

News from Frank G. Regan School

October 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MRS. RAZZA



Autumn is here! We are off to a great school year with a lot of learning in the classrooms! Teachers are almost done administering the mClass reading assessments for all students. You will be receiving your child's reading results. If you have any questions regarding your child's beginning of the year results, please call or message your child's teacher or set up an appointment to discuss. Children will have a short assessment each month to monitor their reading goals. Teachers are strategic with planning both whole and small group lessons to meet the needs of all of their students. I encourage you to have your child read each day at home so that the reading skills they are being taught at school can be reinforced at home. We will continue to use Literacy Pro, an online e-book system where your child can pick the books that he/she wants to read or have read to them. This program can also be used at home. The Silas Bronson Library is also another great place to borrow books.

In addition to the many things children have been learning since the start of the school year, each class is working on a project for Hispanic Heritage Month which is celebrated from September 15 - October 15. Ask your child what countries and/or famous people they learned about through their class projects.

Be on the lookout for the monthly calendar of events. Each month, PTO and SGC meetings will be held. Our first PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10th at 6:30. The first SGC meeting will be immediately after this meeting at 6:45p.m. These meetings will be virtual. We are planning virtual and in person family events at the school as well.

I am excited to announce that the 21st Century After School Program for students in grades 2 - 5 will begin soon. Mrs. Thompson will oversee the program this year. In the meantime, please complete an application if you would like your child to be added to

the waiting list for the program. Once your child has been accepted, a notice will come home with more information. Contact the school if you would like me to send home another application. This program is free. It will run every Monday through Thursday until 5:20p.m. and transportation home will be provided.

As a reminder, students are still going outside to recess. Make sure to dress your child in layers so that they stay warm when they are outdoors. Make sure to label all of their jackets, sweaters and lunch bags too! We are trying to avoid the "Lost and Found" bucket.

Attendance matters! Please plan vacations and appointments on days off from school. If your child has an appointment, please send them back to school immediately after the appointment so your child doesn't miss an entire day of learning. If your child is going to be absent because he/she is sick, make sure to message your child's teacher and call the school.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, feel free to call the school and set an appointment with your child's teacher. The Regan School staff looks forward to working with you and your child to ensure your child's success!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Angela Razza



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 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

Durham Bus Company 203.591.1847

School Fax 203.573.6647

Special Ed. Bus 203.753.8366

Family Intake Center 203.346.3511

CLASSROOM NEWS



A MESSAGE FROM MISS DICKEY AND MS. WILLIAMS KINDERGARTEN

Happy October! Boy did the first month of school fly by! We want to take a moment to thank you all for your hard work and dedication during our transition into school. We are all learning so much day-by-day. This month in kindergarten, we will be continuing 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. In Science, we will continue to learn all about plants and animals!

As a reminder, if your child brings home their chromebook they are expected to work on iReady and/or Amplify. The chromebook needs to be returned the next day because your child uses it in the classroom each day for learning.

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!



A MESSAGE FROM MISS ANULEWICZ AND MISS WOJTUNIK FIRST GRADE

Happy October! We have completed both the mClass reading testing and iReady math diagnostic. You can expect mClass letters to be sent home this month with information on your students' scores.

In Math we have learned various strategies to add within 10. We have used doubles plus one, counting on to add, number bonds, and number lines. We will continue using these strategies, number partners for 10, and learning strategies to subtract.

This month we will begin our first unit of Science about Sound.

In ECRI we have been reading and writing words with short o, short i, short a, and consonant blends. We have also learned about the suffix -s and -'s. We will continue sending home a new spelling list each week and have a spelling test each Friday.

As the weather becomes cooler please be sure to send your student with a jacket or sweater that DOES NOT have a hood. Snacks and water bottles can be brought in each day as well.

Homework packets will continue to be sent home on Mondays and are due back on Fridays.

Thank you!

Miss Anulewicz and Ms. Wojtunik



A MESSAGE FROM MS. SAINFLEUR AND MISS TYRRELL SECOND GRADE

Welcome Fall! We have completed our mCLASS testing and our Math Diagnostic Assessment and now have been focusing on setting our goals for this school year.

