



CHALK TALK

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Time for our STAR Students to Shine!

It's time for our second- through eighth-grade students to show what they know on the annual state standardized tests. These tests are one of the ways we determine if students are meeting grade-level performance standards. Our school's API (Academic Performance Index) and AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) are also determined by our students' STAR (Standardized Testing and Reporting) results.

The STAR testing window opens today, and will continue for the next two weeks. In order to perform at their best, students need to get enough sleep each night and eat a healthy breakfast each morning. Unless they are ill, students should attend school each day of STAR testing. Students tend to do better when they take the tests with their peers instead of being pulled out of class for make-up testing.

Tests are usually administered first thing in the morning, so students also need to make every effort to arrive at school on time. Tardy students cause a disruption to the testing sessions. Students who come after their class has starting testing will have to wait in the office until the testing session has been completed.

We hope our 2013 STAR results will reflect 110% effort from all our students.

Save the Date

OPEN HOUSE – MAY 9, 2013

(A flyer with more details will be sent home soon.)

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Important Dates

APRIL

15-26: STAR Window

19: 6th-8th Progress Reports

26: Non-Uniform Day
(Theme: Spring Colors)

26: Citizen of the Month
7:30 a.m. Auditorium

26: Family Movie Night
5:30 p.m. Auditorium

May

02: Instrumental Concert
6:30 p.m. Auditorium

06-10: Scholastic Book Fair

09: Open House, 6:30 p.m.

16: Spring Dance (Gr. 6-8)
2:00-4:00 p.m. Cafeteria

22: Minimum Day

22: Good Citizen Celebration
12:30 p.m. Cafeteria

24: Minimum Day

PTA Continues its Fundraising Efforts

Our hardworking PTA is finishing off the school year with several fundraisers to help Repetto School. The money raised helps our school pay for technology, recess equipment, field trips, supplementary supplies, and so much more! We hope our parents and students will support PTA's hard work and effort.

- **Artwise Greeting Cards:** Your child's artwork can be made into beautiful greeting cards. PTA will earn 50¢ for each card sold. Student artwork must be submitted by this Wednesday, April 17th. Cards will be available for purchase online at www.artwise.com, beginning Friday, May 3rd.
- **Avon Gift Sets:** Information was sent home last week. Orders are due Monday, April 22nd, and will be delivered by Mother's Day (Note: You do not need to add tax.)
- **Spring Boutique:** Small gift items (ideal for Mother's Day) will be on sale afterschool April 29th through May 2nd.
- **Scholastic Book Fair:** The book fair will be open during recesses, lunches, afterschool, and during Open House. We need parent volunteers to help with set-up on May 3rd, and during the Book Fair May 6th-10th. Please sign up in the office if you are available.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

☞ **Lions Club Breakfast:** Please support the Monterey Park Lions Club 66th annual Ham & Egg Breakfast at the Barnes Park pavilion area on Sunday, June 2nd from 7:00 a.m. until noon. The Lions Club holds this event each year to enable them to provide free vision screenings for over 2,000 Monterey Park students each fall, including Repetto School students. They also provide financial assistance for families who cannot afford to pay full price for their child's glasses. We appreciate the important service the Lions Club provides to our school, and we hope Repetto families will attend their breakfast and show their support as well. Breakfast will cost \$6 per person and will include ham, eggs, pancakes, orange juice, coffee and milk. Tickets will be available at Barnes Park on the day of the event. For more information, please contact Mr. Larry Sullivan at 626-428-1877 or thsullivangroup@gmail.com.

☞ **Enrollment for the 2013-14 School Year:** Elementary school enrollment is now handled through each individual school site. Parents can contact our school office at (626) 572-2231 to make an appointment to complete the enrollment process.

☞ **Recess Play Equipment:** Thank you to the PTA for providing play equipment for recess. Every class received at least two pieces of equipment (footballs, basketball, jumprobes, etc.).

☞ **Kindergarten Parents:** We have noticed an increase of kindergarten parents and grandparents who are giving their children water/snacks or talking with them through the playground fence, especially during the last recess of the day. We would like to request that parents NOT interact with their children through the fence, as the yard supervisors and teachers are not always able to distinguish who is a parent/family member and who is a stranger. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

☞ **Dangerous Driving & Crossing at Dismissal and Arrival Times:** We continue to notice many parents who are making U-turns in the middle of Grandridge Avenue, driving too fast, and/or blocking crosswalks and driveways. We are also concerned about parents who encourage their children to cross in the middle of the street instead of using the crosswalks. Parents may receive a phone call from the school and/or a fine/citation from the Monterey Park Police for traffic violations and unsafe driving. Please help keep our students safe.

Support our Hardworking Valet Volunteers

Each morning, over 150 vehicles make use of our valet drop-off zone before school. The valet drop-off provides a valuable service to our parents and helps to ease traffic congestion each morning.

If you have utilized the valet drop-off zone this year, please help show your appreciation to our student and parent volunteers by supporting their Family Movie Night fundraiser on Friday, April 26th.

They need donations of soda/water, chips, bagged popcorn, candy, etc. for their concession stand. They would also gladly appreciate monetary donations to help cover the costs of their hot food items. Donations can be dropped off at the school office by Wednesday, April 24th. (Please write "Valet" on the donations.)

Proceeds from the fundraiser help us reward our student volunteers through our Valet Bucks Store, a breakfast and a special outing to Chuck E. Cheese. It also helps to fund the safety vests and cones used by the parent and student valet volunteers.

Family Movie Night – April 26th
Film: Wreck-It Ralph

5:30 p.m. Concession Stand Opens
6:30 p.m. Movie Begins

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

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