

REGAN SCHOOL



March 2025



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

March is here and springtime is finally on the way! It is amazing to see how engaged students are in their learning each day in class. We have less than 70 days left of school! I encourage you to have your child read each night. Your child can also access Math i-Ready for math instruction if you have a computer at home. If you have any concerns or questions about your child's progress, please call the school to schedule an appointment with your child's teacher or reach out through Parent Square. The next Parent - Teacher conference will take place on April 9th but feel free to request an appointment sooner. The teachers are always willing to meet to discuss your child's progress. Your partnership is essential to help your child be successful in school.

Students are finishing up their assigned book through the "One School, One Theme" project proposed by the School Governance Council. The next book will be given out during the first week in April. Every week, your child should be reading the assigned pages from this book. You can read with your child, to your child, or your child can read to himself/herself. Every Friday, your child's teacher will post a question for your child to answer based on the assigned reading until this book project is completed. This is a school-wide project. Children will discover that all books have the same theme. Our overall goal is to improve every child's oral reading and reading comprehension. This activity will allow for additional reading practice that reinforces skills that are taught daily in class. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions. Reading practice makes reading superstars!

As a reminder, if your child is not going to be in school, you must call the school office AND send in a note when your child returns to school or fill in the note on Parent Square. Keep in mind that all absences count as a day out of school regardless if they are excused or unexcused. If you have any questions about attendance, please call the school. The State of Connecticut is monitoring all student attendance daily.

During the month of March, Regan School is particiapting in a Read-a-Thon to get our students excited about reading. Check out the posts on Parent Square from Miss Maloney, our Library teacher for more information. Please encourage your child to read and then register and log their minutes on the Read-a-Thon dashboard. The top readers will be getting acknowledged and rewarded.

This year, students in grades kindergarten, grades 1, 2 and 3 who are considered "Substantially Deficient" will be required to attend summer school. This is mandatory and part of State of CT law. The end of the year reading tests that take place in May will determine if your child needs to attend. A letter was sent home in February to all parents informing you of your child's current reading level based on the middle of the year test. Keep in mind that the reading measures at the end of the school year will be more challenging so it is imperative that you have your child practice reading at home each night. Feel free to schedule an appointment with me or your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

The Smarter Balanced Assessments will be given to all students in the State of Connecticut that attend a public school. In the elementary years, students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will take the assessment. Regan School students will be taking this assessment at the end of April and throughout the month of May. A letter will be sent home before the tests begin with the specific dates for each test for students in these grades. Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will be assessed in math and reading. Grade 5 students will also be tested in science. You can have your child practice taking the test before May comes around. For more information about the Smarter Balanced Assessments, please visit http://www.smarterbalanced.org Have your child practice taking the Smarter Balanced practice test by using this site: https://ct.portal.cambiumast.com/index.html Scroll down to "Quick Access" and click on the box "Practice & Training Test" at the bottom of the page. Click the green button that reads "Sign in". Use the dropdown tool to select the grade 3, 4 or 5. Then pick "Smarter Balanced tests". Finally, pick the content you want to have your child practice: Math, ELA or Science. Science is for grade 5 only. Click on the arrow to hear the audio. Scroll down and press "I could play the video". Finally press "Begin test now". Having your child try these examples at home is good practice before taking the actual test.

I look forward to seeing everyone at future in person events. Monthly calendars are sent home months with important dates and events. Check out our school website at https://regan.waterbury.k12.ct.us/ for additional information as well. Regular updates are also on Parent Square.

Best wishes,
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!



PARENT LIAISON

Hello Regan families!

We will be holding the PTO and School Governance Council meetings virtually each month. We we hold our next meeting on Monday, March 3, 2025.

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 each month.

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

Ms. Mejia

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KINDERGARTEN GRADE
MISS KRUIJS & MISS HALL

Happy March! This year is flying by! We are learning so much so it is very important that your child comes to school every day. You can check on our learning by looking at the work that comes home in our folder every day.

In Benchmark we are learning about how stories can teach messages. We are also learning to express our opinions through writing.

In ECRI we are learning to sound out words while we read and write.
In Math we are becoming fluent with adding and subtracting within 5. We will soon be challenging ourselves by adding and subtracting within 10!
In Science we are learning about the weather. We have been studying severe weather as well as tracking the weather daily.

The school year is far from over and we have a lot of learning left to do. Please continue to support your child's learning at home by reading every night, practicing counting, practicing addition and subtraction skills, and talking with your child about their day. As always if you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to message us through Parent Square!

FIRST GRADE
MISS ANULEWICZ & MRS. SCARPATI

Happy March! As the weather is beginning to get warmer, we will be going outside for recess and P.E. when we can. Please make sure to send your child in with a plastic water bottle and an appropriate coat daily.

