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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Autumn is here! We are off to a great school year with a lot of learning in the classrooms! Teachers have completed all beginning of the year assessments for math and reading. Your child's reading results were sent home in a sealed white envelope.. Please call, message your child's teacher or schedule an appointment to discuss the results if you have any questions. 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. Teachers may send home passages and books for your child to practice at home. The Silas Bronson Library is also another great place to borrow books so your child can practice reading at home.

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 are learning about through their class projects.

Be on the lookout for the monthly calendar of events. Each month, PTO, SGC and SELT meetings will be held. Our first PTO meeting will be held on Monday, October 7th at 6:30. The first SGC meeting will be immediately after this meeting at 6:45p.m. followed by our SELT meeting at 7:15 p.m. These meetings will be virtual. We will plan student activities and family events during these meetings.

As a reminder, students are still going outside for recess. Make sure to dress your child in layers so that they stay warm when they are outdoors. Please 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 to schedule 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. Your partnership and support is essential and important to us!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Angela Razza



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NURSE

HELLO PARENTS,

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY BROUGHT IN MEDICATIONS. IF YOU STILL NEED TO DROP OFF ANY MEDICATION, I'M AVAILABLE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M. PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION: THE AUTHORIZATION FORM SIGNED BY BOTH THE PROVIDER AND A PARENT. WHEN BRINGING IN THE MEDICATION, IT MUST BE IN A NEW BOX LABELED BY THE PHARMACY.

KINDERGARTEN PARENTS, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT STUDENTS NEED A PHYSICAL COMPLETED IN 2024 AND A LEAD TEST TO BE COMPLIANT. I WILL BE SENDING LETTERS TO THOSE WHO NEED TO SUBMIT THESE DOCUMENTS. IF YOUR CHILD HAS ALREADY HAD A PHYSICAL AND YOU'RE UNSURE IF I HAVE THE MOST RECENT DOCUMENTATION, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME AT 203-574-8305. I'M HERE TO HELP!

What's happening this month?

No School 10-2-24

Dress up Showing your culture 10/4/24

Virtual P.T.O meeting 6:30

Virtual SGC meeting 6:45

Virtual SELT meeting 7:15

10/7/24

Penny Wars - Ends on 10/10

Community Day 10-9-24

Columbus Day - No school 10-14-24

Pink out Bracelets available 10-15-

Multicultural family Night 10-17-24 at 5:30p.m.

Wear pink for Breast Cancer Awareness 10-30-24

Dress up like a Character 10-31-24

PARENT LIAISON

Hello Regan families!

We will be holding the PTO and School Governance Council meetings virtually on the first Monday of each month. The first meeting will be on Monday, October 7, 2024. All meetings are virtual.

PTO meeting will begin at 6:30p.m.

SGC meeting will begin at 6:45p.m.

SELT meeting will begin at 7:15p.m

Check Parent Square for the Google Meet link on 10/7/24.

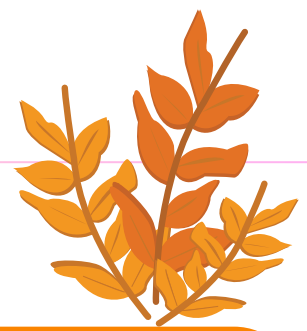
If you have any questions, you can contact me at 203-574-8187 Ext # 3.

Ms. Mejia



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KINDERGARTEN

Happy fall! We have finished our beginning-of-year mCLASS and i-Ready testing.

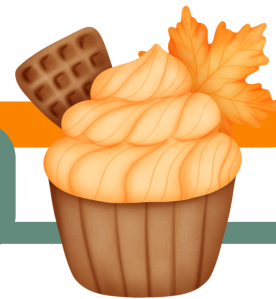
We are starting Unit 1 of Benchmark, which focuses on plants and animals and what they need to survive. We are also integrating science into our reading and writing lessons. We are learning what it means to be a good reader and writer.

We are well into our first math unit of counting! We are practicing counting anything and everything. We are also learning to write numbers 1 - 10 and compare numbers 1 - 5.

Now that the weather is cooler, please send your child in a sweater or a long sleeved shirt, something that can be removed when the afternoon gets warm, but the morning is cool. Also remember hoodies are not allowed in school and students should not be wearing outside jackets in the classroom, but they need those for when they go outside. It is important your child knows how to remove their own sweater and put it back on. Kindergarten is very busy and independence is important. This attire should also be a solid color of navy blue, black, gray, or khaki.



FIRST GRADE



Happy Fall! We have finished our mClass reading assessments and will begin focusing on reaching our reading goals! We have also begun Unit 1 of Benchmark in which we will be learning about how animals and plants change and grow. In Math we are currently learning number partners for 10. We will also begin Science this month, learning about plants and animals.

