



CHALK TALK



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Message from the Principal

Believe it or not, the window for California's new testing system is right around the corner. Soon after spring break, our students in grades 3-8 will take the field test of the Smarter Balanced Assessment System (SBAC).

You can help our students do their best by having them take the online practice test in English-language arts and mathematics. This will allow them to familiarize themselves with sample questions and the various tools/supports that will be available to them.

You can access the practice test by visiting our school website, www.RepettoK8.net, and clicking on the seventh link in the "Quick Links" section. Make sure to log-in as a "guest" and then pick the appropriate grade level and test. Students will have the opportunity to take the practice tests at school, but we want them to access it at home too. The more exposure they receive, the better they will do.

FIFTH-GRADE VIDEO PRESENTATION "ONCE UPON A 5TH GRADE YEAR"

Friday, February 21st
School Auditorium

\$5 pre-sale \$7 at the door

5:30 p.m. Concession Stand Opens
6:30 p.m. Video Begins

(Proceeds will benefit all fifth-grade classes.)

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Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY

- 12: PTA Meeting
6:30 p.m. Cafeteria
- 17: School Holiday
(Presidents' Day)
- 21: Once Upon a 5th Gr. Year
5:30 p.m. Auditorium
- 21: PTA Founders Dinner
6:30 p.m. Luminarias
- 28: Minimum Day
- 28: Non-Uniform Day
(Cartoons/Comics)
- 28: End of 2nd Trimester

MARCH

- 07: Report Cards Go Home
- 07: Bonus/Valet Bucks
- 07: Family Movie Night
5:30 p.m. Auditorium
- 12: PTA Meeting
6:30 p.m. Cafeteria
- 14: Minimum Day

Citizens of the Month

Last Friday, 38 students were recognized as Citizens of the Month for the quality of Planning & Decision Making. These students know how to plan ahead and make good choices.

Ethan Alvarado - K	Mandy Dam - 5 th
Lupita Gonzalez - K	Beverly To - 5 th
Kalani Kakita - K	Kyan Wong - 5 th
Kyle Lam - 1 st	Kevin Young - 5 th
Cassidy Lee - 1 st	Jake Gilbert - 6 th
Melody Lei - 1 st	Evan Ma - 6 th
Erin Nagai - 2 nd	Elise Sandoval - 6 th
James Young - 2 nd	Jeffrey Szeto - 6 th
Evelyn Yulianto - 2 nd	Helen Villanueva - 6 th
Tyler Zack - 2 nd	Kalea Chu - 7 th
Lydia Li - 3 rd	Andy Huynh - 7 th
Kenneth Lin - 3 rd	Joanna Lei - 7 th
Lindsey Lu - 3 rd	Samantha Nguyen - 7 th
Shawn Nguyen - 3 rd	Zoe Atkins - 8 th
Anesa Cortez - 4 th	Miranda Kwok - 8 th
Jeslyn Lee - 4 th	Jenny Liu - 8 th
Tina Phannguyen - 4 th	Kailey Ogawa-Monroe - 8 th
Beverly Wu - 4 th	Abrielle Sepulveda - 8 th
Justin Yuon - 4 th	Andrew Tran - 8 th

EIGHTH GRADERS' BABY PICTURES

We want ALL eighth graders to have their baby picture included in the middle school yearbook.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR PHOTO BY FEBRUARY 21ST. You may email your photo to repetto@ausd.us. Make sure to include your full (first and last) name and homeroom in the email. You may also submit a printed photo. Make sure your full (first and last) name and your homeroom are printed neatly on the back. Printed photos will be scanned and returned to you. Make sure you aren't left out!

Important Announcements & Reminders:

- ☞ **PTA Founders Day Dinner & Casino Night:** PTA will be honoring several dedicated parents and staff members at the Annual PTA Founder's Day Dinner on Friday, February 21st at 6:00 p.m. at Luminarias Restaurant in Monterey Park. The final list of honorees will be determined at tomorrow's PTA meeting, and their names will be posted on the PTA bulletin board in front of the school. The honorees will be recognized at the annual PTA Founders Day Dinner, which will once again, include a Casino Night event. All parents and staff members are invited to join us at this special event. Tickets are \$40 each and must be ordered by this Friday. (Come to the school office to purchase a ticket.) The event will feature the recognition ceremony, dinner, casino games, dancing, raffle prizes, silent auction items, and a photo booth.
- ☞ **Electronic Emergency Cards:** We *STILL* have some parents who have not updated their online emergency cards. It is very important that our school has current parent contact information in case of a student emergency. If you have not already done so, please log onto the District's Parent Portal site at <http://family.ausd.us> and complete ALL pages of the required information. Your account number is the letter "p" followed by your child's seven-digit ID number. If you do not know your child's ID number or your password, contact the school office. If no information has changed, you still need to log on and confirm everything.
- ☞ **AEF Music & More Campaign:** Please continue showing support for AEF's fundraising campaign. Your donations will help raise funds for music programs in grades K-8 and college and career programs for grades 9-12. Donation envelopes are available in the school office. You can also make a donation by visiting AEF's website www.aef4kids.com.
- ☞ **Free Covered California Healthcare Information Seminar & Enrollment Event:** Alhambra Unified School District invites you and your family to come to this event to learn more about the *Affordable Health Care Act* and *Covered California*. This event will take place Thursday, March 13th from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Mark Keppel High School's auditorium. Certified *Covered California* enrollment counselors will be available to do on-site enrollment. To sign up, please make sure to bring a photo I.D., your social security card, W-2 form, and your most recent income tax filing. The special guest speaker will be State Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez, Chairman of the Senate Health Committee.
- ☞ **Reflections Art Competition:** Congratulations to fifth grader Jessica Fung. The First District PTA recognized her artwork with the "Outstanding Interpretation" award in the area of Visual Arts. Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's contest.

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