In Phonics we have started vowel teams and will continue to go through them this month. In math, we will begin telling time and begin adding and subtracting with tens. In Reading we will be starting Unit 7 where we will be learning about the past, present and future.

Make sure to check your child's take home folder daily for homework packets and important notices! As always please reach out on Parent Square with any questions or concerns!

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SECOND GRADE
MISS TYRRELL & MRS. SAINFLUER

It's almost Springtime, as we welcome the month of March! In ECRI, we are now at the end of Unit 6 in which we are learning new trick words, double vowels, affixes, and contractions. In Math, we are adding and subtracting three-digit numbers using multiple strategies (expanded form, open number lines, place value charts, regrouping, quick draw pictures, and base ten blocks). We are continuing to solve one-step and two-step word problems. In Benchmark, we are working on Unit 6 and learning about folktales and what different cultures can teach us. We continue to focus on comprehension strategies, theme, fluency, learning new vocabulary, rereading for understanding, visualization, finding evidence, new contractions, and new affixes. Continue to practice math facts at home and ensure to log your child into the read a Ton for March.
Reminder- to send your child in with a jacket, healthy snack, and water bottle each day. You can always send us a message on ParentSquare to see how your child is doing or if you have any questions or concerns.

Miss Tyrrell and Mrs. Sainfleur

THIRD GRADE
MR. MITCHELL & MRS. SCHMIED

Happy March to our third grade families! This is the month that spring will finally arrive.
A few notes about Reading: This month we will be finishing up our narrative writing. In Benchmark, we are currently in unit 6. Students are doing better about writing a written response and finding the details in their reading. We are also starting to focus more on the Smarter Balanced Test that will be coming up soon. Please continue to read with your child at home and have them read aloud to you. Children should read like they talk, not fragmented or "robot reading". All students have fluency practice sent home every week for practice.

A few notes about Math: During March, our lessons will focus on fractions.

Students develop the conceptual understanding that fractions are numbers that describe equal parts of a whole. By using unit fractions to count and build other fractions, students come to the understanding that unit fractions are the building blocks of fractions. Students will also come to understand that fractions can represent points on a number line. They will use area models and numbers lines to find equivalent fractions and will learn that whole numbers can also be represented as fractions. Students will use what they know about numerators and denominators to compare fractions using symbols.
Please remember to continue to review multiples (0-10) to increase multiplication fact fluency.



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FOURTH GRADE
MS. BETANCOURT & MR. WELCH

Happy March! This year is going by fast! In Math, we are learning about comparing, adding, and subtracting fractions. We will continue with fractions for a few more weeks. Please encourage your child to complete their iReady lessons.

In Reading, we are finishing Unit 6 which is all about overcoming obstacles and moving onto Unit 7 about building communities. As always, we are working on reaching our fluency, comprehension and writing goals. Many of the children need practice reading and writing at home as well.

In Science we are working on Unit 7 Rocks and Fossils. We are also very excited to go on our field trip to the Peabody Museum on March 13th. If you have not signed a permission slip please contact the office or send me a parent square for another copy.

As the weather begins to get warmer soon, please make sure to have your child bring a coat and/or sweater to school for days when we go outside. As a reminder please check your child's book bag and folder nightly. Many forms are not getting signed and sent back. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to schedule a meeting with us or reach out through ParentSquare! Enjoy the month of March!



Fifth Grade
Miss Carasone & Ms. Senan

📢 Grade 5 Newsletter – March Edition

Happy March! 🌷 It feels like the school year is flying by! Here's what our students are working on this month in Benchmark, Math, and Science.

📚 Benchmark (ELA)

We are wrapping up Unit 6, which explores the essential question: "What compels us to survive?" Students will continue working on their "Survival Guide" project, applying what they have learned about resilience and perseverance.

Additionally, we are reading Who Was Walt Disney? by Whitney Stewart. Each week, students will have assigned reading and will answer a comprehension question every Friday. Please encourage your child to discuss what they are reading at home!

➗ Math

Our mathematicians are diving into dividing fractions! To support your child at home, please review:

✓ Regrouping skills
✓ Fact fluency (multiplication and division facts)
✓ The standard algorithm for division and multiplication

Practicing these foundational skills will help students build confidence and accuracy.

🔬 Science

In Science, we are exploring Earth's systems and how they interact with one another. Students will investigate key processes that shape our planet and participate in engaging discussions and activities.

📌 Reminders & Announcements

- Encourage daily reading and math practice at home.
- Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns—we are here to support your child's success!

