

Regan Elementary School

School News for December 2019

Mrs. Angela Razza, Principal

Mrs. Maria Milo, Teaching Vice Principal



A Message from the Principal, Mrs. Razza

I can't believe December is already here! The children are learning so much in the classrooms each day! Make sure you have your child practice his/her reading and math skills at home as well. It is so important that your child has extra opportunities at home to practice the different skills that are being taught in class. Please keep in mind that all students are monitored monthly for reading growth. All students will be tested in January/February and again in April/May. The Spring assessment will determine if your child will need to attend summer school so I encourage you to promote reading at home.

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, December 11th from 5-7pm. Forms were sent home so that you can schedule the best way to discuss your child's progress. If this date does not work for you, you can arrange for another day and time so that you can discuss how your child is progressing. Teachers are always willing to meet with you. Appointments need to be made so that this does not interfere with instructional time.

We will hold our monthly family event on Tuesday, December 17th from 6-7pm. Student artwork will be displayed for families to view throughout the hallways, children will sing some songs and we will also get a visit from the North Pole along with a story to listen to while enjoying some hot cocoa and cookies. All children will get a free book, stuffed animal and a picture to remember the evening at Regan School if they attend with an adult.

Your child's daily attendance is extremely important! Everyday counts! When your child is absent, he/she misses out on a lot of learning that cannot be made up from worksheets. Please try to arrange dentist and doctor appointments after school or on vacation days.

Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor recess. Children go outdoors for recess each day if it is 32 degrees or higher.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year! I look forward to seeing everyone back in 2020!

*Happy
New Year*

Sincerely,
Mrs. Angela Razza

IMPORTANT NOTICE

A written notice must be sent to the teacher if there is a change in the dismissal process for your child (ren).

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

Important Information:

Children should arrive **NO EARLIER THAN 8:05 a.m.**
 The start of the school day begins at 8:35 a.m.
 Late slips will be administered when students arrive after 8:35 a.m.
 Students begin dismissal at 2:50 p.m.
 If Regan School has an **early dismissal**, dismissal time will be 12:00 p.m.



Cut on the line above and return to the main office ONLY 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!

Child's name _____ Grade/Teacher _____
 Child's name _____ Grade/Teacher _____
 New home phone number _____ New cell phone number _____
 New address _____

***ATTENDANCE:** Any student enrolled in the Waterbury School System in grades K - 12, whose absences equals 20 days, will automatically receive a grade of incomplete for all subjects. **WE EXPECT STUDENTS IN SCHOOL EVERYDAY!!!**

State of Connecticut law says that every child enrolled in an elementary school must attend school regularly.

Working with our community...



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Remember to bring in your Box Tops! Ask friends and family to help save Box Tops and send them in to Regan School. Each Box Top counts! Regan School earns money for school supplies! Go to BTFE.COM/PRODUCTS for a complete list of Box Tops product



Stop & Shop 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.



Make sure to send in your card number so that Regan School can earn points toward educational items. Shop Rite is a community partner and they help us buy materials for our students.

Kids' Corner

FIGURE IT OUT!



Submit your response for a prize from Mrs. Razza. Send to the main office. Send your answers on a separate sheet of paper labeled with your first and last name, grade, and your teacher's name. Your answer sheet and prize will be given to your teacher once it has been corrected. Have fun!

Kindergarten and Grade 1

There are 10 balls.

Some are soccer balls and some are basketballs.

How many can be soccer balls and how many can be basketballs?

Grade 2 and Grade 3

A train has four cars. The number of people in each car is 25, 18, 24, and 15. Which of these sentences below are true? Circle all of the correct answers.

Grade 4 and Grade 5

Decide whether each equation is true or false. Choose True or False for each equation.

Parent & Student Outreach Publications from Channing Bete Company

Did you know...

A study was completed that showed that parent involvement during the elementary and middle school years improves children's performance in school. Children in elementary and middle school are less likely to show low concentration and behavioral problems when parents have played an active role in their child's academics from the beginning of the school year, according to a recent report from researchers at the University of Missouri College of Education. Keith Herman, a professor in the College of Education and co-author on the study, suggests that parents and family members can take a more active role in a variety of ways, such as helping with homework and keeping in touch with their child's teacher(s).