In Math, we have been adding and subtracting to solve equations, finding unknown numbers, and using math strategies- number bonds, bar model, fact families, ten frames, and open number lines. We are learning how to solve one-step and two-step word problems, along with analyzing pictographs and bar graphs. We are also reviewing time (hour, minute, and counting by 5's) and money (coins-penny, nickel, dime, and quarter - how much are they worth? 1,5,10,25 cents)

In ECRI, we are working on reviewing and practicing short and long vowel sounds and spellings. We are also learning about contractions and affixes as well.

We will be starting Science Unit 3, Environments for Living Things. We will be learning all about plants and animals.

Please remember to check your student's folder each night. Homework DOES count as a grade in second grade, including the reading fluency sheet.

As a reminder, please send in a jacket or sweatshirt with the students with NO hood please. Healthy snacks and water bottles can be sent each day as well. Please no soda or any snacks with peanuts.

Thank you!

Mrs. Sainfleur and Miss Tyrrell



A MESSAGE FROM MR. MITCHELL AND MRS. SCHMIED THIRD GRADE

Happy Fall! Happy October! This month it's time to focus on how to reach our goals. Students have set goals in reading that they want to accomplish by the end of the year. Students really need to fill their world with lots of words. Please read a book each night and ask students to read aloud at least one page. Read words everywhere you go.

This month will also include Science for two weeks. Our focus will be on forces. In Math, we will be finishing Unit 1 - Place Value, Addition, and Subtraction of Three-Digit Numbers. About mid-October we will begin Unit 2 - Multiplication and Division: Concepts, Relationships, and Patterns. Our students will also set their Math goals for the year based on the results of the iReady Beginning-of-Year Diagnostic.

Students need to focus on their learning now that September is over. Please remind students to keep their toys at home.

Now that the weather is cooler, please send in a sweater or a long sleeved shirt, something that can be removed when the afternoon gets warm, but the morning is cool. Please remember hoodies are not allowed in school and students should not be wearing outside jackets in the classroom. They need those for when they go outside. This attire should also be a solid color of navy blue, black, gray, or khaki.

Reminder: Homework is assigned on Monday and due on Friday. Students will bring home their computers on Wednesdays. They **MUST** be returned the next day. The students are required to do 20 minutes of Boost and at least 1 lesson on I-ready.

It's going to be a great month of learning!

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

Hi parents/guardians! Fall is fast approaching! Here are a few updates about what is happening in fourth grade and how you can support your child in school.

In math, students are still working with numbers and operations, including multi digit addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Students are currently working on adding numbers up to six digits and will soon begin subtracting numbers to six digits. As always, make sure your children are practicing their fact fluency **every night!**

In ELA, students are currently working on personal narratives and learning how to write a good lead to their story. As always, students are working on their oral reading fluency and have just finished mClass testing. Results should be sent home in the next few weeks.

Finally, in science, we are learning about light waves, reflection, refraction, and how information can be transmitted from one place to another using waves. Thank you for all your support! Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mr. Welch

Mrs. Betancourt



A MESSAGE FROM MISS CARASONE AND MS. SENAN FIFTH GRADE

Welcome to the colorful month of October from the 5th Grade! We completed the mCLASS reading and i-Ready math assessments. Information about your students mCLASS score will be sent home this month. As a reminder, 20 minutes of reading every day will help your child improve his/her reading fluency.

For Math, we just finished up volume and are moving on to multiplying multi-digit numbers. Students are practicing different strategies to multiply. Students are also working on their multiplication fluency skills every day.

In Science, we are wrapping up our unit on Matter with learning about physical and chemical changes.

In ELA, students are finishing up writing autobiographical sketches. We are currently working on close readings of complex texts to help us understand the author's point of view. Students are working towards their reading fluency goals everyday as well.

If your child brings home a chromebook, please make sure they are completing assignments on iReady. At least 2 lessons should be completed each week. We need your help to take this extra step with them in order to excel. Also, please make sure they are returning their chromebooks to school the next day.

Please send your child with a long sleeved shirt or a sweater without a hood now that the weather is cooler.

Thank you for working with us to help ensure improvements. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you,
Miss Carasone and Ms. Senan



A MESSAGE FROM NURSE VIANCA

The weather will begin to change soon as we enter fall time. Please send your child to school with a jacket for outdoor recess. Have your child's name labeled on the jacket.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me anytime.



