program is free. It will run every Monday through Thursday and transportation home will be provided.

As a reminder, students are still going outside to recess. Make sure to dress your child in layers so that they stay warm when they are outdoors. Make sure to label all of their jackets, sweaters and lunch bags too! We are trying to

avoid the "Lost and Found" bucket.

Attendance matters! Please plan vacations and appointments on days off from school. If your child has an appointment, please send them back to school immediately after the appointment so your child doesn't miss an entire day of learning. If your child is going to be absent because he/she is sick, make sure to message your child's teacher and call the school. Please call me about any possible COVID-related situations so that I can provide appropriate guidance.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, feel free to call the school and set an appointment with your child's teacher. The Regan School staff look forward to working with you and your child to ensure your child's success!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Angela Razza



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION for OCTOBER 2021

- Make sure to write a note or message your child's teacher if there is a change of transportation for the day.
- 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.



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



Parent Liaison - Patty Poulter

October 2021

I hope everyone is adjusting to the many changes that have been in place for this school year. Please be sure to check Parent Square daily for updated information from the school and your child's teacher. If you are having any difficulties with this please contact me or call the school and someone will be happy to help you.

Just a reminder that it is very, very important that the school has your current contact information. Please be sure to notify the school of any changes to your child's information such as phone numbers, change of address or emergency contacts.

As your parent liaison, I want you to know that I am here as a resource for you and also that I am here to assist you in any way I can. You can contact me at (203) 346-2603 or the main number at (203) 574-8187.

Mark your calendar with the following dates:

Community Wellness Day, Wednesday, October 6, from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
at Bucks Hill Park, Montoe Road.

PTO Virtual Meeting - Wednesday, October 14, at 6:30 p.m.

SGC Virtual Meeting - Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Please consider becoming an active member of either or both. Your involvement and support are needed to help make our school successful!

CLASSROOM NEWS



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. CHIUCARELLO AND MISS DICKEY KINDERGARTEN

Happy October! The first month of Kindergarten flew by! We have been learning so much. Students will continue to learn new letters weekly during Foundations. They have learned letters t, f, b, m, n, i, u, c and o so far. They have also been learning how to write the letters and say the sounds the letters make.

In math, we have been learning about recognizing numbers and making groups of items to match the number. We will start learning how to compare numbers using the terms more and less. We will also start learning about addition and subtraction and how to compose and decompose numbers. Students were recently tested for the beginning of the year data on MClass. You should receive more information on how they did when the testing window closes. We will use the data to form small groups so that students will be seen with a small group of students who have the same instructional focus.

We have so many fun and engaging lessons coming up!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us!





**A MESSAGE FROM MISS ANULEWICZ AND MISS WOJTUNIK
FIRST GRADE**

Happy October! We cannot believe how quickly September went by. We have lots of fun learning planned for the month of October. First off we are going to start Science, with the unit titled: Living things and Their Young. In Foundations we are going to be continuing with Unit 2 where we will be working on blending, reading, and writing short vowel words with three sounds. We will also be able to begin Unit 3 this month where we will learn about digraphs. In Math, our next lessons are going to be about understanding missing addends, and number partners for ten!

MClass results will be sent back very soon, please keep an eye out for that. Also a reminder, please check your child's red take home folder daily! There is always information coming home about what is happening in 1st grade and at Regan School.

We have lots of amazing learning we will be doing this month! Any questions or concerns please let us know!

Ms. Anulewicz and Ms. Wojtunik





A MESSAGE FROM MRS. CIPRIANO AND MISS TYRRELL SECOND GRADE

Happy Fall everyone! October has begun, the weather is starting to change. Please make sure you send your child to school with a sweater or a fleece. No hoodie sweatshirts are allowed in school. It's now cooler in the morning and it gets warmer in the afternoon.

What we are now learning in second grade, in math we are learning how to solve one step word problems, using math strategies like: making a ten, counting on, using an open number line, number bonds, and fact families. In Foundations, unit 2, we are learning about trick words, letter sounds, marking our words: digraphs, blends, glued/welded sounds (all, am, an, ang, ink), bonus letters (fill, miss, puff, buzz) and writing sentences using a capital letter at the beginning and ending with a punctuation mark.

In ELA/Wonders, we are reading stories all about what happens when families work together. We have new vocabulary words, learning a new reading strategy: Ask and Answer Questions, and finding key details of a story. Also, what is an expository text (informational text).