Parent Liaison - Patty Poulter

Mark your calendars! Lots of things going on in the next few weeks!

- * Parent-Teacher Conferences Wednesday, December 11, 2019 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. It is a 12:00 early dismissal.
- * Holiday Shop - December 3-6. Volunteers need. Sign-up sheet and more information to follow. If you have any questions, please contact me.
- * Winter Concert and Art show, Tuesday, December 17 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
(Snow Date - Wednesday, December 18)

www.parenttoolkit.com is for parents and families. This toolkit will help you navigate your child's journey from prek - high school. It is designed to help you track and support progress at each stage of your child's education.

As we enjoy the winter break, take the time to enjoy family time together reading, doing arts and crafts, playing board games, watching movies or visiting the Silas Bronson Library. Remember every moment can be a teachable one.

Wishing you a very happy and healthy holiday and a wonderful new year!

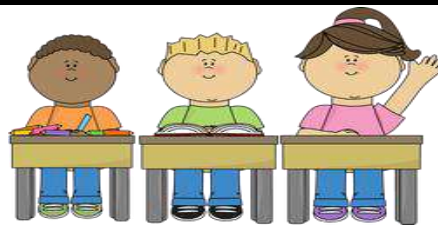
Remember if I can assist you in any way, you can contact me at (203) 346-2603 or the main number at (203) 574-8187.

PTO - Meeting Wednesday, December 4th from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming event - Stocking Raffle - December 12th - December 20th.

School Governance Council (SGC) Meeting - Wednesday, December 4th from 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.
Review school compact revisions and discuss book title for schoolwide reading activity.

CLASSROOM NEWS



Kindergarten - Mrs. Chiucarella and Miss Dickey

Happy December! This month in ELA we will begin learning how to tap out and read CVC words. We will also continue working on recognizing our letters and their sounds. We will also continue to learn new sight words. In Math we will begin working on counting to 100 by 10's and ones. We will also continue working on identifying and learning to write numbers 1-20. The homework calendar for Dec. has been sent home. Please take the time to complete these activities with your child! This month will be filled with fun experiences and tons of learning! We look forward to watching your child grow and succeed!

Grade 1 - Miss DeRienzo and Mrs. Torres

Happy December! We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! In Language Arts this month, students will be learning about bonus letters at the end of a short vowel word, ending in the letters f, l, s and z. Students will also continue to read and write CVC and digraph words. In the new Wonders reading program, students will be learning about rhymes and how to compare and contrast texts. In Math students will be learning about the place value of tens and ones. Students will continue to work on solving word problems and fact fluency within 10. In addition to homework, it is important that your child reads 20 minutes each night. December is always a fun and exciting month for all students, we can't wait!

Grade 2 - Mrs. Cipriano and Miss Tyrrell

As the holiday season approaches the second graders in Math are adding and subtracting multiple two-digit numbers together from (0-200), and counting money, the names of coins, how much each coin is worth and two-step word problems using our math strategies. In science we are learning about Matter and it's properties. In ELA Wonders, we are learning all new reading strategies, skills and comprehension. For Foundations Unit 6, keep practicing the trick words, sounds and sentences in your homework packet. Remember to read each day with your child for 15 minutes. The weather is getting colder and our students still go outside for recess and gym...please make sure your children wear their jackets each day.

Grade 3 - Mr. Mitchell and Mrs. Schmied

It's starting to get cold and a great time to curl up with a book and read!!! It's important that children are reading out loud to practice their fluency. Remember Wonders is available on line to all students and students should be going on Google Classroom to complete assignments. We will be getting ready for our Mid year testing in reading so read, read, and read. In Math, we are finding area and perimeter of shapes, problem solving, telling time and elapsed time problems. Continue practicing your multiplication and facts (0-7 and 10). We hope that when the winter break comes everyone has a wonder rest and continues working on Math and Reading.

Grade 4 - Mrs. Betancourt and Mr. Welch

It's hard to believe it is almost Thanksgiving Break! Your children have been working very hard and school and we are incredibly proud of them. Here are a few updates about what we are working on in 4th grade. In math, students will begin to compare fractions with like and unlike denominators. As always, please make sure students are practicing their fact fluency at home. In English/Language Arts, students are continuing with Wonders. We are currently working on writing an expository text about endangered animals! Finally, in Science, we are wrapping up our unit on waves and information transfer. Please make sure your students are completing their nightly homework! We will also be having parent/teacher conferences in mid-December, so be on the lookout for information regarding conferences. Thank you for everything!

