

News from Frank G. Regan School

November 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MRS. RAZZA

I can't believe it is already November! The first marking period for students in grades 1 through 5 will end on Thursday, November 2nd. You can expect report cards to be sent home before the Thanksgiving break begins. Parent involvement is critical for every child's success. Our teachers are always willing to meet with you to discuss your child's progress. Although the Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on December 6th, feel free to make an appointment with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. We are all here to work together to ensure the success of your child.

Remember to encourage your child to complete his/her homework daily. We want to instill good work habits. Your child should also read each night. Have your child read to you or you can read to your child. Every class has a nightly reading assignment based on your child's needs. Make sure to check the blue folder daily. Let your child's teacher know if you want your child's borrowed device to be sent home to work on Math i-Ready and/or Amplify Reading. These online programs will help your child on their own learning pathway.

As the weather begins to get cooler, please remind your child to bring a jacket or coat to school. They will need it when they go outdoors for recess. As long as it is not raining outside, your child will have outdoor recess for approximately 20 minutes each day.

I am so proud of our student leadership teams. This year, we have a Safety Patrol that helps teach our younger students about being safe around the school and they even teach them extra academics. Each Safety Patrol member has a job during arrival and dismissal times when students are still entering the building. Thank you to Mrs. Schmied who has organized this for our students and oversees this task.

Attendance is being monitored each day. Please try to make doctor appointments after school or on days off from school. You can also send your child into school before or after the appointment. So much learning goes on each day that it is difficult to make up for the instruction that is lost when your child is absent. Daily attendance is so critical for student learning to occur. Please keep the monthly calendar that we send home in a safe place so you are aware of the days off or shortened days so you can make those appointments.

I hope all of our Regan families and staff have a wonderful Thanksgiving. I am blessed to be surrounded by such wonderful children, families, teachers and staff each day!

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

School Fax 203.573.6647

Durham Bus Company 203.591.1847

Special Ed. Bus 203.753.8366

Family Intake Center 203.346.3511

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

- The doors at Regan School open at 8:05a.m.
- Classes begin promptly at 8:35a.m. Anyone that arrives after 8:35a.m. will be marked tardy.
- Dismissal begins at 2:50p.m.
- All early dismissals begin at 12:00p.m.
- In the event of a 2 hour delay, school doors open at 10:05a.m. and classes will begin at 10:35a.m.

Important dates at Regan School for November 2023

Wednesday, November 1 - No school

Friday, November 3 - Picture Day! Students must be in dress code.

Tuesday, November 7 - No School - Election Day

Friday, November 10 - No School - Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 22 - We have a 12 p.m. dismissal

Thursday November 23 - No school - Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 24 - No school - Thanksgiving Recess





NEWS FROM THE PARENT LIAISON MISS MEJIA

Hi, my name is Miss Auris Mejia. I am excited about being Regan School's new parent liaison. Please let me know if I can assist you with anything so I can help you support your child in school. I look forward to meeting you at future family events. Feel free to reach out to me by email at auris.mejia@waterbury.k12.ct.us or my Parent Square. My number is 203.574.8187 ext. 3. I look forward to meeting all of you and working with you.

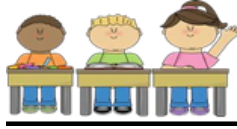
Keep these dates in mind:

Wednesday, November 8th at 6:30p.m. for our virtual PTO meeting

Wednesday, November 8th at 6:45p.m. for our virtual SGC meeting

The Google Meet link will be shared on Parent Square before the meeting.

CLASSROOM NEWS



A MESSAGE FROM MISS DICKEY AND MS. WILLIAMS KINDERGARTEN

Happy November! We have been learning so much in Kindergarten. In November, we will continue learning our letters and sounds. Students will also continue working on identifying first, middle, and ending sounds in words. In ELA, we will be working on nouns, verbs, and being able to recognize complete sentences. In Math, we will continue working on decomposing numbers and will begin working on comparing numbers within 10. As a reminder please be sure to check and empty your child's blue communication folder daily.

