

Regan Elementary School

February 2019

“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 Milo, Teaching Vice Principal

February Calendar of Events

- 1 Field Trip for 4T and 5B for Mattatuck Museum 9am - 11am
Student of Marking Period Ceremony - Gr. K,1,2 @1:15pm/Gr3,4,5, @ 1:45pm
- 5 PTO Meeting 5:30-6:30pm
- 6 Distribute 2nd MP Report Cards for grades 1 - 5
- 6 PTO Movie Night - Doors open at 5:30; Movie begins at 5:30pm -7:30pm
- 8, 11, 12 Valentine Day Shopping at Regan - More info to follow
- 13 SGC Meeting 8-8:30am
Grade 3 performances and informational sessions 8:30 - 10am/ 12:30 - 2pm
- 15 Lincoln's Day (Observed) - No School
- 18 President's Day - No School
- 25-3/1 Celebrating Dr. Suess & Read Across America - More info to follow

Reminder
Friday, 2/15/19 – No School
Monday, 2/18/19 – No School

SAVE THE DATE for FIELD DAY
Wednesday, May 29, 2019
Volunteers will be needed.



A Message from the Principal, Mrs. Razza



I can't believe it is already February! And we are more than half way through the school year! All students were tested in both math and reading skills in January as a way to monitor the growth your child is making in both subject areas. A parent letter on your child's reading performance will be sent home with your child's report card on February 6th. Kindergarten students will be sent home with the letter in a sealed envelope since your child's report card runs by trimester and not marking periods. The letter will specify the different things you can work on with your child to help him/her build reading skills. Students in kindergarten, grade 1, 2 and 3 that do not pass the Reading assessment in April will be mandated to attend summer school due to State of Connecticut law. Please call the school or write a note to your child's teacher to make an appointment if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's reading results or report card.

Regan School students have been working on showing "Acts of Kindness". One of our school-wide projects is to build a paper chain filled with kind acts that students have completed. The goal is to end the year so that the entire school can have a connected chain to show all of the "Acts of Kindness" that everyone has shown at Regan School. For a Home Connection, during the month of February, if your child fills in at least 15 acts of kindness on the calendar that was sent home, your child will be given a prize. Our message this year is to "Spread Kindness in and around the Regan School community".

Our third, fourth and fifth grade students will be taking the Smarter Balanced tests in April and May. Please have your child take the practice tests for Math and ELA to get comfortable with using the computer and the tools available to take these assessments. You can have your child log on by visiting <http://ct.portal.airast.org> and clicking on Practice and Training tests on the right column. Follow the prompts. No passwords are needed. The link has also been added to the Regan School website for your convenience. Once you click on Smarter Balanced, it will bring you directly to the site for the practice tests. Any questions, please call the school. Someone is always available to walk you through it if you need assistance. We have showed the students how to access this site.

Please keep in mind that students are not allowed to bring in foods to be shared due to many allergies in the building. Our top priority is to keep all students safe from any danger. If your child is celebrating a birthday or any celebration as a class, a great alternative can be to send in treat bags filled with pencils, note pads, erasers, etc. Teachers will send home a letter stating that food is involved if a learning activity with food is planned, just as a precaution.

We still have many more events planned for this school year. Each month, a calendar will be sent home as a way for families to track the different events going on. As a reminder, if you have not signed up for the text alerts for Regan events, please call the school so we can send home information to set you up. All teachers at Regan participate in Class Dojo, so please contact your child's teacher if you need help getting this set up as well.

We have been lucky so far with only 2 snow days! At this point, our tentative last day of school is Tuesday, June 11th. For each snow day we have moving forward, please add one more day to this date. Please keep this in mind when planning summer vacations because attendance is very important. Days will be added to June 11th if we have more snow days.

We look forward to working together so that all of our children can succeed!

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 may enter the school at 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.**
- If an **EMERGENCY dismissal** is called, dismissal time will be **12:00 p.m.**



Cut and return to the main office ONLY if your phone number or address has changed. It is important that our records are accurate. 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!!!**

Please make sure to send in a doctor's note or parent note and call the school when your child is too sick to attend school.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION DRESS CODE POLICY: Taken from Safe School and Climate Handbook

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

Tops must be button down, pullover, or turtleneck style with long or short sleeves and a collar in solid white, gray, black, blue or khaki

Girls: Jumpers, skirts, dresses, pants, or skorts in solid navy blue, white, black, gray, or khaki. (no more than three inches above the knee)

*Note: Leggings, stockings or other stretch form fitting leg coverings may be worn under shorts, skirts, skorts, dresses or jumpers.