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. PRONOVOST READING INTERVENTIONIST

Now that we have completed our beginning-of-the-year mCLASS reading benchmark assessments, the staff will be looking at the data to rearrange our reading intervention and small groups. Our tutor, Mrs. Byrnes, and Reading Teacher, Mrs. Pronovost, will continue to take reading intervention groups daily for 45 minutes. A few students may move between us or return to see their teachers for additional reading support.

New groups will begin in the middle of October. All students who see Mrs. Pronovost for intervention will continue to bring home a lime green plastic folder each night. 10 minutes of reading is recommended each night. I will be sending home a reading log for grades 1-5 that needs to be filled out. The logs are checked on Fridays. New prizes have

arrived for those who complete their reading log each week.

With the cooler weather it's a great time to pull up a blanket and snuggle in with a good book.

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. QOSJA ESL TEACHER

Welcome Fall! Happy October!

Hello parents guardians! Since I am new to Regan School, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Mrs. Qosja and I will be the ESL teacher this year. I have had the privilege of working with so many amazing students during my 16 years of teaching experience and I am sure that this year will be amazing.

During this month students will be developing their oral language skills, to be able to increase academic vocabulary and engage in meaningful conversations with their group. Students will be working on increasing their reading and writing comprehension by responding in writing to reading passages and stories from Wonders.

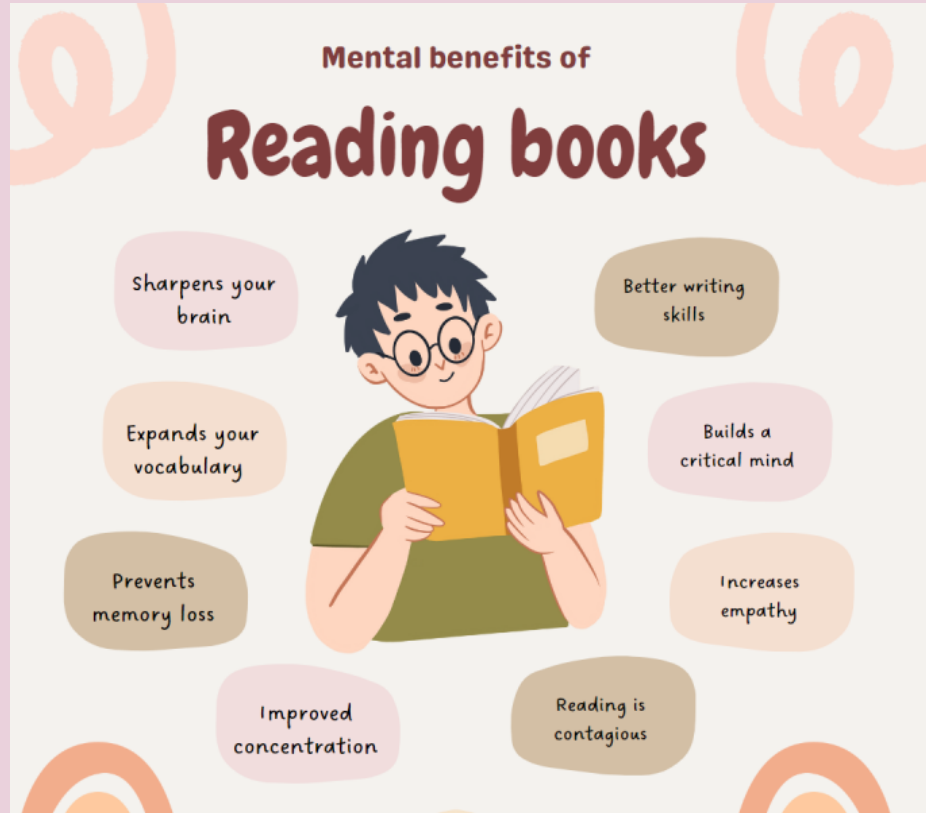
My students will be receiving ESL services from Monday to Wednesday for 35-40 minutes.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to me!

Sincerely, Mrs. Qosja!

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. CIARLO LITERACY FACILITATOR

Did you know?



A MESSAGE FROM MR. NAZARIO MUSIC TEACHER

In music, we are focusing on learning songs that originate from Latin and Hispanic countries. Through these October units, we will explore the rich history and culture of countries such as Puerto Rico and Mexico, as well as provide opportunities for students to connect to their culture and roots. We will also begin transitioning into fall/autumn themed songs and activities that can engage students and prepare them for future music learning.



