



Regan Elementary School

SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MRS. RAZZA



Welcome back! We are excited to have all of our students back for a new school year! We have many exciting activities planned for the 2022 - 2023 school year. Make sure to check out the Waterbury Public School website at www.waterbury.k12.ct.us for updated district information as well.

During the month of September, students in grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will take the beginning of the year math assessment. This test will show teachers where your child is in math so that appropriate instruction can be implemented. We will also have all students take a short reading test to determine appropriate reading instruction for your child as well. This test will only be used to help teachers plan appropriate instruction.

We hope you enjoyed attending the Ice Cream Social. It was great to see so many families! I know teachers shared a lot of information at the recent Virtual Open House regarding grade level expectations, procedures and routines. They are always available to meet if you have any other questions.

Parent Square is our main communication tool at our 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.

Applications for the 21st Century After School Program were sent home. Students in grades 2-5 are eligible to apply. Although we have limited availability, we do encourage all students in grades 2-5 to apply.

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

Best wishes,
Mrs. Razza



DID YOU KNOW THAT...

“Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school-and themselves. Start building this habit so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation” (*Attendance Works*, www.reachoutandread.org).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION for SEPTEMBER 2022

- 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
Family Intake Center		203.346.3511	

PARENT LIAISON: PATTY POULTER

Welcome to a new school year. It is a start like no other school year. 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 (203-574-8187) if you have any questions. This is something new that we are all learning, therefore, I want to thank you for your support and patience.

Please consider joining our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and/or School Governance Committee (SGC) this year. Remember your support and voice matter in helping our school succeed.

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

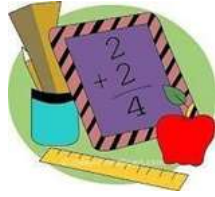
CLASSROOM NEWS



KINDERGARTEN

A MESSAGE FROM MISS DICKEY AND MS. HOLMES

Welcome to Kindergarten! We are going to have so much fun this year! We have started to learn our letters and the sounds they make during Foundations. Students will learn that each letter makes its own sound. This will help them with reading and writing. In math, we are learning about numbers 1-10. We are counting, matching items to a number and writing the numbers. Students will also be learning how to use their own laptop which they will use during center time and at home for homework. There is so much learning ahead of us! As always, if you have any questions please reach out.



GRADE 1

A MESSAGE FROM MISS ANULEWICZ AND MISS WOJTUNIK

Welcome to First Grade!! We are so excited to get to know all of the students and begin learning! In Foundations we have begun Unit 1 in which we are practicing writing our letters using the Foundations lines. In Math we are learning how to add by counting on. We will begin the Math iReady Diagnostic testing this week along with the mClass reading testing later in the month.

Please make sure you are sending your child to school with a water bottle each day. Also please make sure you are checking your child's blue folder each day, as that is where homework and important notices will be. We look forward to meeting all of you at our virtual open house.

GRADE 2

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. CIPRIANO AND MISS TYRRELL

Welcome to Grade 2! We are excited to be back at Regan. In Math both Mrs. Cipriano and Miss Tyrrell's second graders are learning all about "Make A Ten" strategies, using ten frames, math vocabulary, and adding and subtracting within 20. In Foundations, we are learning new trick words, digraphs (wh, th, sh, ch, ck), blends and marking up our words. In Wonders, Unit 1 - we are learning about how friends help friends, how families around the world are the same and different, and how we take care

of our pets.

Your child can bring in a refillable water bottle for our classroom along with a healthy snack, however no peanut butter. You may want to send in a sweater or fleece for class if your child gets cold. Hoodies are not allowed at school.

Please check your child's blue communication folder each day for homework and notices.



GRADE 3

A MESSAGE FROM MR. MITCHELL AND MRS. SCHMIED

Welcome to 3rd Grade!! We are so excited to get started with our learning this month. We want to remind students to keep their supplies from home at home. They may need them for homework or other assignments. We have been working hard to learn our routines in school and the expectations. For the month of September in ELA (reading) the students are learning many skills and strategies to strengthen their comprehension. In math, we will be using place value to round numbers and add/subtract three-digit numbers. In both subjects we will be taking our beginning of the year assessments. This will result in goal setting and a great year reaching our goals. We look forward to meeting everyone at open house where we will review our expectations and answer any questions parents might have.



GRADE 4

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. BETANCOURT AND MR. WELCH

Welcome to the new school year! We are so excited to be working with you and your children this year! Here are a few updates of what we are working on in September.

In Reading/Language Arts, students are learning about narrative stories and how they are structured. They are also learning how to write their own personal narratives about a time in their life that was important to them.

During Math, our classes have been working on place value. Soon we will be moving into the four major operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division).

Finally, our first Science unit is Engineering and Technology. Students will be learning how engineers identify problems, develop solutions, and improve their solutions.

