

News from Frank G. Regan School

September 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MRS. RAZZA



Welcome back to school! We are excited to have all of our students back for a new school year! We have many fun activities planned for the 2023 - 2024 school year. Make sure to check out the new Waterbury Public School website at www.waterbury.k12.ct.us for updated district information as well.

During the month of September, all students will take the beginning of the year math and reading assessment. These tests will show teachers where each child is in math and reading so that appropriate instruction can be implemented. These assessments will be used to help teachers plan appropriate instruction based on each child's needs.

Please save the date for our In Person Open House on Wednesday, September 13 from 5:00 - 7:00p.m. Each classroom teacher will hold 2 informational sessions that will have the same information but offered at different times to accommodate families. Session 1 will begin at 5:05 p.m. Session 2 will begin at 6:00p.m. Teachers will share information regarding grade level expectations, procedures, routines and much more. Please support us and join us for this important information.

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. Keep in mind that only a few paper flyers will come home each month.

Applications for the 21st Century After School Program will be sent home in the next several weeks. 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



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION for SEPTEMBER 2023

- 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

Regan School 203.574.8187

School Fax 203.573.6647

Family Intake Center 203.346.3511

Durham Bus Company 203.591.1847

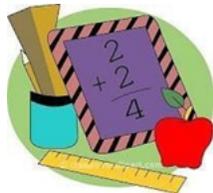
Special Ed. Bus 203.753.8366

CLASSROOM NEWS



A MESSAGE FROM MISS DICKEY AND MS. WILLIAMS KINDERGARTEN

Welcome to Kindergarten! We are going to have so much fun learning this year! We have started to learn our letters and the sounds they make during ECRI and Wonders. 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. We look forward to working with you, your child and your family this year!



**A MESSAGE FROM MISS ANULEWICZ AND MISS WOJTUNIK
FIRST GRADE**

Welcome to 1st grade! We are so excited to begin this school year. If your student has a chromebook and a charger at home, please be sure to send them to school with both of these items. Please send your student in with a water bottle each day as well. We will be having a snack in the morning if you would like to send your child in with a small snack.

In the month of September we will be working on reading words with short vowel sounds, and in math we will be learning about counting on to add and adding doubles.

For the next few weeks we will continue to use the bus tags for bussers, please make sure those are returned each day! Weekly homework packets will be going home after Labor Day. Students have the week to complete the packet and return it back on Friday!

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting year in first grade and we hope to see you at the Open House on September 13th!

Any questions or concerns please let know!



A MESSAGE FROM MS. SAINFLEUR AND MISS TYRRELL SECOND GRADE

Welcome to Grade 2! We are excited to be back at Regan. In Math both Ms.Sainfleur's 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 ECRI, we are learning new high frequency words, short vowel sounds, as well as words with short vowels. 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. Please feel free to send a message via Parent Square with any messages or concerns!



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 reading

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 working toward reaching our goals. We look forward to meeting everyone at the Open House where we will review our expectations and answer any questions parents might have.

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. BETANCOURT AND MR. WELCH FOURTH GRADE

Hi everyone! It's hard to believe we are already in the second week of school. So far we have had a great time getting to know your children and are looking forward to another awesome week. Here are a few updates about what we are working on in September:

In Math, students have started Unit 1 and have so far completed lessons on place value to six digits and comparing multi-digit whole numbers. In the coming weeks, students will be learning about multi-digit addition/subtraction and rounding. Please make sure students are completing their math homework every night!

In Science, we are learning about waves and information transfer. Last week, students used a jump rope and slinky to demonstrate waves and different wave parts, such as amplitude and wavelength.

Finally, in ELA, fourth graders are working in Unit 1. Last week, they learned about fairy tales, as well as making inferences, problem and solution, character traits, and making predictions. This week, the students are learning about realistic fiction. Remember, students should be reading every night to help increase their reading fluency!

Thank you for all your support and please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions!

Sincerely,
Mr. Welch and Mrs. Betancourt



A MESSAGE FROM MISS CARASONE AND MS. SENAN FIFTH GRADE

Welcome to Grade 5! Fifth grade is an exciting year for your student, as it is the last step in the elementary career. We have no doubt that your student 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 VIANCA

Welcome back to school! If your child has an asthma pump or an epipen, please bring it into school with a doctor's order. If you ever have any questions, please call me at 203.574.8187 ext. 1.



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 teaching 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 20th. If you have any questions or concerns please call the school and leave me a message or send me a message on Parent Square. Lastly, please remember the more your children see you read, the more they will read. Thank you!

**A MESSAGE FROM MRS. CIARLO
LITERACY FACILITATOR**

Welcome back students and families! This year I am filling in for Mrs. Thompson as the literacy facilitator and will be at Regan 1 day a week. I'm so excited to be back at the school where I taught 4th grade 20 years ago! We will be busy this month administering the Beginning of Year Benchmark assessments to all students. Your child's score will be sent home so you are 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 busy servicing students. I will be working with classroom teachers and students by guiding instruction.

Please encourage your child to read to you or with you every evening! Feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding literacy.