Grade 5 - Mrs. DeFazio and Mrs. Timaul

Welcome December. During the month we will be working on subtracting whole numbers with fractions with unlike denominators. In reading we will continue with Unit 2. Students will be learning about What kinds of experiences can lead to new discoveries? We will be learning about Getting from Here to There. We will be working on verbs for grammar. In science we will begin to learn about plants and food chains. Please remember that homework is being sent home on A Days and should return on E Days. Mrs. DeFazio has also included the reading part of the homework. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher. It's important that you check your child's folder or backpack daily. Important papers go home frequently.

Nurse Allison

We will be welcoming winter before you know it, so please remember to send your child to school bundled up. We will be going outside for recess until the weather becomes too cold. Also, remember flu season is upon us and it's important for everyone to continually wash their hands. If anyone at home gets sick, be sure to wipe down door knobs and faucets. And of course, get a good amount of sleep every night. A rested body fights off disease better than a tired one. Have a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!



Mr. Gilmore - Physical Education

Students have been doing some great work in gym. December activities will be hockey skills and tag games and scooter games. Please send students with coats and sneakers for gym.



Mr. Nazario - Music

This month in music, we are working towards a holiday concert. It will feature all grades. The official date of the performance is Tuesday, December 17th, from 6 pm to 7 pm in the Regan cafeteria. We hope to see your children and family support this festive occasion. A flyer will be sent out soon detailing more of this wonderful event.

Mrs. Gwiazdoski - ESL Teacher

Your child is able to access Wonders Online at home. There are some great educational games available under the adaptive learning link. There are also reading comprehension assignments that I have assigned in the "to do" section. Students are able to utilize this tool at home as well as in the classroom. Students have the link bookmarked on their home page. Go on chrome or firefox. <https://connected.mcgraw-hill.com/sch>

Your children have practiced logging in and should be able to connect. Please contact me with any questions. hgwiazdoski@waterbury.k12.ct.us

Mrs. Pronovost - Reading Specialist

It looks like Lexia is now getting settled. We now have 60 licenses for the school. 30 of those licenses will be for the students in the after school program beginning in December (K-2) ESH. So we will then have 30 licenses left for other students. Once we have the final list for ESH please look it over (K-2) and then we can keep or add any students that really want or could benefit from Lexia.

I also have I believe 36 Raz-Kids licenses. This is a leveled reading program. The books can be read aloud or the students read them and there are comprehension questions/activities. We've used this in the past but I did not set it up this year. It is good for all ages/reading levels. I can get kids on there and there is no time tracked, no pressure to get it done!

So teachers, please look at your kids, see who might really benefit from either program. Raz-Kids is also helpful because I can set it up as an enrichment for those kids who need a little bit extra! Let me know what you think.

Mrs. Milo - Literacy Facilitator

Now that it's getting dark earlier, children are spending more time inside. Take advantage of the situation and get them reading!! Surely there is a subject that interests your child. The children's department at the Silas Bronson Library has librarians ready to help your child find a book that's just right for them. We also have books at the school just waiting to go to a good home. If you would like some books sent home for your child(ren), just send a note in to me, Mrs. Milo, and I will gladly help you build an at home library.

Ms. Reinholz - Library Media

Hello there! I am Ms. Reinholz, the new librarian at Regan. In December, we will read, write, and research about different holidays and traditions, important historical events, and famous figures celebrated this month. Students in grades 2-5 are beginning the check-out process for books. Please make sure your student is taking responsibility for library books that go home. In order to check out a new book, they must return the one they currently have out. Library happens for all students on either A day or E day, so they should prepare to bring their books back on the day they have library for specials.



Are you a bucket filler or bucket dipper?

PBIS on BUCKET FILLING

We all have an invisible bucket that we carry around. It represents our mental and emotional health. When our buckets are full, we have what we need for daily happiness. Buckets can be filled in many ways; helping without being asked, giving compliments and being kind to others to name a few. At Regan School we are teaching our students to be Bucket Fillers. You can help! Check out bucketfillers101.com to learn how!

