



CHALK TALK

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Principal's Message

On behalf of the Repetto School team, I'd like to welcome students and parents to the 2013-14 school year! We are looking forward to another fun and productive year at Repetto School.

This Chalk Talk newsletter is published every third Monday, and is one of our primary communication tools. Please read it carefully and make note of important upcoming dates. Chalk Talk and other important school information can be sent to you by e-mail upon request (see the bottom of the page).

Our school also utilizes the "Connect-Ed" system to send important phone and/or email announcements to Repetto families. If you receive a call from the school, please check your voicemail before calling us back in order to keep our phone lines open, especially during emergency situations. It is crucial that your on-line emergency card information is correct.

Repetto welcomes several new staff members this year: intervention specialist **Jennifer Fong**, intervention aide **Nadia Keyser**, instructional aide **Teresa Ng**, Gateway to Success coordinator **Martina Lai**, PE aide **Guy Cataldo**, and psychology intern **Angelica Herrera**. Also, welcome back to instructional aide **Rosa Rojas**, who worked at Repetto several years ago. We also welcome **Janette Davis**, who is usually our instructional aide for our Resource Program, but is currently student teaching with Ms. McCullough and Mrs. Wong.

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Dates to Remember

AUGUST

30: Non-Uniform Day
(Red, White & Blue)

SEPTEMBER

02: Labor Day Holiday
(No School)

03: Fall Fundraising
Kick-Off Assembly

11: PTA Meeting
6:30 p.m. Cafeteria

16: Chalk Talk Issue 2

18: Grades 6-8
Back-to-School Night
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

19: Grades 1-5
Back-to-School Night
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

27: Non-Uniform Day
(Hawaiian)

27: Grades 6-8
Progress Reports

2013 STAR Results

Parents in grades 3-8 should have received their child's STAR results last Monday.

Overall, our students continue to achieve at high levels, but we still have many areas to improve. Preliminary data indicates our State Academic Performance Index (API) will be 873. Although that is a drop of eight points from last year, it is still well over the State's API target of 800. We were proud to learn that every grade level and every significant subgroup continued to score over the 800 target.

The Federal government determines our Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) by the percentage of students who score Proficient or Advanced. The 2013 target was 89.2% in English/Language Arts and 89.5% in math. Unfortunately, we did not meet most of those targets and are now in Year 2 of "Program Improvement." We will have much to do to reach the 2014 Federal target of 100% proficiency. In order to provide additional support to our struggling students, we were able to add another intervention specialist and an intervention aide this year.

Despite our disappointment in some areas, we were still pleased to see many of our individual students are doing well. In fact, Repetto School has more students performing at the Advanced level than any other level.

Important Announcements and Reminders:

Cafeteria Meals: Students should bring their lunch cards and/or money to the cafeteria for meals each day. The full price for meals is \$1.00 for breakfast and \$2.50 for lunch, and 40¢ if students only want to purchase milk. For students who qualify for reduced meals, breakfast is free and lunch is 40¢.

Short Thursdays: We have early dismissal times EVERY Thursday. Please make sure students are picked up on time.

On-Line Emergency Cards: If you have not already done so, please log-on to <http://family.ausd.us> to complete your child's online emergency card. Student ID numbers and passwords were sent home the first week of school. If you do not have Internet access at home, contact the office to make an appointment to use a school computer.

Parking & Traffic: The circular driveway must be kept clear at all times for buses and vehicles of authorized afterschool programs. The faculty parking lot, neighbors' driveways, and the circular driveway should not be used to drop off and/or pick up your children. Please drive carefully and do not make illegal U-turns in the middle of the street. This will help us keep our students safe and will help you avoid a citation from the Monterey Park Police Department.

Campus Supervision: Students should not arrive at school any earlier than 7:30 a.m., when campus supervision begins. Afterschool, students need to be picked up immediately after dismissal unless they are in an authorized on-site program.

PTA Membership Drive: Please support PTA by becoming a member, and by joining us at our September 11th meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Class Leveling/Reorganization: It may be necessary to move some students into different classes to balance enrollment across the grade level and/or to stay under maximum class sizes. In some cases, students might be "overflowed" to another school in the district. You will be notified if any of these changes will affect your child.

Lots2Give Winner: Congratulations to Ms. McCullough and some of her students from last year. Their video earned Repetto one of the \$2,000 third-place prizes in the Big Lots Lots2Give Contest. Repetto also earned an additional \$600 from families who allocated a percentage of their Big Lots purchases be donated to Repetto School. Thank you to everyone who voted for our school's video.

Volunteer Policy: The district has modified its volunteer policy, and now requires ALL school volunteers to be fingerprinted. If you plan to volunteer at all this year, please come to the office to obtain the form you will need to take to the District office.

Ralphs Rewards: If you shop at Ralphs grocery store, please go to www.ralphs.com (after September 1st) to register your Ralphs Rewards card to allocate a percentage of your purchases to Repetto School. If you've done this in the past, please make sure you re-register for the 2013-14 school year. More details and a direct link are available at the school website (see below.)

Give With Target Promotion: If you have a Facebook account (or are willing to get one), please help Repetto School earn money by voting for our school at www.Facebook.com/Target or GiveWith.Target.com (note the period between "with" and "target").

E-mail repetto@ausd.us to receive Chalk Talk and other school information by e-mail.

Visit the Repetto School website at www.RepettoK8.net.