



SEPTEMBER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Regan School! I am excited to have all of our students and staff back for a new school year! We have many fun activities planned for the 2024 - 2025 school year. All school events will be shared on Parent Square through the Regan School posts. Make sure to check the Waterbury Public School website regularly 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 11 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 join and support us for this important information. Your partnership is extremely important to us and for your student's success.

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.

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

Best wishes,
Mrs. Razza

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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 → Sept. 2 - Labor Day
- ☐ September 9 - 13 Book Fair
- ☐ September 11 - 12PM Dismissal
- ☐ Open House 5:00 - 7:00p.m.
- ☐ Session 1 at 5:05; Session 2 at 6:00 p.m.
- ☐ Sept. 18 - 12:00p.m. Dismissal
- ☐ Sept. 27 - Wear your favorite sports team shirt to school.
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PARENT LIAISON

Welcome back to school to all of our 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.

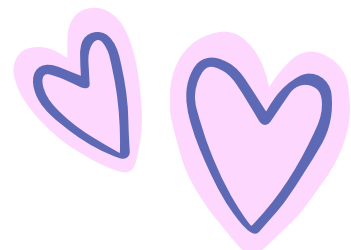
PTO meeting will begin at 6:30p.m.

SGC meeting will begin at 6:45p.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

Welcome to Kindergarten! We are looking forward to the beginning of a wonderful year at Regan and watching your child learn & grow.

In addition to learning the routines of the school day and social-emotional skills, we will start off the year with learning letters and their sounds during ELA instruction. These skills will also integrate with reading and writing. In math, we will be familiarizing students with counting and number sense. In science, our first unit will be about plants & animals and what they need to survive.

Any school supplies you may have can stay at home so that students can use them for any extra practice materials that are sent home. Students will have their own materials supplied for them at school. Please remember to send your child with a healthy, nut-free snack and a refillable water bottle each day. Feel free to send any extra clothes with your student for changes in weather when appropriate!

Your child will be given a take-home folder that will need to be checked each night and sent back to school the next day. Please also feel free to communicate via ParentSquare.



FIRST GRADE

Welcome to 1st Grade! We are so excited for a great year with our new group of students. Here are some updates for what is happening this year and for the month of in September.

Students do have a snack time so please feel free to send them with snack. In 1S is a peanut free classroom! Students may also bring a plastic water bottle to have throughout the day. Weekly homework packets will be going home starting next week. Packets have work we have reviewed in class and are due on Fridays. Please send students who are taking the bus back to school with their bus tags as we will be using them for dismissal for the next few weeks.

In the month of September we will be working on learning short vowels in phonics. In math we will be learning about counting on to add and adding doubles.

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting year in first grade! We hope to see you at Open House on September 11th!

**Any questions or concerns please let us know!
Ms. Anulewicz and Mrs. Scarpati**



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SECOND GRADE

Welcome to Grade 2! We are looking forward to a memorable school year with a lot of new learning to be done!

A few reminders as we move into the school year. School supplies can stay at home for homework assignments or school projects that need to be completed throughout the year. Students have been supplied with everything that they will need for learning in the classroom. Students can bring in a refillable water bottle for our classroom along with a healthy snack, however no peanut butter please. 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 communication folder each day for homework and notices. Please feel free to send a message via Parent Square with any messages or concerns!

THIRD GRADE



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.



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FOURTH GRADE

Hi everyone! It's hard to believe we are already back to 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 Animals. We just completed a lesson on the Frogfish and learned how it uses its structures to survive.

Finally, in ELA, fourth graders are working on review and routines. We are enjoying read alouds and independent reading time. They are building good listening habits and making smooth transitions between mini lessons. Be on the lookout for their At Home Reading Logs.

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



FIFTH GRADE

Welcome to Grade 5! We're excited to start this pivotal year with your child. Fifth grade is a special time as students wrap up their elementary journey, and we're looking forward to a year filled with engaging learning experiences and new discoveries.

This year, we're introducing a new program called Benchmark in Language Arts.

This innovative approach will help students explore genres such as Realistic Fiction, Narrative Nonfiction, and Biographies, while focusing on comprehension strategies like rereading and asking questions.

In Math, we'll explore how to calculate the volume of three-dimensional figures.

