



Regan Elementary School School News - September 2020

Mrs. Angela Razza, Principal

Mrs. Maria Milo, Teaching Vice Principal

A Message from the Principal, Mrs. Razza



The 2020 – 2021 school year is off to a great start despite the restrictions caused by the COVID pandemic. The children are getting acclimated to the routines and schedule and are joining the daily Google Meets. In addition to instruction during the morning hours, all students have assignments to complete on the computer in the afternoon and/or evening. The Regan staff is dedicated to making sure our children’s needs are met during their daily instruction. As a reminder, all teachers are available for a Google Meet from 2:30 – 3:05pm to assist any students with extra help or answer any questions they may have from the assignments they are completing.

Parent Square is our new communication tool at Regan School and across all Waterbury Public Schools. I will post all messages and updates on Parent Square, so please upload the free app on your phone. If you need assistance with this task, please call the school. We are here to work together. Unfortunately, the Remind app and Class Dojo will no longer be used after September 30th.

I look forward to working alongside our committed Regan School staff and working with you and your children.

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.

A student is considered tardy after 8:35 a.m.

Students begin dismissal at 12:35 p.m.

If Regan School has an **emergency dismissal**, school will end at 12:00 p.m.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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. Thank you!

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

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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.



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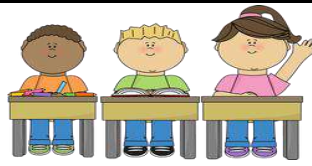
Parent Liaison - Patty Poulter

Welcome to a new school year. It is a start like no other! For new families to Regan School I would like to introduce myself. I am Patty Poulter, Parent Liaison. I am a resource to you. Please contact me if there is anything I can assist you with. Parent input is valued and important in order for Regan School to be successful.

Parent Square is our online two-way communication tool. Please contact your child's teacher or myself if you any questions. This is something new that we are all learning, therefore I want to thank you for your support and patience.

We will make it a great school year! Remember, we are all in this together!

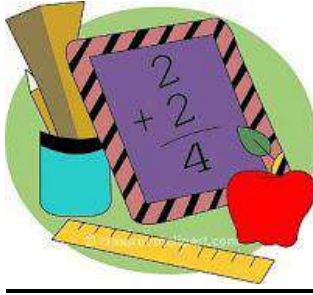
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Kindergarten - Mrs. Chiucarella and Miss Dickey

Happy October! Boy, the first month of school flew by! We want to take a moment to thank you all for your hard work and dedication during our transition back into school. We are all learning so much day by day. This month in Kindergarten we will continue to learn our letters and their sounds. We will also be learning new trick words.

In math, we will continue working on counting and writing numbers 1-10. We will also begin comparing numbers using the words "more than" and "less than". Please practice counting and writing numbers at home with your child. If you ever have any questions on how you can further support your child at home, please don't hesitate to reach out! We look forward to watching your child grow and succeed!



Grade 1 - Miss DeRienzo and Mrs. Demollari

Welcome to first grade! We are so excited to begin the school year! This month we will be overcoming and persevering through the obstacles of synchronous and asynchronous learning! We will learn to be kind, patient and hardworking students!

Our math goal is to become fluent in addition and subtraction within 10. Our reading goal in first grade is to become fluent readers.

This month in Math, students will learn that counting relates to addition and subtraction, the strategy to count on to add and addition with doubles and doubles +1. During Foundations and Wonders, students will learn letter sounds, letter formation and how to read three letter words.

Engineering and Technology is the topic that your student will learn during science this month! We highly encourage students to complete daily homework assignments and to read 20 minutes or more each night to help make academic progress! We look forward to having an amazing year together!



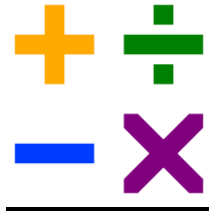
Grade 2 - Mrs. Cipriano and Miss Tyrrell

We are excited to start a new virtual/in-school year at Regan! Both Miss Tyrrell and Mrs. Cipriano's second graders are learning and adjusting to all our new online learning. Every night Chromebooks should be charged up for the students to use for the next day. Each afternoon the students need to complete 20 minutes- Math i-Ready, 20 minutes-LEXIA (if they have an account), 20 minutes-Foundations, and their special (Gym, Art, Music).

In math, we are discussing strategies such as: make A ten, counting on, addition and subtraction math facts, adding doubles, and doubles plus one. In reading/language arts, we are reading stories about friends and families, learning story elements, and discussing the beginning, middle and end of stories. In science, we started with learning about Unit 1-engineering and now Unit 2- Matter.

Please continue to read with your child each night and keep practicing your math facts (examples: $9+1=10$, $8+8=16$).

Grade 3 - Mr. Mitchell and Mrs. Schmied



Welcome Back! September has been a busy, interesting month! In addition to the third grade curriculum, our students have been learning how to log in to various programs we are using in class and at home. They have been using the new learning tool Kami to complete their digital assignments. The girls and boys are getting used to the "new" school routine.

We encourage you to have your child log in to Epic (link under Reading in Google Classroom) to practice reading. This will log the books and minutes spent reading. Some books even have a quiz to practice comprehension test-taking. Also, we encourage our students to practice addition and subtraction facts. We will begin multiplication facts in late October.

Every afternoon your child will be working on Foundations lessons, Math iReady, Wonders assignments, and their Specials.

It was great seeing many of you during our Virtual Open House! If you were not able to attend, the slide show can be found on our teacher pages. If you or your child have any questions, please join Google Meets between 2:30 and 3:05 each school day. Parents can also send a message through Parent Square.



