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Natalie Tee Gaither, Principal

Principal's Message

Dear Repetto Families,

At this time of year, I usually congratulate the students for completing the school year, wish them a happy summer, and let them know I'll see them again in August. Unfortunately, this year, I can't tell them that last phrase because I recently found out that I will not be returning to Repetto School for the 2014-15 school year.

At the May 13th Board of Education meeting, I was appointed as the principal of Brightwood School. Mrs. Kathy La Piana, who is currently the assistant principal at Baldwin School, will be Repetto's new school principal. Mrs. La Piana is a respected and experienced educator, and I am sure you will find her to be an excellent addition to Repetto School.

I have enjoyed these past seven years at Repetto School, and I will miss so many of the students, parents and staff members. I am finding it very difficult to say "good-bye" to Repetto School, so I think I will instead just say "thank you." I appreciate all the support I've received throughout my time at Repetto, and I feel very blessed to have been the principal of this incredible school. Thank you!

Fondly, Mrs. Gaither

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Dates to Remember

MAY

- 19-23: Spirit Week
- 21: **Minimum Day**
- 22: Volunteer Social
1:30 p.m. Cafeteria
- 23: **Minimum Day**
- 23: Good Citizen
Year End Celebration
12:30 p.m. Cafeteria
- 26: Memorial Day Holiday
No School
- 29: Kinder. Promotion
11:30 a.m. Auditorium
- 30: **Minimum Day**
- 30: Non-Uniform Day
(Tropical/Summer)
- 30: 8th Grade Promotion
8:30 a.m. Barnes Park
- 30: Last Day of School
Report Cards Go Home

AUGUST

- 13: First Day of School

SBAC Resources

The California Department of Education has announced several additional resources for Spanish-speaking students and parents. A new Spanish-language version of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) Field Test webpage is now available. The webpage provides easily accessible information in Spanish about the field test, including videos for students, preparing for the field test, and parent communications. To access the webpage, go to <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/smarterfieldtest.asp> and select the "students/parents" tab. Then select "en Español" at the top of the "students/parents."

Repetto School's field test of the SBAC went relatively smoothly. In 2014-15, students will receive official scores for their SBAC tests. During the summer, we encourage all students to visit www.smarterbalanced.org and take the practice tests in order to continue familiarizing themselves with the available tools and the types of questions they will face each year. Additionally, all students should practice their keyboarding and typing skills. Visit our school website (www.RepettoK8.net) for some online student keyboarding resources.

SUMMER ENROLLMENT HOURS:

- JUNE 3-5 7:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.
- JUNE 10-12 8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
- JUNE 17-19 7:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

ENROLLMENT IS DONE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ☞ **AEF Donations:** The Alhambra Educational Foundation (AEF) announced that Repetto School had the most donors in the entire district during their recent "Music & More" fundraising campaign. AEF will reward our students with a special jazz concert this Wednesday. More importantly, your generous donations will assist AEF in enhancing the music program at all elementary and high schools in the district.
- ☞ **New Student Enrollment:** We are currently enrolling new students for the 2014-15 school year (by appointment only). Appointments can be made by calling the school office at 626-572-2231. A list of required documentation can be found at the district website: www.ausd.us.
- ☞ **Congratulations to these Repetto Students:**
 - **Beverly To:** first place winner of the Bruggemeyer Library bookmark contest
 - **Leilani Young:** scholarship recipient to attend Tech Trek Camp in Santa Barbara this summer
 - **Jessica Fung:** one of the winners of the First Direct PTA Reflections contest – her artwork has advanced to the California State PTA level
- ☞ **Tdap Shots:** All current sixth graders must submit proof of their Tdap immunization BEFORE entering school in August.
- ☞ **SES Evaluations:** If your child received Supplementary Educational Services (SES) tutoring this year, please stop by the office and pick up a short, five-question evaluation form. The district will use the information from these evaluations to determine the quality of the provider and whether the provider will be invited to return next year.
- ☞ **Uniform Donations:** A consortium of local churches is assisting Repetto School to provide uniforms for families facing financial difficulties. During their Good Friday service, they collected a "love offering" of \$1,000 to donate to our school. If your family will need assistance obtaining uniforms for the 2014-15 school year, please contact Mrs. Burke or Mrs. Cheng (school community coordinators) in the school office.
- ☞ **Repetto School Class of 2014:** Our eighth graders will soon be moving on to high school. We wish them much luck in high school, college and beyond. We know they will continue to make Repetto School proud of them.
- ☞ **Super Bowl:** Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped us have a successful (though hot) Super Bowl event last Thursday. Parents spent several hours in the hot weather setting up, moving canopies around to provide shade during the main ceremony and at the various stations, spraying students with water to keep them cool, helping to serve the salad, and manning some of the stations. We would also like to thank the Folklorico dancers, especially Repetto fourth grader London Garcia-Bojorquez, for entertaining us during the main ceremony.
- ☞ **Spirit Week:** This week is Spirit Week. Daily themes are posted around the school campus and on the school website: www.RepettoK8.net.

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.