



# CHALK TALK



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## Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that we are already halfway through the school year. The window for California's testing is right around the corner. Our students in grades 3-8 will once again take the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) test, soon after we return from spring break. The testing window is April 5<sup>th</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup>. This is the first year that we will have comparison (growth targets) of scores, which will determine our school's new Academic Performance Index (API). Scores from the 2014-15 school year provided the baseline.

Students can prepare at home by taking online practice tests in English-language arts and mathematics. This will allow students to familiarize themselves with sample questions and also utilize the various tools and support available on the site.

You can access the practice tests by visiting Repetto's website: [repettok8.net](http://repettok8.net) and clicking on the "Quick Links" section. Make sure to log on as "Guest"; then select the appropriate grade level and test. Students will have the opportunity to take the practice tests at school as well, but we encourage additional practice at home. The more exposure they receive, the better the students will perform on the actual test. Thank you parents, for your support and commitment to your child's education.

### AEF Summer School

Early-bird registration will take place at Mark Keppel High School on April 9, 2016, from 8:30am to 2:00pm. Registration continues April 18 – May 12, 2016, Mondays through Thursdays, at the AEF office located at the district.

#### Summer School Dates

- K-8 Academy: June 6 – July 14
- Summer High School: June 8 – July 20

For more information, please visit [aef4kids.com](http://aef4kids.com) or call (626) 943-3080.

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### Dates to Remember

#### FEBRUARY

- 05: Citizen of the Month, 7:30am
- 05: Minimum Day
- 05: Public Safety Meeting, 8:00am
- 08: School Holiday for Lincoln's Birthday
- 12: Coffee Tea Chat, 8:00am
- 15: School Holiday for Presidents' Day
- 16: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lang. Challenge Test
- 17: ELAC Parent Meeting, 8:00am
- 17: Parent Meetings & Workshops  
6-6:30pm – LCAP Parent Meeting  
6:30-7:30pm – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Workshop  
6:30-7:15pm – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Workshop  
7:15-8pm – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Workshop
- 19: Scoliosis Screening for Gr. 7 Boys and Gr. 8 Girls
- 19: Attendance Assemblies
- 24: Bonus/Valet Bucks Day
- 26: End of Trimester 2
- 26: Minimum Day
- 26: Non-Uniform Day  
(Red, White, and Blue)

### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENT MEETING

Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm in the auditorium

Information on expectations, activities and new protocols relating to promotion will be shared.

### Important Announcements

- **Repetto PTA:** We regret to inform you that Repetto PTA's charter has been revoked by the California State PTA until further notice. There were issues with tax filings dating back to 2012 and until these issues are resolved and a new charter has been approved and instated, Repetto PTA cannot conduct any business. Some PTA sponsored events such as the college fair and book fair may be cancelled. However, most of our PTA-subsidized school activities such as field trips and Class of 2016 promotion activities will not be affected. Parent volunteers are working diligently to restore our PTA to normal operations and minimize impacts to programs and activities. We have met with representatives from both the Alhambra Council PTA and 1<sup>st</sup> District PTA and are confident that these issues can be rectified and our PTA charter can be restored as soon as fall of 2016. Thank you everyone for your patience.
- **Alhambra Educational Foundation (AEF):** AEF presented a check in the amount of \$300,000 to Alhambra Unified School District in December 2015. This money will support and enhance the enrichment of educational programs in our district. Thank you AEF!
- **Yearbooks:** We are collecting yearbook orders right now. If you want a yearbook, please pre-order as we will not have extra copies in May. Parents, relatives and students can also purchase a dedication page to include a personalized message to your child or other photos of your child.
- **Design Contest for Yearbook Cover and Promotion T-Shirt:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade students may submit a design for either the promotion t-shirt or the middle school yearbook cover. Designs for the t-shirt are due February 5<sup>th</sup>. Designs not selected for the shirt may be considered for the yearbook cover or students can submit a design for the yearbook separately, due on February 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Enrollment for the 2016-17 School Year:** New student enrollment for the 16-17 school year will begin after spring break. Please call the office at (626) 570-6240 starting on April 4<sup>th</sup> to make a registration appointment.

## AEF Honors One of Repetto's Finest!

Mrs. Toshi Mora has been a parent, grandparent, advisor and special friend of the Repetto School Community since 1970. When her children attended Repetto, she dedicated herself to the PTA and was an active member on many committees. For the past 38 years, Miss Toshi (as many of us fondly refer to her) has dedicated herself to the students, parents and teachers of Repetto School as a beloved staff member, in the capacity of yard supervisor. As our students are promoted to Mark Keppel High School, they can count on Miss Toshi as a regular presence there as well. Miss Toshi is not only highly esteemed and loved by everyone at our school, she is also a respected member of the Monterey Park Community, participating in and contributing to many community events and activities.

Repetto School is privileged to honor Miss Toshi for all she has done and continues to do for our school.

On Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, the Alhambra Educational Foundation (AEF) will be honoring Mrs. Toshi Mora at its 12<sup>th</sup> annual "Service to Education" Award Gala at the San Gabriel Hilton Hotel. We look forward to attending this event to honor one of our special staff who has touched so many hearts and positively affected so many lives.

### Baby Pictures Wanted from 8<sup>th</sup> Graders!

We want ALL eighth graders to have their baby picture and an activity/sports picture included in the middle school yearbook.

Submit a printed photo or email one to [repettok8@gmail.com](mailto:repettok8@gmail.com). Include your child's first and last name and homeroom # in the email or on the back of the photo.

Please submit photo by February 26<sup>th</sup>.