5th Grade team

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MRS. DAVIS
STEM COACH

DID YOU KNOW THAT…

***i-Ready Mathematics consists of the following benefits*:**

- **Provides just-in-time instruction that is responsive to individual student needs**
- **Engages students with relevant challenges and provides pathways to deeper understanding**
- **Enables students to advance quickly once they master a skill, building their confidence and maximizing their engagement**
- **Presents real-world problems that help students understand the "why" behind the "how"**
- **Builds internal motivation while encouraging productive struggle with learning games (www.curriculumassociates.com)**



Elementary Math Updates:

March

The following is *approximately* what each grade will be working on in March.

Grade K

Students will continue to add and subtract within 10, find the missing part of 10, solve word problems within 10, and solve word problems with both addends unknown.

Grade 1

Students will continue to compare 2-digit numbers. They will add and subtract tens to begin understanding 10 more, 10 less. They will learn to tell time to the nearest hour and half hour.

Grade 2

Students will continue to use addition to add multiple two digit numbers. They will begin measuring length using the standard units inches, centimeters, feet, and meters.

Grade 3

Students will continue their understanding of fractions using models and pictures. They will practice fractions using number lines and identify and find basic benchmark equivalent fractions. They will begin comparing fractions using <, =, >.

Grade 4

Students will continue working with addition and subtraction of fractions and mixed numbers. They will begin learning to multiply a fraction by a whole number.

Grade 5

Students will solve word problems that require multiplying fractions and learn to divide with a unit fraction. They will divide fractions in word problems and begin converting measurements.



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MR. DABKOWSKI

ART TEACHER



Spring is coming! As March begins we will be finishing up our black history month art projects, and starting new creations. March 1st starts Read Across America Week in Waterbury and as such we will be starting some Dr. Seus inspired art projects based on his books. Such as The Cat in the Hat, Horton Hears a Who, Oh the Places You'll Go, and The Lorax. Looking forward to this exciting month



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- **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 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 ceremies to help us celebrate Students of the Marking Period!
- **Autumn Lake at Healthcare at Bucks Hill** - Regan School is planning several activities with the nursing home. Students recently made placemats for the patients to enjoy during their Thanksgiving dinner.

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MRS. PRONOVOST
READING INTERVENTIONIST

Students will continue to work on their decoding skills to build their oral reading fluency. Now that we have completed the mid-year assessments, I have discussed with the students how they are progressing towards their end of year goals. I have seen huge improvements in many students. Everyone agrees that reading at home is very important to reading success. Students in grades 1-5 have a reading log to complete at home. I am asking them to read at least 10 minutes each night and have you log it on their sheet. Grade 1 students were given “trick word” note cards for practice at home. This can also be used for the 10 minutes on the log instead of reading a book. Logs are checked and those students who complete the log each week are given a prize on Fridays. I have many students who bring it in each Friday and also many students who have yet to turn in a reading log at all. Without this extra practice, students will progress much slower in their reading success. Snuggle up in a blanket and enjoy a book as part of your bedtime routine.



A MESSAGE FROM MISS BUSHKA
MULTILINGUIST TEACHER

Happy March! LAS Links testing is coming to an end this month. The first week of March is the last week that the testing window is open. I am so proud of our students for working so hard! Once testing is over, we will return back to our small group learning with Benchmark Express. We will get students’ official LAS Links scores back in May.

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MR. BROWN
PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER



Hello families and friends of Regan students! We are finally heading back outside for physical education classes as the weather is heating up. This has made me and the students beyond excited and our first day back out was a success! We will be reviewing our safety expectations when playing outside, before going into basketball and soccer. I look forward to seeing the students continue to improve as athletes, and to get some much needed fresh air.

MISS MALONEY
LIBRARY MEDIA TEACHER

Hello, Regan families! In case you have missed it, Regan School is beginning our Read-A-Thon this month. Your student has been sent home with a flyer containing information and instructions on how to sign up. This is a wonderful opportunity to motivate your student to read, and for you to read with them! The Read-a-Thon also offers prizes to incentivize your students, and the school offers prizes to our top earners and readers. I have noticed that a lot of students have already signed up, so this should be a fun program!
In this library this month, Kindergarten and First Grade are learning about fairytales. We are learning about elements of fairytales and folktales, reading different versions of Cinderella, and comparing and contrasting the stories we read. Second and third graders will be strengthening their typing skills, then we will begin learning about stories about the past and present, and the differences between those stories. Finally, fourth and fifth graders are going to write and illustrate their own survival story as a graphic novel, then we will begin a coding unit.

MR. RIDGEWAY
MUSIC TEACHER



Greetings to Regan families and Happy March. In music class we are continuing our study of Spirituals and Blues. Next we will explore Jazz music and early Rock and Roll and its influence on our culture today. The Band and Violin students are learning to play the Major scale on their instruments. We have just begun recorder classes for the 2nd and 3rd grade enrichment classes. If you are playing an instrument please remember to bring it to school on B days.



