

Regan Elementary School

March 2018

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

Mrs. Angela Razza, Principal

Mrs. Maria Milo, Interim Teaching Vice Principal

February Calendar of Events

- 2 Read Across America - Dr. Seuss Birthday
- 7 SGC Meeting 8-8:30am
- 8 PTO Meeting 6-7pm
- 9 Spring Portrait Day - Students must be in school uniform
- 15 Community Meeting @ WAMS 4:30-6:30pm
- 16 Wacky Friday Day for \$1.00
- 20 Distribute Kindergarten Report Cards
- 22 Book Bingo Night 6:00pm
- 28 Early Dismissal @ 12:00 pm - Teacher Collaboration
- 30 No School - Good Friday

Important Dates:

Wednesday, March 28 – 12pm Dismissal
Friday, March 30 – No School

A Message from the Principal, Mrs. Razza

I can't believe that March is here and springtime is finally on the way! It is amazing to see how much the children are learning in class each day! Please make sure that your child is reading each night. Your child can also access the online programs such as Math IReady (grades 2,3,4,5), Lexia and Moby Max on a computer at home. If you have any concerns or questions, please call the school to set an appointment with your child's teacher. They are always willing to meet to discuss your child's progress. We want all of our students to succeed!

The Smarter Balance Assessments for grades 3, 4 and 5 will be starting soon. Students will be assessed in Math and Reading. Grade 4 will be taking the test each day from April 30 – May 4. Grades 3 and 5 will be testing May 7 – 18. It is important that your child attends school on time each day of the test. You can have your child practice taking the test. For more information about the Smarter Balance Assessments, please visit <http://www.smarterbalanced.org> Have your child practice taking the Smarter Balanced practice test by using this site: <http://ct.portal.airast.org>. Click on Practice & Training Test on the right column. Follow the prompts. No password needed.

As a reminder, if your child is out sick, please make sure to call the office AND send in a note when your child returns to school. It is still considered an absence. If you have any questions about attendance, please call the school. Also, if you are dropping off your child in the morning, please make sure you drive through the playscape area. If it is after 8:35am, you will need to walk your child into the main office and sign him/her in late. If you are picking up during dismissal, please drive in through the playscape area and follow the car in front of you. Once the first line passes through, the second line will merge in and become the first line. Please call the school if you have any questions.

I look forward to seeing our families at the family events hosted each month by the PTO and Regan School. We hope that you feel welcomed at Regan School! Refer to the monthly calendar for the different events going on at Regan and around the community. Please feel free to call the school if you have any questions.

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.**
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.

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.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DRESS CODE POLICY: Taken from Safe School and Climate Handbook
NO hooded sweatshirt or blue jeans allowed.

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 sneakers ...NO 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.



Parent's Corner

A Message from the Parent Liaison, Mrs. Poulter

Thank you to all the families who attended Regan School Movie Night. Also a big thank you to the PTO, Mrs. Schmied, Ms. DeRienzo, and Mrs. Razza for all your help with this event. It was a fun night!

Make sure you mark your calendars:-

Community Meeting – Thursday, March 15th (see attached flyer)

BOOK BINGO – Literacy Night / Texas Road House Dinner, Thursday, March 22nd

Here are a few tips from Channing Bete Company for you to help your child become a better reader:

- Encourage conversations – talk with your child often
- Share family stories
- Read with your child everyday
- Let your child see you reading
- Make reading fun
- Stay involved in child's education

To learn more about reading visit the library or www.ed.gov for more tips. Make reading a fun family time! If you need anything such as books or other school supplies, please contact me, Patty Poulter, at 203-574-8187 or 203-346-2603.

A Message from the PTO

Movie Night was held on Thursday, February, 15th. A lot of fun was had by all whom attended.

Looking forward to Book Bingo Literacy Night on March 22nd with our fundraiser with Texas Road House. Information to follow!

A Message from the Regan School Governance Council

The "One Book One Read" activity is set to kick off March 2nd in conjunction with Read Across America. The book that was chosen is *Friendship According to Humphrey*.

The next activity that is being planned is our first Science Expo in April.

Congratulations to the Students of the 2nd Marking Period!!!