To support your child at home, please make sure they are completing their nightly homework and are practicing their reading and fact fluency! Thank you for all of your support. We are looking forward to a great year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Welch

Mrs. Betancourt



GRADE 5

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. SCARBOROUGH and MS. SENAN

Welcome to *Grade 5*. Fifth grade is an exciting year for you, as it is the last step in your elementary career. We have no doubt that we will have a fun-filled, memorable year together learning a lot of new and exciting concepts.

In Language Arts, we will begin the year exploring the genres of Realistic Fiction, Narrative NonFiction and Biographies. We will also be focusing on the comprehension strategies, rereading and asking/answering questions. In writing, we will be composing an autobiographical sketch in which students will describe a significant event in their lives and explain why it is so important.

In math, we are learning how to calculate the volume of three-dimensional figures. Once students complete the beginning of the year diagnostic, they will be assigned an individual pathway that is tailored towards the skills that they need to focus on. Finally in Science, students will be learning about Matter. We will learn about solids, liquids and gases as well as physical and chemical changes.

Please feel free to reach out to us on parent square with any questions or concerns.



A MESSAGE FROM NURSE KAREN

My name is Ms. Karen Bailey. I am the new school nurse this year at Regan School. I am enjoying getting to know your children.

Regarding MEDICATIONS:

If your child has an inhaler or any medication, the parent must bring it in with the prescription and the care plan from the doctor. Please do not send it to school with your child.

Here are the most updated CDC COVID guidelines:

If your child tests positive for COVID, your child must quarantine for 5 days after the onset of symptoms. You must notify the main office. If someone in your household tests positive, your child can come to school if:

- Your child tests negative and you must test daily for 10 days**
- Does NOT have a fever**
- Your child MUST wear a mask to school for 10 days after a household member tests positive. This is called TEST-MASK-GO.**

Kindergarten families: I will be sending home a physical form that must be filled out by the doctor if your child needs an updated physical.

Feel free to call me anytime. I can be reached at 203-574-8187 option 1 if you have any questions.



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. PRONOVOST

READING INTERVENTIONIST

Welcome back everyone! I am very excited to start a new year at Regan. Last year we made huge gains in our pre-reading and reading skills. We focused on our ability to hear sounds, putting them together to make words and manipulate, or change them, to make new words. The upper grades focused on having a good rate, or pace, and expression, meaning we read as if we were talking.

We will have Mrs. Byrnes, our reading tutor, again this year. She will be assisting students on B-E days. She will help me service those students in reading intervention. We use data from our mClass testing that is given three times per school year to determine eligibility for reading intervention. We will begin this testing on Sept 21st. If you have any questions or concerns please call the school and leave me a message. Lastly, please remember the more your children see you read, the more they will read. Thank you!





A MESSAGE FROM MRS. THOMPSON

LITERACY FACILITATOR AND TVP

Welcome back students and families! This is my first year at Regan School and I am so happy to be a part of the Regan community! We will be busy this month administering the beginning of year benchmark screeners to all of our students in K-5. Your child's score will be sent home to keep you aware of his/her academic performance. Small group instruction has begun based on each child's individual needs. Mrs. Pronovost, our Reading Teacher, and Mrs. Byrnes, our Reading Tutor, are also busy servicing students. I will be closely working with classroom teachers and students by guiding instruction. Be sure to read to or with your child every evening! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding your child's reading performance.

Open House is Wednesday, 9/14. We hope all of our families attend so you are aware of our expectations and the learning requirements.



A MESSAGE FROM MR. NAZARIO

MUSIC TEACHER

In music class, students in the upper grades are reviewing songs that we did during the prior year, and communicating with me as to where they want to start their musical journey this year. I am getting to know new students and enjoying hearing about what they did this summer. We are also sharing our hopes for this school year. I look forward to working with all classes in all grades so they can discover and contribute to their musical abilities.



A MESSAGE FROM MR. STONE

PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Hello! My name is Mr. Stone, the new Physical Education Teacher at Regan. I am very excited to be back to school and looking forward to seeing and working with everyone. I hope that you had a chance to enjoy some time with your families and relax and of course get a little exercise :) As a teacher I recognize that children are at different developmental levels, with a variety of needs and interests. For this reason, in each class, I will attempt to provide all of the children with experiences that are both beneficial and enjoyable. Each lesson is also adjusted to take into account the wide range of skill and fitness levels that is a characteristic of children at the elementary level. Throughout the school year the students will participate in a wide variety of activities. It is our goal at Regan School to help children find a variety of ways to enjoy being physically active so that they will be able to get all of the physical, emotional, intellectual and social benefits that come from someone who is physically active.




A MESSAGE FROM MS. SGAMBATI

SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Welcome Back! And Welcome Kindergarteners. I hope your summer was filled with memories and fun! Coming soon, Coffee with the Counselor! More information about this event will be given on ParentSquare so make sure you sign up! This is a great opportunity to get to know the Regan Community and discuss how we can make this a great school year for our students! I am so excited for what this year will bring! Let the Social-Emotional, Academic, and Career Success Begin!

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.btfed.com/products) for a complete list of Box Tops product. We will no longer be collecting the Box Tops at school.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