Tops must be button down, pullover, or turtleneck style with long or short sleeves and a collar in solid white, gray, black, blue or khaki

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

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

NO hooded shirts or sweatshirts blue jeans of any kind

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.



Here is how you can help all Regan students with 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 A+ Rewards: Regan School can earn money for educational supplies with your help! You can register on-line.

Shop Rite for Education: Regan School can earn money for educational supplies with your help!

Send in your Shop Rite card number to help Regan School students.

A Message from the Parent Liaison, Mrs. Poulter

I hope everyone is enjoying the winter weather. It is a wonderful opportunity to engage in family time. On these snow days you can enjoy playing cards or board games, reading or watching a movie together.

Be sure to try and visit the Silas Bronson Library on Grand Street. There have many great activities for families. If you need books or materials, you can contact me at (203) 346-2603 or the main number at (203) 574-8187.



Kids' Corner **FIGURE IT OUT!**

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

Kindergarten and Grade 1

Sal has 10 cookies. Tim has 8 cookies. Tim says that he has more cookies than Sal. Is Tim correct?

Explain your thinking.

Grade 2 and Grade 3

Fran has 367 stickers. He gets 122 more stickers. He says that he has a total of 489 stickers. Is he correct?

Explain your thinking.

Grade 4 and Grade 5

Deon ate $\frac{3}{4}$ of a blueberry pie. Jose ate $\frac{6}{8}$ of a blueberry pie. Deon said he ate more pie. Is he correct?

Explain your thinking.

A Message from the PTO

Please attend the next PTO Meeting - February 8th @ 5:30PM. Hope to see you then!

PTO Movie Night - February 6th from 5:30-7:00PM

A Message from the Regan School Governance Council

Some very exciting things are coming! Science / Math Night with Mr. Reed was a huge success. Everyone enjoyed participating in the hands - on activities. Every child went home with a book and a calculator.

Also our Science Expo is being planned for some time in the spring. Planning for our "One Book One Read" project is continuing.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Mrs. Mildred Diaz, Attendance Counselor

From Attendanceworks.org:

Getting your child to school on-time, every day, unless they are sick, is something that you can do to ensure your child has a chance to succeed in school. While others can help, you are the bottom line. You can promote good attendance when you:

- Establish and stick to the basic routines (going to bed early, waking up on time, etc.) that will help your child develop the habit of on-time attendance.
- Talk to your child about why going to school every day is critical and important unless they are sick.
- If your child seems reluctant to go to school, find out why and work with the teacher, administrator or afterschool provider to get them excited about going to school.
- Come up with back up plans for who to turn to (another family member, a neighbor or fellow parents) to help you get your child to school if something comes up (e.g. another child gets sick, your car breaks down, etc.).
- Reach out for help if you are experiencing tough times (e.g. transportation, unstable housing, loss of a job, health problems) that make it difficult to get your child to school. Other parents, your child's teacher, principal, social worker, school nurse, afterschool providers or community agencies can help you problem solve or connect you to a needed resource.
- If your child is absent, work with the teacher to make sure she or he has an opportunity to learn and make up for the academics missed.

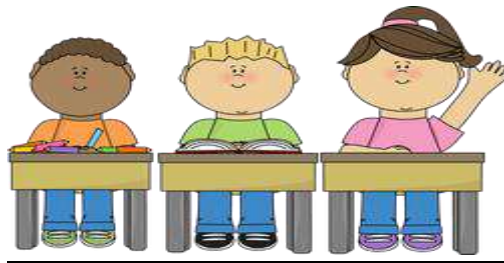


Notes from the School Nurse

It's February, our short but unpredictable month! New England weather just doesn't stop changing and being fickle. 2019 has already seen an increase in the flu and stomach viruses, so be on alert. These viruses are quite contagious so as always be germ cautious hand washing as much as possible. I thank all of you for your diligence in combating these. If anyone in the family does get the stomach virus, remember clear fluids first followed by the BRAT diet if having diarrhea too. Bananas, rice, applesauce and toast. Avoid dairy products till all subsides. Remember, any vomiting, diarrhea or fever - "Stay Home". Vision, hearing and posture screenings will continue in the weeks ahead. Health packets will also be going out for our 5th graders preparation for middle school.

Thank you again for your support and cooperation to keep our children healthy and safe. Be safe and dress warm. Any questions or concerns, please call me at 203-574-8305.