Grade K-Miss Bugryn - Mary-Kate Fac & Daniel Torres

Grade K-Mrs. Guterrez - Demory Bolton & Shawnell Cross

Grade 1-Miss DeRienzo - Ella Mantz & Tyahni Gibson

Grade 1 Mrs. Torres - Savanna Anufrijevas & Jakob Ruiz-Gallagher

Grade 2 Mrs. DeFazio - Leandy Martinez & Ceclia Rodriguez

Grade 2 Miss Razz - Avaianna Dozier & Andy Martinez

Grade 3 Mr. Mitchell - Raquim Chapman & Jianna Dellacroce

Grade 3 Ms. Schmied - Tatiana Krosi & Marcos Martinez

Grade 4-Mrs. Santos - Leila Benjamin & Henry

Grade 4-Mrs. Stevens - Kristofer Ramirez & Samantha Veary

Grade 5-Mrs. Betancourt - Dakota D'Angelo & Yamilet Rivera

Grade 5-Mr. Welch - Sara Anis & Umair Fenoz



Notes from the School Nurse

It's March Madness Time! Is spring coming soon or not? Along with weather and our health we are very busy here academically. Continue to get plenty of rest, drink liquids, and of course "Hand Washing" to keep those viruses away.

Here in the Health Office this month we are busy with "Smile Builders" coming back for six month checkups. Postural screening for 5th grade girls will be scheduled and any follow up failures in vision and hearing. Fifth graders will receive a Health Packet containing information needed for their Middle School time.

Our students are preparing for yearend testing and working hard at it. Remember, support and encouragement is so important for their success. Call if you have any concerns. March Madness will spring by before we know it!

CLASSROOM NEWS

Kindergarten - Ms. Bugryn and Miss Gagnon (Substitute for Mrs. Gutierrez)

Happy March! We are working on segmenting and blending sounds as well as reading books on our own! We are continuing to work on retelling, characters, setting, problem and solution during read-alouds. We have been working on writing sentences using an uppercase letter at the beginning and a period at the end. In math, we are working on addition and subtraction problems. We have been using manipulatives and drawings to help solve problems. We are also learning about shapes and how real life objects are made out of shapes. In March, we will complete a science project to catch a Leprechaun! Please continue to keep reading with your child at home and asking questions about the story and make sure your child completes their homework each week! As always, contact your child's teacher with any concerns or questions!

Grade 1 - Ms. DeRienzo and Mrs. Torres

On March 2, we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday. We will be reading books by Dr. Seuss and completing different writing activities to go along with the books. In math, the students will be learning about shapes. The students will be learning about two and three dimensional shapes. Students will also be learning how to partition shapes into halves and quarters. In addition to learning about shapes, students will be practicing their math facts through 10. In language arts, students will be learning consonant blends and long vowels. It is very important that students are reading for at least 20 minutes in addition to their daily homework.

Grade 2 - Mrs. DeFazio and Ms. Razz

Happy March! Hopefully we will be seeing spring very soon. In literacy, we are well into our unit on Folktales and Fables. We are continuing to learn about morals and how a character's behavior and feelings can change based on what events happen in a story. By the end of the marking period your children will have created a short fable about an animal who will learn a lesson. In math we are continuing to work on measurement and will be learning about line plots and identifying and drawing 2-dimensional shapes having specific attributes. We will continue to work on story problems.

Please continue to check your child's folder nightly for homework or important notices.

Please remember that when it is warm enough we will be outside for recess so make sure your child is wearing a jacket to school daily. 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**.

Grade 3 - Mr. Mitchell and Mrs. Schmied

In March our marking period will be ending. We are practicing for Smarter Balanced Test, and we are working on non-fiction text features. We are working on two projects this semester, their Biography Books and a State project to end the marking period. We will be continuing our practice of fluency and progress monitoring all students in the month of March. Read every day!! Continue to practice multiplication facts! Work on telling time at home, and your fact fluency. It's important to do I-Ready at home.

Grade 4 - Mrs. Santos and Ms. Stevens

Fourth grade is continuing to work on the unit based on fables, fairy tales and folktales. In class, the students will be looking at themes of stories, moral lessons and text features of these different types of text throughout the 3rd marking term. We are working on being able to summarize the texts and support with details from the text.

In math, we are continuing to work with fractions. The students are starting multiplying fractions in class using number lines and area models. Next, students will be introduced to the perimeter of rectangles and how to draw accurate models. Students are doing a great job at mastering their facts, keep up the good work!

Grade 5 - Mrs. Betancourt and Mr. Welch

We are well into the 3rd marking period and the students have been working hard. We have started prepping the students for standardized testing. Please have your children work on I Ready and Lexia if they have an account. A notice will be going home with reminders of what accounts they have and their username and passwords. The more time on these educational programs the more skills they will attain. ELA- The students have been working on their realistic fiction stories. Please ask them what they are writing about and if you could see it. Your input and interest are so important to the children. MATH- Students are still working on their multiplication facts, Please ensure that they know them by the end of the marking period. It is crucial to their math growth. We are currently working on solving word problems using situation and solution equations. DRESS CODE- Please make sure your child is wearing the appropriate attire. Hoods and sweaters of the wrong color will not be allowed in class. Thank you so much for all your support.