As a reminder, the weekly homework packets are due on Fridays. We have also begun taking spelling tests on Fridays. Expect the list of words to be sent home each week and practice the words with your child each night.

Students may bring in a healthy snack and a water bottle each day. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather as it begins to get cooler outside. We are excited for this month of learning ahead!

MISS ANULEWICZ AND MRS. SCARPATI

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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 our first science unit and learning about making observations of plants and animals to compare the diversity of life in different habitats.

Please remember to check your student's folder each night. 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



THIRD GRADE

Happy Fall! Happy October! This month it's time to focus on how to reach our goals.

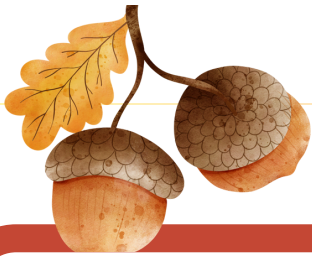
Students have set goals in reading that they want to accomplish by the end of the year. Students really need to fill their world with lots of words. Please read a book each night and ask students to read aloud at least one page. Read words everywhere you go. We are starting unit 1 of Benchmark. During this unit we will be working on learning about Animals while learning about skills and strategies used in reading.

In Math, we will be finishing Unit 1 - Place Value, Addition and Subtraction of Three-Digit Numbers. In 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. Homework is assigned on Monday and due on Friday. Students should be in the habit of bringing home their folders every night, cleaning them out, and returning them the next day. Please remind students to keep their toys at home as our focus needs to be on the curriculum.

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.

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



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FOURTH GRADE

Hi parents/guardians! Fall is here! 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 and subtracting numbers to six digits. As always, make sure your children is practicing their fact fluency **every night!**

In ELA, we are excited to use our new Benchmark program. The students are currently working on explanatory essays about woodpeckers and learning about how we respond to the natural world around us. As always, students are working on their oral reading fluency and have just finished mClass testing. Results have been sent home.

Finally, in science, we are learning about animal structure and function and how our bodies work. Thank you for all your support! Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mr. Welch

Mrs. Betancourt



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.

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. Please practice fact fluency at home every night!

In Science, we are learning how organisms interact and how their needs are met.

In ELA, we are starting our first unit of Benchmark. Students are learning about cultivating natural resources, and will begin writing an explanatory essay about the structure of a corn plant.

As a reminder, 20 minutes of reading every day will help your child improve his/her reading fluency. Weekly homework packets will continue each week. These are due on Fridays!

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

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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.

All students who see Mrs. Pronovost for intervention will bring home a 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 been ordered 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.

MRS. QOSJA MULTILINGUIST TEACHER

Happy Fall!

- During the month of October, students will continue working on Unit 1 of Benchmark. It is a new program that includes four components; Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening, intensively. Students seem to be eager to learn and practice these components.
- Kindergarten grades are learning letters, (recognizing, reading and writing them). They are also learning about animals and their needs.
- In first grade students are studying living things and how they change while growing.
- Second graders are studying the life cycle of the animals. They're also practicing reading and writing.
- In third grade students are learning how animals are adapting to the environment. They are practicing turn and talk methods in order to improve oral communication.
- Fourth grade students are learning about nature and working on explanatory essays.
- In fifth grade students are learning the process of Cultivating Natural Resources, analyzing the stories and practicing writing.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me! I'll be more than happy to assist you!

Mrs. Qosja

LITERACY FACILITATOR MRS. ELLINGTON



What a great start to the beginning of the year! We began our first unit in our new reading program, Benchmark Advance 2022, on Tuesday, September 24th. Our first unit focuses on life science in grades K-5. Each unit will be three weeks long and teachers will be sending home the students' "My Reading and Writing" book in grades K and 1 and "Texts for Close Reading" in grades 2-5. Be on the lookout to see how we grow as readers and writers. On October 17th, we will start unit two, Character Matters.

We have also completed our beginning of the year reading assessments. You should have received your child's results. We will use these results to plan for instruction and will monitor your child's progress. If you have any questions about these results, please reach out to your child's teacher.

MR. BROWN **PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER**



Hello parents/guardians, and happy October! We are off to a great start in Physical Education as students have been learning team building skills through cooperative games. It has been amazing seeing each child improve their communication and critical thinking skills through the activities we have done. Going forward, I cannot wait to introduce the students to all of the benefits of physical activity!



MISS MALONEY **LIBRARY MEDIA TEACHER**

Hello parents and guardians, we are off to a wonderful school year so far! In library class, students have been learning all about navigating their library, finding books they love reading, and about different genres! Kindergarten and first grade have learned different parts of a book, and now we are working on fiction vs. nonfiction. Second and third grade have been learning about finding the just right book, authors and illustrators, and now we are working on our Hispanic Heritage Month research projects! Fourth and fifth grade are also working on Hispanic Heritage Research projects, and have been checking out all of our new fun books. I am very excited to continue working with and getting to know your students!!