As the weather is changing please make sure your child brings a sweater or jacket to school labeled with their name on it.

This month will be filled with tons of learning experiences. We look forward to watching your child learn and grow!



A MESSAGE FROM MISS ANULEWICZ AND MISS WOJTUNIK FIRST GRADE

Happy November! We are so excited for the amazing learning that is going to be happening in November and in marking period 2! For this month in Math we are going to be learning how to add and subtract in word problems, and start working on true and false equations.

This unit in Wonders we will be focusing on the big idea of "What is a community?" In phonics we will be getting into using consonant digraphs, and working with closed syllables and plural nouns.

A fun project will be going home this month where students will be able to 'disguise a turkey'! To celebrate Thanksgiving. Please keep an eye out for information on that! Lastly, since the colder weather is getting closer please be sure to send your child in with a jacket!
Any questions or concerns please let us know!

Ms. Anulewicz and Ms. Wojtunik



A MESSAGE FROM MS. SAINFLEUR AND MISS TYRRELL SECOND GRADE

Happy November, our grade 2 students have just finished Unit 3 in Science Unit 3 on Environments. We have begun Wonders-Unit 2, in which we are learning about what animal stories can teach us. In Math, we are on Unit 2 in which we are adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers in word problems. We are learning new strategies to use, such as open number lines, place value and drawing pictures. ECRI Unit 2, we are working on new trick words, digraphs, contractions, and affixes.

We will continue to send home the reading fluency phrases worksheets weekly for your child to practice reading it three times to you. An adult should sign daily. We will collect them on Fridays. Please make sure your

child brings a sweater or long sleeve shirt for our classrooms. Hoodies are only for outside. Reminder, your child can bring in a healthy snack and refillable water bottle for our classrooms. You can always reach out to us on ParentSquare if you have any questions/concerns.

Ms. Sainfleur and Miss Tyrrell



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

Happy November! It is hard to believe that we have completed the first marking period.

In Reading we are continuing to reach our goals. Please continue to have children practice their fluency each night. All students need to remember to do their homework each week. This includes time on Boost. This helps build their skills in reading. When devices come home students can also go to Scholastic to read any books they would like.

In Math, our focus is now on learning to multiply. Our students will be using models and strategies to solve multiplication facts and word problems. This month we will target the 0, 1, 2, 3, 5, and 10 times tables for memorization. Students receive a math homework assignment every Monday and it is due every Friday.

As the weather becomes cooler, please have your child wear a dress code sweater/fleece jacket that can be removed as the day/room becomes warmer. Hoodies are NOT allowed to be worn in class.

Wishing all of our families a Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Hi everyone! It's hard to believe that we're almost in the 2nd marking period and that it's already fall! Here are a few updates about what we are working on in fourth grade in math, ELA, and science.

In math, students have begun Unit 2, which includes multiplication and division word problems, multiples, and factors, multi step problems, and shapes and patterns. Students are still expected to complete 2 i-Ready lessons a week (for now). Please make sure your child is completing their fact fluency practice nightly, as well as the rest of their homework!

In ELA, students are currently working on Unit 2, called Amazing Animals. In this unit, students are reading fictional and expository texts about animals, and comparing/contrasting how animals are portrayed in both types of texts.

Finally, in science, students are also learning about animals! We are learning about how animals' bodies function to help them survive in the wild. We are also learning about human biology.

Thank you for all your support, and reach out if you have any questions!

Mr. Welch

Mrs. Betancourt



**A MESSAGE FROM MS. SENAN and MISS CARASONE
FIFTH GRADE**

Happy November! In ELA, we are working on Unit 2, which explores the big idea of how people get the things they need. The students have been reading and analyzing various texts to identify the problems and solutions presented. Students should read as often as they can and make sure that they meet their Amplify minutes for the week. Please encourage your child to read 20 minutes per day because it really does make a difference in their reading fluency.

In math, we are working on decimals. Students will learn how to compare decimals and add, subtract, multiply, and divide them. Students should be completing at least 2 i-Ready lessons a week or more to help fill in any gaps so that they are able to understand the 5th-grade curriculum. Students should also practice their multiplication facts to help make them more automatic. Please work on their multiplication facts daily at home.

