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Principal's Message

Many parents are probably wondering why students' STAR scores were not received during summer. The delay was caused by some serious test security issues that occurred elsewhere in the state and caused all results to be released late. By now, you should have received your child's scores (or will receive them very soon).

Official schoolwide results will be announced in late fall, but we have received preliminary estimates for the state Academic Performance Index (API) and the federal Annual Yearly Progress (AYP).

I am proud to announce that Repetto's API has increased 11 points from 870 to 881. All significant subgroups are above the state's target score of 800. We had one significant subgroup, our English Learners, whose scores dipped slightly but remain well above the target score.

There are a few areas where we did not meet AYP proficiency level targets. But we are currently reviewing our data and have found some demographic discrepancies that negatively affected our results. We have a window of time to make corrections prior to the AYP results becoming official. By submitting these corrections, we hope our school will continue to stay off the Program Improvement list. I will share information when our results become official.

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Dates to Remember SEPTEMBER

- 19: Grades 6-8
Back-to-School Night
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- 20: Grades 1-5
Back-to-School Night
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- 21: Non-Uniform Day
(Theme: Hawaiian)
- 24: PTAs Fundraiser
Assemblies
- 25: School Site Council Mtg
6:00 p.m. Cafeteria
- 27: Family Movie Night:
Dr. Seuss' The Lorax
5:30 p.m. Auditorium
- 28: Pupil-Free Day
(No School)

OCTOBER

- 03 Title I Parent Mtg
8:00 a.m. Cafeteria
- 05 Walk-to-School Day
7:00 a.m. Barnes Pk.

Back-to-School Nights

All 1st-8th grade parents are encouraged to attend Back-to-School Night this week and connect with your child's teacher, learn about this year's curriculum and activities, and get answers to important questions.

In order to accommodate parents who have multiple children at Repetto, Back-to-School Night is split into two evenings: September 19th for grades 6-8 and September 20th for grades 1-5. A flyer with more detailed information was sent home last week.

PTA will be hosting a concession stand from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., featuring chicken bowls with either rice or noodles. In addition to purchasing a dinner, you can also assist PTA by donating cases of water, soda or other beverages. You can drop off your donation in the school office. Uniforms will also be on sale from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

(Note: There is not enough time at Back-to-School Night for teachers to discuss individual student's progress. Please wait until parent conferences and/or contact the school to make a separate appointment with your child's teacher.)

PTA Family Movie Night (to support 4th grade)

Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (rated PG)
Thursday, September 27th
5:30 p.m. Concession Stand Opens
6:30 p.m. Movie Begins

Important Announcements & Reminders:

- ☞ **Online Emergency Cards:** We have about 45 parents who still have not completed the emergency cards. Please complete the process ASAP! If you do not have Internet access at home, please call the office and make an appointment to complete your child's emergency card this week.
- ☞ **Walk-to-School Day:** Repetto School is promoting healthy eating choices and physical activity by, once again, participating in the International Walk-to-School Day. Please plan on meeting us at Barnes Park (in front of the gym) on Friday, October 5th at 7:00 a.m. We will form a "Walking School Bus" and walk together as a school community. When we arrive on campus, we will celebrate with a healthy snack. Students and parents who are not participating should be aware of possible delays to the flow of traffic that morning. Please plan accordingly and leave a few minutes early if you are driving...or better yet, just leave the car at home and walk to school with us!
- ☞ **End of School Meals Grace Period:** Students may only use last year's free- or reduced-meal eligibility status until October 2nd. After that date, students without an approved application will need to pay full price for their meals. If you have not already completed a new application, please do so as soon as possible as it may take a couple of weeks to get the application processed.
- ☞ **Key Communicators Emails:** Last year, our district transitioned to a new email system. During the transition, some email addresses in our Key Communicators listing appear to have been dropped. If you were a Key Communicator last year, but have not received any of the emails this year, please re-join by sending in your email address again. Sorry for the inconvenience.
- ☞ **Traffic Safety:** Please be careful when dropping off or picking up your children. We have seen many parents allow their children to jaywalk across the street to get to school in the morning and/or to get to their car afterschool. This is extremely dangerous (and against the law).
- ☞ **Shop for our School:** There are many easy ways you can support Repetto School while you shop for everyday items:
 - **Ralphs Grocery Store:** Each year, you must re-register your rewards card and select Repetto School as your Community Reward partner. Please refer to the pink paper that was sent home on September 10th for detailed instructions.
 - **Office Depot:** When you shop at Office Depot, please give them our school code (#70011058) and we will receive a percentage of the sale.
 - **Jamba Juice:** Last year, students were given Jamba Juice swipe cards. Additional ones are coming soon. When you swipe your card at Jamba Juice, we receive 10% of your purchase. Through the end of September, you also receive \$1 off each drink.
 - **Box Tops for Education:** Please collect Box Tops and drop them off in the school office to help our PTA raise funds.
 - **E-Script:** Go to www.escrip.com and register your Vons, SuperA, and major credit cards. Every time you shop, Repetto School gets a percentage.
 - **Fresh & Easy:** Through December 31st, every \$20 Fresh & Easy receipt you turn in to the office will earn Repetto School \$1.
 - **Spreebird:** Spreebird is a discount shopping website, similar to *Groupon* and *Living Social*. Sign up at www.spreebird.com and select Repetto School as your community partner. Repetto School will earn 10% of the net profit of your purchases.

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.