



CHALK TALK



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STAR Testing is Just Around the Corner!

The STAR (Standardized Testing and Reporting) window will take place April 15th through the 26th.

Classroom teachers and intervention staff members have been preparing students throughout the year, and will be targeting testwiseness skills as we get closer to the testing window. Parents can help prepare their children at home by going over the sample test questions that have been released by the State. These released questions are available at the California Department of Education's website at www.cde.ca.gov.

In 2015, the main component of STAR will be changing from the CST (California Standardized Test) to SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium), which will be based on the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). CCSS are standards that have been adopted by 45 out of the 50 states. The State has selected our fifth- and sixth-grade classes to participate in piloting the SBAC this year (in addition to taking the CST). Although students will not receive scores from the SBAC, their performance will help provide valuable input to the final draft of the assessments.

Cafeteria Menu Change:

For the week of April 1st through 5th, all Alhambra Unified School District's elementary cafeterias will serve lunch menu items from Week I instead of Week IV.

Breakfast will NOT be affected. The cafeteria will still serve the scheduled items from Week IV.

Campus Improvements

We have had many positive changes to our school environment recently, and even more improvements are coming soon.

Through generous funding and support from the Monterey Park Rotary, we now have a beautiful new edible raised bed garden. Over 45 students, parents, staff and community members spent Saturday, March 2nd building the raised beds and trellises, installing a drip irrigation system, and planting vegetables and herbs.

We are also happy to announce that our long-awaited new playgrounds are now complete. The students began using them the week before spring break. We will hold ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the playgrounds this Thursday, March 28th. Parents are welcome to attend and view all the creative components of the new playground structures. The ribbon cutting ceremonies will take place at 12:45 p.m. for the kindergarten playground and 1:15 p.m. for the lower playground. PTA will hold a Menchie's frozen yogurt fundraiser before, during and after the ceremonies.

Finally, through the generosity of Spark Afterschool Academy, all students will help create a handprint mural of a roadrunner on the side of the L-building on Wednesday, April 3rd. We need parent volunteers to assist with the set-up and clean-up. If you can help out, please contact the school office to sign up for a shift.

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Important Dates

MARCH

- 26: School Site Council Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Cafeteria
- 28: Playground Ribbon Cutting
- 29: Non-Uniform Day (Theme: Twins)

APRIL

- 01: 8th Gr. Panoramic & Promotion Photos
- 03: Handprint Mural
- 05: Kinder. through College 12:30 p.m. Room K-2
- 08-19: PTA Avon Fundraiser
- 10: K-7th Spring Photos
- 10: PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m. Cafeteria
- 12: Honor Roll Breakfast
- 15-26: STAR Window
- 19: Gr. 6-8 Progress Reports
- 26: Citizen of the Month 7:30 a.m. Auditorium

Honest Students Recognized as Citizens of the Month

This month, we honored 38 Repetto students for demonstrating the Developmental Asset of **Honesty**. These students tell the truth, even when it's not easy to do so. To learn more about Developmental Assets, please visit www.search-institute.org.

Joshua Kinoshita - K

Kyle Sakado - K

Carson Wong - K

Kyle Cheung - 1st

Aidan Diep - 1st

Brian Krause - 1st

Marissa Kwok - 1st

James Young - 1st

Marco Higuera - 2nd

Jonathan Sandoval - 2nd

Nathan Torres - 2nd

Isabela Villanueva - 2nd

Johnny Wu - 2nd

Amanda Chang - 3rd

Samantha Guzman - 3rd

Curtis Le - 3rd

Kyle Le - 3rd

Melanie Chavez - 4th

Sandy Kasfy - 4th

Adrian Alcala - 5th

Yuumi Lloyd - 5th

Alyssa Ngu - 5th

Shane Nguyen - 5th

Jacob Avila - 6th

Adrian Beaumont - 6th

Katelyn Diaz - 6th

Shannon Fong - 6th

Connie Lui - 6th

Joel Nip - 6th

Matthew Thi - 6th

Jason Kwan - 7th

Lauren Lu - 7th

Jacob Vazquez - 7th

Biao Chen - 8th

Serina Garcia - 8th

Michelle Lam - 8th

Amy Lei - 8th

Bryant Lim - 8th

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ☞ **Spring Photos:** Wednesday, April 10th is our Spring Picture Day, and it will be a non-uniform day for students in grades K-7. Since eighth graders do not take spring pictures (they take promotion pictures instead), April 10th is NOT a non-uniform day for them, but they can come to school dressed in their promotion t-shirts instead of their uniform shirts.
- ☞ **Yearbook Photos:** If you have photos to submit for our yearbooks, please upload them (JPEG format only) using the new eShare website at <http://www.hjshare.com>. You will need to enter the school code (*repetto2013* for the K-5 yearbook and *REPETTO13* for the 6-8 yearbook). You can upload photos through Sunday, March 31st.
- ☞ **Enrollment for the 2013-14 School Year:** The district will be closing its centralized enrollment center. Enrollment will now be handled through each individual school site. Parents can contact the school office (626-572-2231) to make an appointment to complete the enrollment process. Enrollment appointments will begin on Monday, April 1st.
- ☞ **Alhambra Educational Foundation (AEF):** Thank you for supporting AEF's Make \$ in March Campaign. Your donations will benefit our students!
- ☞ **Suspicious Activity:** Recently, a student reported seeing two strangers taking photos of Repetto students around dismissal time. As teachers spoke to their class about general safety issues, other students reported similar incidents around the community and near their homes (NOT near Repetto School). These incidents have been reported to the Monterey Park Police Department, who will be increasing their patrols around our school. There have also been reports about a suspicious person in a white van parked in the area. Please help keep Repetto School a safe place by being extra observant of any suspicious activity. For your own safety, do not approach any strangers, but do notify the office and the police. Also, please remind students to leave campus immediately after dismissal, and if they walk home, make sure they walk with a friend. If students see anyone taking pictures of them as they walk home, they should report it to their parents (and parents should notify the police). If students ever feel unsafe as they are leaving campus, they should immediately return to the school office (if it is before 4:00 p.m.).

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

Visit the Repetto School website at www.RepettoK8.net.