Finally, in science, we are exploring Energy and Matter in Organisms. Students will learn about the process of photosynthesis and what plants and animals need to survive in their habitats.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns.



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. PRONOVOST READING INTERVENTIONIST

Our Intervention groups continue to practice their decoding skills by blending sounds together to make words. We also are working on fluency skills, such as: reading as if we are talking, with expression. Please know that Mrs. Pronovost's students have a green plastic folder which should come to class and go home each day. The students come home with papers for practice and books to read. Please have your child read at least 10 minutes each night. I will be starting a reading log with most students soon which will need to be filled out each night. Please ask your child about the folder if you have not seen it. Grades K and 1 I have not seen in a long time. I am also missing a few Intervention permission slips. Please check that your child's isn't still in that green folder.

All students have been working effortlessly in their small groups to improve their reading. Our students are placed in groups based on their individual needs. Your child is monitored monthly to assess the progress he/she is making and instruction is adjusted if necessary so we can ensure your child is progressing. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you are in need of reading materials at home. We will be more than happy to help you begin to build an at-home library for your child.

**A MESSAGE FROM MRS. QOSJA
ESL TEACHER**

Happy November!

We have been learning so much in ESL.

During this month, students will continue on 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 the Wonders program.

Basic grammar will be in our focus this month, as well. We will be learning how to identify parts of speech such as nouns, verbs, pronouns, etc. All students have been working effortlessly and have shown interest to further their knowledge.

Thank you for all of your support!




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

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our families!

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. CIARLO
LITERACY FACILITATOR

CHECK THIS OUT!!!

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
3,600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	180 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year	282,000 words per year	8,000 words per year
		
Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.	Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.	Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

If a student starts reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.



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

In music, we will begin learning autumn related songs, as well as songs from the Native American tradition. In addition, I will begin preparing students for our first school concert in December. It is my hope that we can have a showcase much like last year, with many students and families participating!



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

Happy November !

During this month in PE classes students will be working on the following :

Grades K-2 Locomotor & Manipulatives

Students will demonstrate competency in a variety of Locomotor movements and movement patterns like : running , walking, jumping, hopping , skipping, galloping, sliding and leaping .

Grades 3-5 Football

In this unit students will learn the history, rules , strategy, and various skills of the game of football including throwing, catching, and will perform some speed and agility drills.


***Parents please be aware most of the gym lessons are outdoors. Have the students wear or bring a fall jacket or hoodie to school.
Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions .

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. CIRIKOVIC SCHOOL COUNSELOR

For the month of November, your child(ren) will continue to focus 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 be introduced to different coping skills and try to utilize them when they are feeling big emotions in school. We will also be promoting gratitude for the month of November. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out! Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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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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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
30 C - Day / Day 43	31 Dress up as your favorite character. No scary characters D - Day / Day 44	1 Professional Development NO SCHOOL	2 End of Marking Period 1 for Grades 1 -5 E- Day / Day 45	3 Picture Day Students in uniform A- Day / Day 46
6 B- Day / Day 47	7 ELECTION DAY NO SCHOOL	8 PTO meeting @ 6:30 pm SGC meeting @6:45 pm C- Day / Day 48	9 Wear Red, White and Blue in honor of Veterans Day D - Day / Day 49	10 VETERANS DAY NO SCHOOL
13 E- Day / Day 50	14 A- Day / Day 51	15 B- Day / Day 52	16 C- Day / Day 53	17 D- Day / Day 54
20 E- Day / Day 55	21 Distribute report cards gr.1-5 A- Day / Day 56	22 Pajama Day 12PM Dismissal THANKSGIVING RECESS B- Day / Day 57	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING  NO SCHOOL	24 THANKSGIVING RECESS NO SCHOOL
27 C - Day / Day 58	28 D- Day / Day 59	29 E - Day / Day 60	30 Hat Day & Fall Celebration A- Day / Day 61	Dec. 1 B - Day / Day 62