CLASSROOM NEWS



Kindergarten - Miss Bugryn and Miss Dickey

Happy February! The school year is flying on by! In ELA we will be focusing on becoming familiar with high frequency words, verbs, and nouns. Students will also be focusing on isolating sounds in words, and blending sounds to read words. In Math we will begin working on those tricky teen numbers! We will do this by practicing different ways to make teen numbers. We will also continue working on adding and subtracting within five. Don't forget to encourage your child to use Happy Numbers while at home! Get ready for another month of fun learning!

Grade 1 - Miss DeRienzo and Mrs. Torres

We can't believe that we are entering the 3rd marking period! In the 3rd marking period, we will be learning how to tell time and learning about shapes in math. We will continue to practice our math facts within 20 to prepare for our district assessments. We encourage students to continue to use happynumbers.com at home for daily math practice. In Language Arts, we will enter Unit 2 in Wonders. Students will be taking weekly Assessments to check their understanding of the concepts that were taught. If students have Lexia accounts, please ensure that they are using it at home for extra practice. As a reminder, students are expected to hand in their homework daily. In addition to their homework, students are expected to read for a minimum of 20 minutes a night. Thank you for all your support!

Grade 2 - Mrs. Cipriano and Miss Tyrrell

As we approach the 100th day of school we are working hard in math on measurement and two-step word problems. All our students have Math I-Ready accounts to do math lessons both at home and at school. In Foundations, we are on Unit 8, new trick words. In science we are in Unit 2- Properties of Matter. As for ELA, in Wonders-Unit 2 we are reading stories about animals. Students can now login to the Wonders website to explore and read stories. Some of our students are working hard in LEXIA to help build with their reading. Keep up the great work! Students can also read on epic books.

Please check your child's red folder each day for notices, homework, and always read for 15 minutes each day. Don't forget to send a healthy snack and water bottle for your child.

Grade 3 - Mr. Mitchell and Mrs. Schmied

It's hard to believe that the first month of 2019 is over already! During February, your children will be learning about attributes of two-dimensional shapes. They will then partition the shapes into equal parts and name the unit fractions. We will continue to identify and name fractional parts during the month. i-Ready computer math lessons will continue as well. Please have your child continue to practice all multiplication facts (0-10).

We have a lot to look forward to in the upcoming months. We are putting on short skits for the families to see and to learn about the Smarter Balanced Test we all have to take. We are continuing to practice our reading out loud at home and to read a book every day. In school we are working on Wonders and the great stories they have to share.

Grade 4 - Mrs. Timaul and Mr. Welch

Welcome to February! It is hard to believe the school year is more than halfway over and that we are coming closer to the 100th day of school. Here is the news of what your child is working on this month. In math, students are beginning to add and subtract decimals with the same denominators. Students should also continue to practice their fact fluency every night. Your child also recently took the midyear math I-Ready diagnostic test to help place them in the right math tier for the coming months.

In ELA, 4th grade is continuing to work in Unit 2 of the Wonders reading program. Additionally, students took their midyear MClass assessment for fluency. In order to increase reading fluency, it is essential that students read for at least 20 minutes every night!

In science, your child will be learning about waves and wavelength. So far, 4th grade has truly enjoyed the new science curriculum, which allows for more hands on experiments, which is a new experience for many children. Finally, Regan School is promoting an initiative to encourage kindness between children and adults, as well as in the community as a whole. Please discuss with your child how important it is to be kind and to treat others with respect! We are looking forward to a fun and productive February!

Grade 5 - Mrs. Betancourt and Mrs. DeFazio

Welcome February. During the month we will continue working on dividing numbers in math, then move on to dividing decimals to the hundredths place. Finally we will be moving into story problems using addition and subtraction. In reading we will continue with Unit 2 and be learning about A Plan of Action and Making it Happen. We will be working on contractions and closed syllable words for spelling and possessive nouns and prepositional phrases for grammar. In science we will be continuing to learn more about matter and of its properties. Please remember that homework is being sent home on A Days and should return on E Days. We have also included the reading part of the homework. If you have any question please contact your child's teacher.



What's Going On in the Computer Lab? by Ms. Williams

In the Computer Lab, we continue to work on our typing goals. In addition, students are beginning to choose their own tools to show their learning. Some students are building their own websites, some are using Canva, and some are using the Google Apps for Education. Students are using their Google Drive to store files for access at school and "on the go."

During February we'll have a typing assessment to see how far we've grown since September and we'll reopen our discussion of appropriate online behavior and ensuring our safety when we are online. All of the links we use are available to students from the district website or by going to www.waterbury.k12.ct.us/olc/2036.