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

Happy October Parents/ Guardians!

During this Beautiful month and fall season, the students will keep enjoying the outdoors for gym classes. We are fortunate to be surrounded by beautiful vegetation around the school. For this month k-2 students will be working on defining mindfulness and will learn different breathing techniques that may help to improve concentration and self-control. Also will be practicing some simple Yoga exercises to improve strength and balance. Grades 3-5 will be working on learning the Track and field history and origins and will be practicing different events related to Track and field like Running Relays , Long Jump, Javelin Throw Etc. Grade 4th and 5th on C days will be participating in different activities to improve their general Fitness. These exercises include flexibility exercises, strength, and stamina exercises.

*** Please make sure students wear proper footwear and bring a water bottle.**

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. CIRIKOVIC SCHOOL COUNSELOR

HAPPY FALL! For the month of October, your child(ren) will be focusing on Emotion Management. Children will learn how to identify and label emotions. They will practice looking at what makes a situation upsetting for them and will learn to identify a change they can make to handle the situation better in the future. Throughout this month students will develop stronger coping skills that will not only help them make better decisions but also build stronger relationships with their peers. Please help praise our students when they handle a situation more easily than they have in the past.

Please remember EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

Missing a day here or there may not seem like a problem, but absences add up quickly. All these missed school days can have a big impact on our child's learning. Based on research, children who are chronically absent in kindergarten and first grade are less likely to read on grade level by the third grade. For older students, being chronically absent is strongly associated with low grades and students are more likely to drop out of high school. When students are consistently absent from school, not only do they run the risk of falling behind their peers academically, but they also exhibit poor self-esteem. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. Regan School staff is willing to work together with you to help get your child to school daily and on time.

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.



Please review the bus expectations with your child if your child takes the morning and/or afternoon bus.

Here is the direct link on the WPS website for transportation:

<https://www.waterbury.k12.ct.us/district-departments/district-operations-and-facilities/transportation>

Expected Behavior on Buses

- Arrive at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to bus time
- Walk to the bus safely
- Board the bus in an orderly fashion and take seat promptly
- Share seats with others and remain seated while the bus is in motion
- Use appropriate language and respectful speaking voices at all times
- Keep hands and feet to one's self
- Follow the directions of and be respectful of the bus driver, who is responsible for the safety of all passengers
- Do not block the aisles or emergency exit. Do not litter or damage the bus in any way.
- For one's own safety, please **DO NOT EAT WHILE ON THE BUS**. The driver may have to make quick stops to avoid distracted drivers or animals in the road; this may cause you to choke on food.
- No weapons or fighting will be allowed on the bus

The calendar below is for Regan School:

Regan School - October 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 E - Day / Day 25	3 A - Day / Day 26	4 Professional Development NO SCHOOL	5 B - Day / Day 27	6 C - Day / Day 28
9 COLUMBUS DAY NO SCHOOL	10 Virtual PTO Meeting @6:30 Virtual SGC Meeting @6:45 Check the Parent Square message for the link. D - Day / Day 29	11 12PM Dismissal Professional Development E - Day / Day 30	12 Virtual Family Night Hispanic Heritage Bingo @7p.m. A - Day / Day 31	13 B - Day / Day 32
16 C - Day / Day 33	17 D - Day / Day 34	18 E - Day / Day 35	19 A - Day / Day 36	20 B - Day / Day 37
23 C - Day / Day 38	24 D - Day / Day 39	25 E - Day / Day 40	26 Wear PINK for Pink Out Day for Breast Cancer Awareness for \$1 donation A - Day / Day 41	27 Favorite Shirt Day B - Day / Day 42
30 C - Day / Day 43	31 Dress up as your favorite character. No scary characters D - Day / Day 44	<u>P.E. on A-Days for these classes:</u> K-Williams 1-Anulewicz 2-Sainfluer 3-Mitchell 4-Betancourt 5-Carson	<u>P.E. on B-Days for these classes:</u> K-Dickey 1-Wojtunik 2-Tyrrell 3-Schmied 4-Welch 5-Senan	<u>Extra P.E. classes on C-Days:</u> Grade 3 - Mitchell Grade 4 - Betancourt

Happy Autumn!