We have finished our MClass testing and we will be making our small groups for reading. We will be starting our science units very soon and we will be going on our first virtual field trip to Flander's Nature Center.

We are very excited with all the new things we are learning about. If you have any questions you can always send us a message on ParentSquare. Please remember to check your child's red communication folder daily for homework, notices and finished work. Thank you!

Mrs. Cipriano and Miss Tyrrell



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

Happy Fall! Happy October! This month its time to focus on how to reach our goals. Students have set goals in reading that they want to accomplish by the end of the year. Students really need to fill their worlds with lots of words. Please read a book each night and ask students to read out loud at least one page. Read words everywhere you go.

This month will also include science for two weeks. Our focus will be on forces. In Math, we will be finishing Unit 1 - Place Value, Addition, and Subtraction of Three-Digit Numbers. About mid-October we will begin Unit 2 - Multiplication and Division: Concepts, Relationships, and Patterns. Our students will also set their Math goals for the year based on the results of the iReady Beginning-of-Year Diagnostic.

Students need to focus on their learning now that September is over. Please remind students to keep their toys at home. We also need to remind families only to send water into school. Students should have a water bottle since we do not have fountains. These water bottles should not be larger than 24 oz. Now that the weather is cooler, please send in a sweater or a long sleeved shirt. Something that can be removed when the afternoon gets warm but the morning is cool. Please remember hoodies are not allowed in school and students should not be wearing outside jackets in the classroom. They need those for when they go outside. This attire should also be a solid color of navy blue, black, grey, or khaki.

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

Happy Fall! We made so much progress during the first month of school. We are so proud of how hard all the students are working.

In ELA, we are finishing up Unit 1 in Wonders. The children have been working on writing a personal narrative. Please ask them what they are writing about.

In Math, we are finishing up unit 1. They are working on adding and subtracting multi-digit numbers. We have completed all testing for the beginning of the year and are having the children make goals in both reading and math.

In Science, we are working on Engineering and Technology. We are learning the process of how engineers find solutions to problems.

Please make sure that homework is handed in by E day and that you check their red folders everyday. Also, toys and fidgets are not allowed in the classroom unless approved by the teacher with parent approval.

As the weather gets cooler, please send your children in with school appropriate non hooded sweaters or fleeces so they can stay warm. Hoodies can be worn outside at recess but not in the classroom.



**A MESSAGE FROM MRS. BRENNAN AND MRS. SCARBOROUGH
FIFTH GRADE**

Wow! October is already here !! In science, we are exploring how properties of matter can be used to identify properties. Our students are carrying out investigations and exploring structures and properties of matter. Students were introduced to the terms reflectivity and magnetic forces. In math,

this week your child is learning to multiply multi-digit numbers. Students are learning how to record the steps of the standard algorithm in a condensed format, with regrouping. Another way our students are learning to multiply is with an area model, which gives a visual representation of the multiplication. Ask your child to share what he or she knows about multiplying multi-digit numbers by doing the activity in our math family letter.

In ELA, our students will be focusing on how technology leads to creative ideas. We will be discussing how scientific investigation and invention can lead to new tools, technologies, and products. You can help your child with comprehension strategy: sequence, by talking about events from the life of someone they know. Your child can then arrange these events into a biographical paragraph.

As always, please contact Mrs. Scarborough or Mrs. Brennan in case you have questions and concerns. I look forward to helping my students reach their academic goals.



A MESSAGE FROM NURSE ALLISON

Happy Fall, Regan Families! As the weather gets crispier, be sure to keep an eye on the temperatures and send your child to school with appropriate clothing and outerwear. The kids will still go outside for recess as long as it isn't raining or freezing. Also remember to keep your child home if experiencing any Covid symptoms. The kids continue to do a great job keeping their masks on and staying positive.

Healthy October Ideas

Talk a walk on the beach...that's right! Walking on the sand and watching the waves are still soothing and the crowds are GONE! Get out some nervous energy and take in some peaceful air!

Go Apple and Pumpkin Picking...or at least pick up some apples and pumpkin (even canned pureed pumpkin) and try some new recipes. Pumpkin is a superfood high in beta-carotene, Vitamins A&C, lutein and fiber - just to name a few. Apples are terrific for controlling cholesterol and blood pressure. Google some recipe ideas for both. And don't forget butternut and acorn squash are back in season too. Check it out!