Ms. Molly Pritchard - Library Media

Over the past few weeks students have been working on becoming safe and responsible digital citizens, which was preparing them for the upcoming months. During the month of February students in grades 3 - 5 will be working on their very own genius hour projects. Inspired by Google, students will be able to research a topic that they are passionate about and would like to learn more. We will practice finding credible sources, citing sources, and taking notes. I am excited to see what topics students come up with and their final projects. Students in K - 2 will be looking at the different elements of fiction and nonfiction texts. We will work on being able to tell the difference between the two types of text.



Mr. Gilmore - Physical Education

Mr. Gilmore- Students in Physical Education are participating in basketball this month. Gym will be on Wednesday and Thursday. Those days will change when there is a snow day or on scheduled days off for President's Day. Please try to have students wear sneakers on their gym days. Our skills for basketball are dribbling, shooting, passing, defense and teamwork. We have been discussing sportsmanship in class and respect for others while playing all sports.



Music - Jonathan Nazario

In music class, we are working on creating our own rhythms using basic rock and popular music names for patterns. We are incorporating instruments such as the guiro, tambourine, bongos, maraca, agogo bell, and cowbell. For grades three, four, and five, every student gets to use their own rhythm sticks provided at every class. In addition to learning to play instruments, all grades are singing songs based on two main themes. These themes are "songs from around the world" and "songs about heroes." Kindergarten and first grade are learning to use rhythm sticks, bean bags, and egg shakers.



ART - Mr. Zupperoli

Since returning from winter break, students at Regan school have been immersed in drawing. Did you know that magic markers can be used as if they were watercolor paints? Did you know that patterns come in many shapes and colors? Did you know that you can paint with a left-over piece of string? And, did you know that you can achieve three dimension on a piece of paper? The answer to all of these questions is, "Yes, you can!" Students in the fourth and fifth grade are working, wrestling with, and achieving the appearance of three dimension on a two dimensional plain, that is they are learning the technique of one- and two-point perspective. Using a horizon line with one or two vanishing points, and understanding the concepts of horizontal, vertical, diagonal, and curved lines; overlap; size; tone; placement; and detail; students are creating cityscapes, streetscapes and landscapes on a flat piece of paper. This is a difficult and challenging

concept however, students thinking of careers in engineering, technical drawing, art, or science will need to understand this concept. Students are meeting the expectation and achieving the illusion of three dimension on flat paper.

Earlier this year the third grade used markers to create pop art. These drawing used color placed side by side and outlined in black marker. These drawings used flat color. They are taking it one step further. Using markers, overlapping colors, and layering darker colors over lighter colors and then outlining with sharpie they are learning how to use tone and value of color to reach dimension in a drawing. The subject is a streetscape at night reminiscent of Van Gogh's "Starry Night." Finishing the drawing by adding a snow storm these are brilliant and vivid drawings.

Second and first grade students are using a found object to create a picture. That object is a stray piece of string. Beginning with a silhouetted tree stump and adding branches achieved by dipping the string in black paint, students are creating a winter tonal scene using black, grey and white. Splattering the picture with white paint to cause a snow storm these winter tonal landscapes are beautiful and surreal.

Repeating shapes or colors create patterns. Kindergarten students are learning the concept of patterns in shapes and colors by creating their own patterned mittens. By giving the students a blank template (left and right mittens) and recalling Jan Brett's story The Mitten, kinders are visualizing and creating a matched pair of mittens that are drying on a clothes line in a snow storm. You will wish you had mittens as bright and colorful as these when you see them hanging on the walls at Regan School.

The projects over the past month definitely have a winter theme, streetscapes in the snow, landscapes in the snow, and mittens drying in the snow. Students and teachers alike enjoy the winter months especially snow days! Here's hoping that all these winter themed snow scenes bring us a couple of them.

Congratulations to the Students of the Second Marking Period!!!

These students will be acknowledged by Mega Education on Friday, February 1st

Grades K, 1 and 2 – Ceremony will begin at 1:15pm

Grades 3,4 and 5 – Ceremony will begin at 1:45pm

Congratulations!!!

KB	Justin D'Angelo	Genesis Cardenas
KD	Liam Connolly	Melody Rosado
1D	Mary-Kate Fac	Liliana Dibble
1T	Max Finke	Ashley Ramos
2C	Omeshwar Persaud	Ella Mantz
2T	Kennith Torres	Anjelika Sanchez
3M	Leandy Martinez	Monserrat Tejada Zaiter
3S	Andy Martinez	Tianna Wiles
4T	Yelitza Pastor	Marvin Billings
4W	Jianna Dellacroce	Landon Tellier
5B	Jennifer Ardito	Jeyseun Martell
5D	Paola Vargas	Jumalay Martinez