In Science, our focus will be on Matter, where we'll investigate solids, liquids, and gases, as well as physical and chemical changes.

If you have any questions or need support, please don't hesitate to reach out to us via Parent Square. We're here to ensure a successful and enjoyable year for your child. Looking forward to a fantastic 2024 & 2025 together!

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. We will both be seeing student for Intervention on A-D Days. I will also see students in grades 4-5 on E Days while I will support teachers on E days. 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 17th. 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!

MRS. QOSJA MULTILINGUST TEACHER

Welcome back everyone!
I am very excited for the new school year with your children!

Hopefully everyone had a great restful summer! Last year our students worked hard to achieve great results in learning and in LAS Links testing. This year we will try to set our goals even higher. We are so excited to get started with our new program called Benchmarks Advance. During the month of September our 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.

I'm looking forward to meeting everyone at Open House!

DID YOU KNOW...

Reading just six minutes a day reduces stress by 68%-so curling up with a good book is not only enjoyable, it can positively impact your mental and emotional health. For more information, check out this site: www.anxietycentre.com



MR. BROWN **PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER**



Hello Regan Eagles! I'm so excited to begin this school year in physical education. I look forward to helping the students develop team skills such as cooperation and patience through fun activities. Students will learn the value of being on a team and appreciate the fact that everything is more fun in a group. These lessons will support the students in becoming efficient movers and classmates!



MISS MALONEY **LIBRARY MEDIA TEACHER**

Hi everyone! Regan students can expect to be doing plenty of fun things in their new and improved library! Our K-5 students will be learning about useful and effective research methods, ways to strengthen their literacy skills, and how to find the just-right book for them. We will be working together to build a strong library collection that reflects and interests our very own student body as well. Throughout the year, we will also be focusing on digital citizenship, coding, safe online practices, finding relevant information from reliable sources, and much more! This is going to be a very exciting year in the library as we learn about and build this new space together to ensure our library adequately serves the needs of all our students.

MR. RIDGEWAY **MUSIC TEACHER**



Greetings to Regan School students and families. I am looking forward to a wonderful year of making music here at Regan School. In music class students will be singing, playing instruments, dancing and experiencing music from around the world. The lessons also help students practice their reading and math while also learning about the history and culture of people around the world.

MR. DABKOWSKI ART TEACHER



Welcome to Art! I'm very excited for an excellent year in art. It's my first year teaching at Regan so I look forward to meeting all the students and families that make up this wonderful community. We are working to learn the new expectations and procedures in the shared art and library space.

Students will be creating a lot of wonderful artwork this year. While learning about different artists, cultures, and art movements. We will be developing our abilities in visual communication through art using different media such as watercolor, colored pencils, crayons, pencils and much more. Students will also be working to develop their critical thinking skills in talking about and expressing their opinions on different artwork. Let's work together to create a fantastic art community within Regan this year!

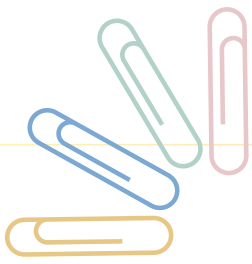
MRS. BAJRAKTAREVIC SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Hello and welcome back Regan Eagles!
Welcome to our new Kindergarteners too!
I hope everyone was able to rest and have a great summer. For the month of September students will be reviewing school expectations. We want to promote positive student behavior in all parts of the school building and maintain a safe and effective learning environment. Students will also be learning 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. 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. I hope to see everyone at Open House on September 11 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

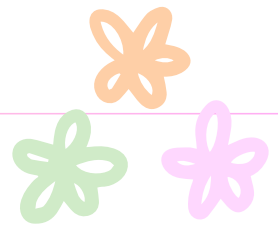


- **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** Remember to register for the Box Tops program! Download the free app. You can now scan your receipt with your phone. Each Box Top counts! Regan School earns money for school supplies! Go to [BTFE.COM](https://www.btfec.com) for information on how to get the app and how it 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.



September 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 no school	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 BOOK FAIR BEGINS	10	11 12PM DISMISSAL OPEN HOUSE 5:00 - 7:00P.M.	12	13 BOOK FAIR ENDS	14
15	16	17	18 12PM DISMISSAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 WEAR YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM SHIRT	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