**A MESSAGE FROM MR. NAZARIO
MUSIC TEACHER**

In music, we are kicking off the year with reviews of some favorite songs from last year. Looking forward, we will be learning songs in different languages, most prevalently Spanish, as Hispanic Heritage Month swiftly approaches. I am very excited to start the year off and see students learn music they can use and perform in school as well as at home. As always, I welcome student and parent suggestions for songs that I can incorporate into my own teaching and music curriculum. Happy September!!!



**A MESSAGE FROM MR. PEREZ
PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER**

Welcome back Regan families and students ! This is going to be an exciting year. We are going to start this month playing baseball. For grades 3-5, we are practicing all baseball skills and for grades 2-5 grades we are going to be practicing catching and throwing skills, activities and games. These skills are essential for children to develop. For instance, stimulate and improve coordination, accuracy, movement patterns, gross motor skills, and

improve socialization between others.

Please Review with your child the following expectations:

- *Attempt new things
- *Try your best
- *Be polite and respectful
- *Take good care of equipment
- *Have fun!

Note: Please be aware that students need to bring a water bottle to the gym classes and proper footwear " sneakers " .

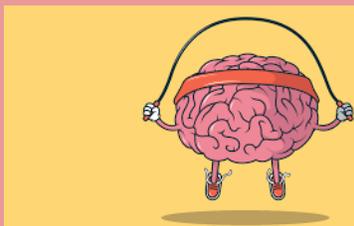
If you have any questions, feel free to contact me during school hours.

A MESSAGE FROM MISS BAJRAKTAREVIC SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Hello and welcome back! Welcome to our new Kindergarteners too!

I hope everyone was able to rest and have a great summer filled with lots of fun. For the month of September, students will learn how to develop a growth mindset. The goal is for all of our students to believe in themselves no matter how hard something may seem. Some ways students demonstrate a growth mindset is by asking questions, challenging themselves, putting in effort, and listening to feedback and then applying it. When students understand how their brains can grow, they may be more willing to try new things and not give up. Alongside growth mindset students will also work on goal setting. They will choose a goal, create a plan, check their progress along the way, and reflect on the process to gain insights for the future. We want our students to be motivated to achieve their goals even if they

run into something that may block their progress. I am so excited for what this school year will bring! If you have any questions please feel free to reach out and please remember attendance is extremely important for student success.



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

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NORTHEEND RECREATION AFTERSCHOOL

Open Registration

After-School Starts on September 25, 2023

Mon-Fri 2:30-5:30 *1st-5th grade*

\$150 PER CHILD

For your information please contact us:
mheyward@waterburyct.org
vcalderon@waterburyct.org

Call : 203-574-8294

*HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE *SNACKS PROVIDED *EXTRA SNEAKERS/ GYM CLOTHES RECOMMENDED
(IF YOUR CHILD HAS ASTHMA/ EPILEPSY, YOU MUST FILL OUT MEDICAL FORM AND IT MUST BE TURNED IN BEFORE SEPT25 OR YOUR CHILD WILL NOT START)

Aug. 28th

Regan School - September 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><u>P.E. on A-Days</u> K-Williams 1-Anulewicz 2-Sainfluer 3-Mitchell 4-Befancourt 5-Carstone</p>	<p><u>P.E. on B-Days</u> K-Dickey 1-Wojtunik 2-Tyrrell 3-Schmied 4-Welch 5-Senan C-Day - Extra P.E. for 3M & 4B for MP1&2</p>			<p>1 E - Day / Day 5</p>
<p>4 LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>5 A-Day/Day 6</p>	<p>6 12PM Dismissal Professional Development for teachers B - Day / Day 7</p>	<p>7 C - Day / Day 8</p>	<p>8 D - Day / Day 9</p>
<p>11 E - Day / Day 10</p>	<p>12 A - Day / Day 11</p>	<p>13 12PM Dismissal Open House 5:00 - 7:00p.m. B - Day / Day 12</p>	<p>14 C - Day / Day 13</p>	<p>15 D - Day / Day 14</p>
<p>18 E - Day / Day 15</p>	<p>19 A - Day / Day 16</p>	<p>20 12 PM Dismissal Professional Development for teachers B - Day / Day 17</p>	<p>21 C - Day / Day 18</p>	<p>22 D - Day / Day 19</p>
<p>25 E - Day / Day 20</p>	<p>26 A - Day / Day 21</p>	<p>27 B - Day / Day 22</p>	<p>28 C - Day / Day 23</p>	<p>29 Pajama Day D - Day / Day 24</p>

SAVE THE DATE: The Gathering Parade will be held on Saturday, Saturday 16th. Please walk with Regan School!!! More information will be sent soon!

The Gathering on September 16th
Parade Begins at 11 a.m.



Help Regan School walk in "The Gathering Parade"!

All Regan students that participate will get a certificate and prize!

Here are the details:

Saturday, September 16th

Schools will line up with their banner from 1:15 - 10:30a.m.

Parade will be 45 minutes - 1 hour long.

All students and staff will meet at Torrco on North Elm Street.

Parking will be available in the parking garage at WAMS.

Regan School will have a marching banner for the event and for student participation.

All students that participate must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Send an email to Mrs. Razza at arazza@waterbury.k12.ct.us or a Parent Square message if you have any questions or concerns.