



CHALK TALK



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Principal's Message

Happy New Year! I hope 2014 will bring health and happiness to all Repetto families.

We haven't even finished the first month of 2014, and already the California Department of Education (CDE) has announced changes to our state testing system. California's new assessment was originally referred to as the Measurement of Academic Performance and Progress (MAPP). But CDE recently announced that it will now be known as the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). We will inform you of any additional changes and announcements we receive from CDE.

Please help the American Heart Association by sponsoring your child (and/or other Repetto students) for the Jump Rope for Heart Campaign. Information was sent home last week with all students, and the event will take place next Friday, January 31st. Thank you!

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Dates to Remember

JANUARY

- 24: Family Movie Night
5:30 p.m. Auditorium
- 31: Non-Uniform Day
(Theme: Pajamas)
- 31: Jump Rope for Heart

FEBRUARY

- 04: SSC Meeting
- 06: Valentine's Day Dance
(Gr. 6-8) Cafeteria
- 10: Lincoln's Birthday
(No School)
- 12: PTA Meeting
6:30 p.m. Cafeteria
- 17: Presidents' Day
(No School)
- 21: Once Upon a 5th Gr. Year
5:30 p.m. Auditorium
- 21: PTA Founders Day
Dinner (More info. later)

MKHS Meeting for 8th Graders & Parents

If your child will be attending Mark Keppel High School (MKHS) next year, please make sure to attend their 8th Grade Parent Meeting next Tuesday, January 28th at 6:30 p.m. Students are also welcome to attend.

The presentation will include information about the registration process, high school graduation requirements, and the many ways your child can be involved at MKHS.

The information will be provided in multiple languages in the following locations:

- English: Auditorium
- Cantonese & Mandarin: Cafeteria
- Spanish: Aztec Room
- Vietnamese: Classroom #114

Please Note: Parents should be aware that a **CURRENT** utility bill (**under the parent's name**) will be required to register for MKHS.

FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT FILM: PLANES

Friday, January 24th
School Auditorium

5:30 p.m. Concession Stand Opens
(Proceeds will benefit AstroCamp.)
6:30 p.m. Movie Begins

Important Announcements:

- ☞ **Fifth Grade Movie Stars:** We are excited to announce the screening of a special movie, *Once Upon a 5th Grade Year*, starring Repetto's fifth-grade students (along with a few seventh graders and other special guests). This movie will be shown at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, February 21st in the school auditorium. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m., so come early and enjoy dinner/snacks beforehand. Pre-sale tickets for *Once Upon a 5th Grade Year* cost \$5 each. Tickets at the door will cost \$7. All proceeds from the movie and the concession stand will benefit the fifth-grade classes.
- ☞ **Congratulations, Mrs. Jones!** We are proud to announce that the district's four elementary music teachers, including our own Mrs. Lisa Jones, are being honored by the Alhambra Educational Foundation (AEF). They will be recognized at AEF's 10th annual *Service to Education Awards Dinner & Gala*, which will be held on March 29th at the Hilton Los Angeles/San Gabriel. This fundraising event is open to all district families, staff members, and students. Tickets will go on sale in early February. Please visit AEF's website at www.aef4kids.com for more information.
- ☞ **AEF Music & More Campaign:** Don't forget to support AEF's fundraising campaign. The goal of this campaign is to raise funds for music programs in grades K-8 and college and career programs for grades 9-12. AEF is sponsoring a friendly competition between elementary schools. The school with the highest participation level (highest percentage of families donating to AEF) in their *Music & More* campaign will win a schoolwide concert and other prizes. As of January 1st, Repetto School is in the lead, but there are three other schools that are close behind. Donation envelopes are available in the school office. You can also make a donation by visiting AEF's website (see above).
- ☞ **Cafeteria Menu:** The new menus for the cafeteria will not be available until next month. Until then, you can continue to refer to the previous menu and continue with the weekly rotations until the new menu is released. We are currently on "week #1" of the menu. If you no longer have the old menu, you can pick up another copy in the school office.
- ☞ **Name Correction:** In last month's listing of our Citizens of the Month, kindergartner Nathan Lu's name was inadvertently omitted. We apologize to Nathan and congratulate him for his recognition.

To receive Chalk Talk & other school information by e-mail, become a Key Communicator by emailing your request to repetto@ausd.us. Also, visit our school website at www.RepettoK8.net.