IMPORTANT DATES REMAINING FOR THE 2024 – 2025 SCHOOL YEAR:



Wednesday, March 5 - We have a 12p.m dismissal.
Monday, March 31 - No School - Eid al Fitr Muslim Holiday
Wednesday, April 9 - We have a 12p.m dismissal.
Wednesday, April 9 - Parent/Teacher conferences 5 - 7p.m.
April 14 - 18 - No School - Spring Recess
Wednesday, April 23 - We have a 12p.m. dismissal.
Wednesday, May 7 - We have a 12p.m. dismissal.
Monday, May 26 - No School - Memorial Day
***Monday, June 16 - Tentative last day of school depending on weather. Each additional snow day will add 1 more day to this date.**



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A MESSAGE FROM MRS. ELLINGTON LITERACY FACILITATOR



As we spring into March, we are finishing up Unit 6 in our Benchmark program where we were discussing stories that teach us lessons. We are going to be moving into Unit 7 which focuses on History, Culture, and Geography. Be on the lookout for your child's unit 6 reading and writing books. On the back cover there are great ideas for extending and reinforcing learning at home.





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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.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS TO BE AWARE OF:

Regan School 203.574.8187
Ext. 0 - Main Office - Ms. Gordon
Ext. 1 - Nurse's Office - Nurse Gonzalez
Ext. 2 - Cafeteria manager - Ms. Rose
Ext. 3 - Parent Liaison - Ms. Mejia

Regan School Fax Number 203.573.6647
Durham Bus Company 203.591.1847
All Star - Special Education Bus 203.753.8366
Family Intake Center 203.346.3511



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.



**Our monthly PTO and SGC meeting will be held virtually on the first Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. *
We invite all families interested in helping our school community.**

**Here are the remaining dates:
Monday, March 3, 2025
Monday, April 7, 2025
Monday, May 5, 2025**

We will discuss activities for our students at a school-wide level.

PTO stands for Parent -Teacher Organization - This is a group of parents, teachers and school staff that plan fun activities for the entire school student body.

SCG stands for School Governance Council - This is a group of parents, teachers and staff that discuss student achievement and plan activities to help all students achieve better academic outcomes.

SELT stands for School Equity Leadership Team - This is a group of teachers, staff and parents that will discuss ways to provide opportunities with equity to meet the needs of our diverse students.



A MESSAGE FROM
MRS. MARTIN AND MRS. LUCIER
SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Counseling Corner: Supporting Students

At Regan, the school counseling department is dedicated to providing consistent, high-quality support to all students. According to the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Direct Student Services Standards, school counselors are expected to spend 80% or more of their time providing direct services to students through individual counseling, group counseling, and other direct service measures.Together, Mrs. Lucier and myself far exceed this standard every Tuesday and Thursday by working directly with students through individual check-ins, responding to crisis support when needed, and small group counseling.

On average, school counselors typically run 1-2 small groups per day — but at Regan, we often run 4 groups daily on top of seeing students individually and responding to crises when needed. While we are only there to support on Tuesdays and Thursdays we are proud to offer such a high level of support to our students and are always here to help them thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Black History Month

A HUGE thank you for all the hard work and creativity you put into our Black History Month take home project! You did an amazing job, and we love seeing how you brought history to life in such a special way. Keep shining, keep learning, and keep being awesome!



Students of the Second Marking Period

Congratulations!!!

You make us proud!

KH - Cameron DeLucrezia

1A - Amia Cassamajor - Gilles

2S - Michelle Oyewole

3M - Valerie Mulhall

4B - Emma Nunez

5C - Natanael Gonzalez



In Person ceremony on February 14, 2025 at 2:00pm

KK - Zahmari Brown

1S - Samantha Stevenson

2T - Aria Rosado

3S - King Arroyo - Gonzalez

4W - Alexa Sanchez-Abud

5S - Emily Garcia

Art - Benjamin Batista (1A)
Music - Julius Cain (5S)
Physical Education- Angel Melendez (4W)
Library - Ketsana Vannaseng (3S)
Computers - Mason Mendez (3M)

Criteria for the Student of the Marking Period

Marking Period 2:
October 29 - January 15



- **Completes assignments and classwork with exceptional effort**
- **Follows Regan Eagle SOAR expectations and is a role model for other students**
- **Good attendance; no more than 3 days out for the marking period**
- **Attends school in dress code and follows the school-wide expectations**

Popcorn as a treat! The class with the best attendance all week will be announced every Friday afternoon.





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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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2	3 Virtual PTO Virtual SGC Virtual SBT	4	5 12PM Dismissal Professional Development	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Gr.4 Field trip To Peabody Museum	14	15
16	17 Parent event	18 Parent event	19	20	21	22
23 30	24 No School 31	25	26	27	28 Crayon Day	29