



CHALK TALK



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Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year! The entire Repetto staff is looking forward to another successful year at our wonderful school.

This monthly Chalk Talk newsletter is one of our primary school-home communications tools, which will be brought home by your child the first Monday of each month (or the Friday prior if Monday is a holiday). You can view a copy of the Chalk Talk on the school website: repettok8.net. as well. Please read it carefully and note important upcoming events.

Our school and district also utilizes the automated "Connect-Ed" system to send important phone and/or email announcements to our families. In order to ensure delivery of these messages, please make sure your online emergency contact information is accurate and current.

Repetto welcomed several new staff members this school year: Teresa Munoz (5th grade teacher), Alessa Alarcon (school nurse), Noelle Panagsagan (speech pathologist), Cristian Rincon (PE aide), Brittany Ascencio (instructional aide), Virginia Chan (instructional aide) and Olga Velazquez (Gateway Intervention Advisor). We are happy to have them join our Repetto Family!

Coffee Tea Chat

We invite all Repetto parents to join us each month for a cup of coffee or tea at an informal get-together. This is a time for parents to sit with the principal, assistant principal and instructional specialist and discuss district/school goals and student achievement for College and Career Readiness, as well as address overall student accomplishments and other concerns parents may have regarding our school. We hope to see you at our Coffee Tea Chat at 8:15am, the second Friday of each month.

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Back-to-School Nights

A memo will be sent home soon with details about classroom presentations and other events during Back-to-School Nights. We look forward to meeting all our parents!

Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER

- 07: Labor Day Holiday
- 09: PTA Meeting, 6:30pm (Cafeteria)
- 11: Coffee Tea Chat, 8:15am
- 16: Back-to-School (Grades 6-8)
- 16-17: Uniform Sales, 3:30-8:30pm
- 17: Back-to-School (Grades 1-5)
- 22: SSC Meeting, 5:00pm
- 23: ELAC Parent Meeting, 8:00am
- 25: Minimum Day for Parent Conf. Preparation
- 25: Non-Uniform Day (Theme: Cartoons /Comics)
- 25: Progress Reports for Grades 6-8 Go Home

OCTOBER

- 02: Citizen of the Month, 7:30am
- 02, 05: Minimum Days for Parent Conferences
- 05: Chalk Talk Goes Home

Valet Drop-Off Lane is Open

As you have probably noticed, Grandridge Avenue becomes extremely busy during the start and end of the school day. In order to help students get to class on time (and to make the mornings a little less stressful), Repetto School offers families our Valet Drop-Off service between 7:30am – 7:55am each morning. The Valet Lane is located on Grandridge, near the back of the cafeteria and the side of the school.

Parents are welcome to drop off younger students at the Valet. Just let one of the volunteers know your child needs assistance getting on campus and a student volunteer will walk him/her to the lower playground or the cafeteria.

We need both parent and student (grades 4-8) volunteers to make this vital service successful. If you would like to volunteer, please come contact the office. Thank you.

Please review with your child street safety and remind them to always use the crosswalk when crossing the street and to never dart out in between parked cars.

PTA NEEDS YOU!

Please join this group of dedicated volunteers who support our school through various projects, activities and fundraisers.

OUR NEXT PTA MEETING IS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 6:30PM
IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA.

PTA membership envelopes were sent home. We encourage all adults in the household to become members. It only costs \$7 per person to join and support Repetto's PTA. Please return the envelope to your child's teacher ASAP! ☺

Important Announcements and Reminders

Cafeteria Meals: Parents can pay for school meals in the office (cash or checks payable to "Repetto Cafeteria" or online (credit card) through our district website: www.ausd.us. Students will receive their lunch cards soon. The full price for meals is \$1.50 for breakfast and \$3.00 for lunch. Free and Reduced Meal applications (to be completed every year) are available at the district website as well.

Short Thursdays and Minimum Days: We have early dismissal times EVERY Thursday. Please make sure students are picked up on time. The bell schedule and the list of minimum days were sent home on the first day of school and can also be found on the school website.

Online Emergency Information: If you have not already done so, please log on to the Parent Portal (<https://family.ausd.us>) to complete your child's online emergency card *immediately*. Log on information has been printed and sent home with your child last week.

Options: Because of construction, Options parents and staff will need to walk through our campus to get to their classroom until their own entrance is available. Repetto School remains a closed campus. Visitors must check in with the front office.

- **Drop-Off and Pick-Up:** Students should not arrive to school prior to 7:30am, when campus supervision begins. For safety reasons, students should be picked up (or walk home) immediately after dismissal. *Note: The circular driveway is reserved for buses, district staff and authorized vehicles of afterschool programs. Please do not use the faculty parking lot. In consideration of our neighbors, please keep clear of their driveways.*
- **Attendance Works:** Studies show that elementary students with good attendance read well by the end of third grade and middle school students with good attendance pass important courses. The benefits of good attendance continue throughout life: high school students stay on track to graduate, college students earn a degree, and adults have successful jobs. For more information, visit www.attendanceworks.com or speak with Olga Velazquez, Gateway Advisor, in the school office.
- **Educational Rights:** If your child will be picked up early from school by a non-parent listed on the emergency page, we ask that parents call the school in advance or send a note to the office. This will comply with district's policy stating that parents (who have educational rights) are aware their child is missing instructional time.