Keep Moving...As we begin hunkering down (and turning up the comfort food) for winter, it's important we find ways to exercise either at home, a local gym or the YMCA. Here's a link to some ideas

<https://www.verywellfit.com/get-ready-for-fall-fitness-1231605>

Happy Autumn!!
Nurse Allison



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. SULLIVAN READING FACILITATOR, TVP

Happy Fall 🍁. We have completed the beginning of the year reading tests. Please look for mClass letters to be coming home with information on your child's reading performance and reach out to your child's teacher with any questions. It is so important to take time every day to read with your child. Whether you read at the breakfast table, after-school, or right before bed, designate time every day to read together. Also, let your child see you reading for enjoyment. Go to the library and help your child choose their own books to read. Some kids love reading fiction, others like non-fiction, comics or graphic novels. Take the time to explore and find out what your child likes to read and have fun.

Did you know: Reading just twenty minutes per day builds empathy for others, creates a strong vocabulary, and positively affects and boosts your mental and physical health.



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. PRONOVOST READING SPECIALIST

We have now completed our beginning of the year Reading mClass assessment. Letters showing how your child did will be sent home soon. Keep a look out! Students will enter or exit Reading Intervention based on their performance on this assessment. Kindergarten and First Grade use a

phoneme, or sound, segmenting benchmark (example tell me the sounds in CAT). Grades 2-5 use a fluency, or words correct per minute, benchmark.

Intervention groups, as well as prevention groups in Kindergarten, have changed. Students may see myself, our Reading tutor Mrs. Byrnes, our Reading Facilitator Mrs. Sullivan, or their classroom for extra Reading support/Intervention. Please ask your child, or email/message me, if you have any questions. We are all really excited to set goals for the year and see our students grow and become successful readers. How to help at home?

Read, read, read! Talk with your child about books, TV shows, whatever they find of interest. The more they see you read, the more they will read.

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. GWIAZDOSKI

EL Teacher

The students have been working on building vocabulary skills. We follow our Wonders curriculum. The adaptive learning game is available to all students to develop phonics skills. Please have your child log in weekly. Students have also been sharing hispanic traditions and cultures that they practice at home.



A MESSAGE FROM MR. NAZARIO

MUSIC TEACHER

In music, we are going to start units related to October holidays such as halloween and the beginning of Dia de los muertos. We are going to start learning rhythmic patterns and working on composing short works based on simple rhythms.



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

Hello Regan Eagles! We are falling into October. Students should come prepared for gym with sneakers and on cooler days a jacket or sweatshirt. We are continuing with football skills and later in the month soccer skills. Gym days are Wednesday A day and Thursday B day. When there is a day off our schedule will change by one day. Thanks, Mr. Gilmore



**A MESSAGE FROM MS. BAECHLER
ART TEACHER**

Happy October! This month in Art class we will be discussing observation, shape, pattern, landscape, and perspective. We have Art on B and C days. Students will be taking artwork home the week before winter break. Feel free to reach out through email and parentsquare!



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MILAK LIBRARY MEDIA TEACHER

Library will be on A and E days. We will be finishing our unit on technology K-5th grade students. We will be starting our next unit on digital citizenship by the end of October for K-5 students. Digital citizenship refers to the responsible use of technology by anyone who uses computers, the Internet, and digital devices to engage with society on any level. Remember to have laptops charged and ready for library classes. I have also sent out Google Classroom invites for all students. Make sure to accept our Library Google Classroom invite. Assignments posted on our Google Classroom will be worked on in class.

-Mrs. Milak

A MESSAGE FROM MS.SGAMBATI SCHOOL COUNSELOR

October is Bullying Prevention Awareness Month! To help spread the message, I will be going into each classroom every week to teach a new lesson that describes bullying. Bullying comes in many forms including physical, verbal and cyber. In order to prevent these types of bullying, students must first learn what it is, how it affects people involved, and how they can promote internet safety. Students will be encouraged to be UPSTANDERS to create a bully free zone!

For Kindergarten, I will be taking a different approach and helping students identify feelings! Each week we will read a short story and do an activity to help

check for understanding. Our kindergarteners will learn what feelings are, how to identify feelings of others, and what they can do to take care of themselves when they notice a change in their emotions!


Reminder: I will post on ParentSquare the topic/activity for each week's lesson along with the Social-Emotional Competencies targeted for students!

Stay tuned and...



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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.