Grade 4 - Mrs. Betancourt and Mr. Welch

First of all, the fourth grade team wants to thank you for your incredible patience over the past few weeks. Distance learning has been stressful for all involved, and we are grateful that you have been so understanding, especially regarding the technology issues.

With that being said, we are very excited to start the school year with your children! They have been wonderful to work with and we are confident that they are going to excel in fourth grade. By week three, we are ready to fully start working with Wonders, I-Ready, and Science. All learning will be done online using Google Classroom and Kami. We will be posting lessons, in class assignments, and lessons on those applications. Although it is always important, it is even more important now that you work with your children on their fact fluency (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) and that you read with them every night. The more students practice these skills, the better they will get. If you have any questions at all, both fourth grade teachers are on Google Meets from 2:30-3:05 Monday through Friday. We are there to help both our students and parents to meet whatever needs they have.

Grade 5 - Mrs. DeFazio and Mrs. Timaul

This week in math, our fifth-graders are exploring Volume. Your child has already learned to find the area of a plane figure, such as a rectangle, by covering it with unit squares. Now your child is learning how to find the volume of a solid figure, such as a cube, by filling it with unit cubes.

In Science, our students are studying Unit 2 Matter. The focus of this unit is to develop a model to describe that matter is made of particles too small to be seen. Measure and graph quantities to provide evidence that regardless of the type of change that occurs when heating, cooling, or mixing substances, the total weight of matter is conserved and make observations and measurements to identify materials based on their properties. As children work toward success with these performance expectations, they will learn about more than just science content. They will develop and use models, plan and carry out investigations, and use mathematics and computational thinking. To stay up to date with our progress, ask often about what's happening in science class.

In ELA, we will start Unit 1, "Eureka! I've got it!!" We will focus on the comprehension strategy of rereading to deepen understanding. The genre is Realistic Fiction. Our fifth graders are adjusting nicely to this new way of learning and we are super proud of them.



Nurse Allison

Hello Regan Eagles and Welcome Back to School!

Whether you are attending school in person or learning virtually, we hope you are all coping well and staying safe.

A few reminders to keep YOU and OTHERS safe and healthy:

Wear a mask in public.

Social distance trying to stay 6' apart.

Wash, wash, wash your hands.

Stay home if you are sick.

We are Eagles and we soar amid the biggest challenges! Let's take care of ourselves and each other.

Mrs. Gwiazdoski - ESL Teacher

I have had the pleasure to assist students in their classrooms so far this year. I will be servicing the English learners (EL) virtually. If your child is to receive these services, please be sure to look for an invitation from me. It will say EL Regan/Bucks Hill Gwiazdoski.H (Bucks Hill is the other school I service). I will post the times and letter days I will be working with your child shortly. If you or your child have any questions, I am available daily from 2:30-3:00 on Google Meet. My meeting link is posted on my Google classroom.

Mrs. Pronovost - Reading Intervention

Hi everyone! Welcome back. It has been so good to be back at Regan and to see many of your faces. I have missed you all very much. Here are a few things to know:

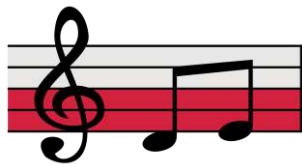
- All reading intervention will be done virtually through a Google Meet. We have our own reading intervention Google classroom where you will find the meet link.
- I posted an initial schedule for intervention, however it will be changing soon and we will not be meeting for a few weeks yet.
- Beginning of the year reading testing will begin soon. Once that is complete, I will be rearranging our groups so your group, time, and day for intervention will change.
- Mrs. Byrnes, our reading tutor is back with us, so she will be taking a few of those groups instead of me. She will log in through our reading intervention classroom as well. We will work out the other details as we go along.
- For now, please know if you are in intervention, you have access to Lexia until at least the end of October. Use it!
- Intervention students in grade 5-3 and many in grade 2 have access to Raz-Kids as well. That has Leveled books for you to read. Please use that as well.
- If you need me, please email me at mpronovost@waterbury.k12.ct.us. I do not have any parents listed under my Parent Square account yet.
- Read! Read! Read!



Mrs. Milo - Literacy Facilitator

Hello and Welcome Back! It's been so great to see our students again, whether in person or on Google Meets. I am so proud of our children and staff. Despite the newness of our virtual instructional format, all are working hard to ensure that teaching and learning occurs daily. It will only get better from here as we all become more skilled with educational technology!! Keep up the great work everyone!

WE ARE REGAN EAGLES AND EAGLES ALWAYS SOAR!!!!



Mr. Nazario - Music

We are learning music virtually for the start of this school year. I will be posting weekly lessons by grade level. These lessons consist of a guide with directions and materials and an accompanying recording(s). I encourage parents and siblings to join in when available and, as always, to record your child learning and performing songs.



Mr. Gilmore - P. E.

Welcome back!

I will be presenting our lessons virtually. Students can access their lessons on Mr. Gilmore's Google Classroom page. Please let me know how you do with the lessons by adding comments. Have fun and stay safe. Be active and get moving. Good luck to the school year!

Ms. Baechler - Art



Welcome to Art Class! My name is Ms. Baechler and I am your new art teacher. This month, students will be working on all sorts of art, from learning lines to drawing doodles, to creating portraits. Students in Kindergarten through 5th grade have been invited to access their art class on google classroom.

Keep in mind:

Students should be working on Art assignments for about 30 minutes each week independently after school. I will be posting assignments with basic materials, such as paper and pencil. If your student would like to use marker, colored pencil, or paint, they are more than welcome to. Whatever is available for them at home!

My Google Meets Office Hours are B and C days (Wednesdays and Thursdays) from 2:00 to 2:30 under the meet nickname: reganartbaechler

I hope everyone is having a happy and safe September so far!