MR. RIDGEWAY **MUSIC TEACHER**



It has been a fantastic start of a new year at Regan. We have been making music, singing melodies and making harmonies. Students are tapping rhythms and moving with the beat. The fifth grade enrichment students are starting a band and the fourth graders are playing violins. The third grade enrichment students will soon start playing recorders while first and second graders are drumming. I am looking forward to a very musical year.



MR. DABKOWSKI ART TEACHER



MRS. BAJRAKTAREVIC SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Hello, It's been a great start to a new year in art. In kindergarten and first grade students are exploring their creativity and learning about line and shape by creating different monsters.

In second and third grade students are taking a look at some of the different architecture in Waterbury. They're creating cityscapes with 3D buildings while learning about shape and form.

In fourth and fifth grade we are exploring different approaches to creating art. We have started with neurotrophic art and creating without a plan where we are learning about line weight, repetition, and pattern.

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. Coping skills can help children develop resilience, which is essential for becoming well regulated adults. Below are some coping skills students will be introduced to. Please help encourage your child(ren) to use them at home too.

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](https://www.btfec.com) for information on how to get the app and how it helps our school raise funds.
- **Mega Education** - Attorney Dressler will be joining us each marking period for our ceremonies to help us celebrate Students of the Marking Period!
- **Autumn Lake at Healthcare at Bucks Hill** - Regan School is planning several activities with the nearby nursing home. Events will be shared during the year!

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ADDITIONAL INFO



- Make sure to call the school before 2:30p.m., write a note or message your child's teacher if there is a change of transportation for the day. If you don't hear back from your child's teacher, assume he/she has not seen the message. Keep in mind that teachers are very busy teaching throughout the day. Calling the main office before 2:30 is the best way to ensure your child's teacher has received the message regarding the transportation change 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.



Ride a Bike
OR SKATEBOARD



ASK FOR HELP



Blow
Bubbles



Color
Paint
Draw

CREATE ART!



Listen to MUSIC



PLAY a
BOARD GAME



MAKE &
PLAY
WITH
SLIME



Practice
Gratitude



WEAVE,
KNOT OR
CROCHET

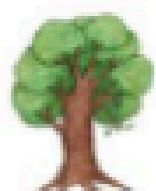
Use Kind &
Compassionate
Self-Talk



Make a
Scrapbook
or Collage



PRACTICE
YOGA



Hug
or
Climb
a Tree

KICK
BOUNCE
OR THROW
a BALL



JOURNAL OR
WRITE A LETTER



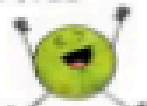
Take Slow,
Mindful Breaths



Cuddle or Play
with Your Pet



Drink Water



Smile & Laugh



EAT
Healthy

50 COPING SKILLS for kids



Forgive
Let Go
Move On



Cook or
Bake



Get Plenty
of
SLEEP



TAKE A SHOWER
OR BATH



HEAR
YOUR
MUSIC



Go on a
Hike,
Walk, or
Run



Use
Aromatherapy
(check something good)



SAY positive
Affirmations



Sing or
Dance



Take
GOOD
CARE
of the
Earth



Look At or Take
PHOTOGRAPHS



Garden or
Do Yardwork



Visualize
a Peaceful Place



Try or
Learn
Something
New



EXPLORE &
DISCOVER Nature's
Treasures



READ a Book
or Magazine



DRINK
A WARM
CUP OF TEA

USE a STRESS BALL
OR OTHER FIDGET TOOLS



DO a PUZZLE



Cry



Play Outside



Clean,
Declutter or
Organize



Create
ORIGAMI



Give a
HUG



EXERCISE



JUMP on a
Trampoline



Rest,
Take a Break, or Nap



Do
Something Kind



BUILD
Something



TALK
to Someone
You Trust

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
30 September 30 Penny Wars begins	1	2 Professional Development NO SCHOOL	3	4 Dress up showing your culture.	5	6
7 PTO meeting 6:30 SGC meeting 6:45 SELT meeting 7:15	8 Smile Builders Mattatuck Museum 3S,4W,5S	9 Community Day 4-6 p.m @ Cynthia Zursky Playground- Kenmore Ave.	10 Penny Wars ends Smile Builders Mattatuck Museum Gr.3S,4W,5S	11	12	13
14 COLUMBUS DAY NO SCHOOL	15 Pink Out Bracelets \$1.00	16 Rain Date for community Day 4-6pm	17 Multicultural Family Night 5:30 - 6:30	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Wear Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness	31 Dress Up like a Characte	1	2	3



Be kind
to your mind





Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

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.