



# CHALK TALK



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## Principal's Message

Did you know that the California State Standards will soon be a thing of the past? The state of California has joined with 44 other states in adopting the Common Core State Standards (CCSS).

The CCSS focus on core conceptual understandings and procedures starting in the early grades. Throughout their elementary and secondary years, students will have the time and opportunity to master these core concepts and procedures. STAR testing will look much different with the adoption of the CCSS. Starting in the spring of 2015, the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) will replace the CST (California Standards Test) that our students have been taking each year. All students in grades 3-8 will take the SBAC tests online.

All teachers in the District have been receiving professional development in the CCSS in order to fully implement them next year. Teachers in kindergarten through second grade are already implementing CCSS. Our eighth-grade math classes are also focusing on the CCSS this year. Last year, fifth and sixth graders took the piloted SBAC test in addition to the CST.

Parents should become familiar with the new CCSS in order to help support their children at home. The District will be holding "Common Core 101" parent meetings next month. We encourage all parents to attend the meetings at 7:00 p.m. at Alhambra High School's auditorium on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> (for grades K-8) or Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> (for grades 9-12).

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## Dates to Remember

### SEPTEMBER

- 18: Grades 6-8  
Back-to-School Night  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- 19: Grades 1-5  
Back-to-School Night  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- 20: AstroCamp Mtg.  
Grades 7 & 8  
6:00 p.m. Cafeteria
- 24: SSC Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Cafeteria
- 27: Non-Uniform Day  
(Theme: Hawaiian)
- 27: Grades 6-8  
Progress Reports
- 27: Title I / JAC Mtg.  
8:00 a.m. Cafeteria

### OCTOBER

- 02: PTA Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Cafeteria

## Back-to-School Nights

All parents of 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders 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. (Kindergarten teachers do not participate in Back-to-School Night because they held an Orientation Meeting in August.)

In order to accommodate parents who have multiple children, Back-to-School Night is split into two evenings: September 18<sup>th</sup> for grades 6-8 and September 19<sup>th</sup> for grades 1-5. A flyer with exact times for each grade level and more detailed information was also sent home today.

Come enjoy dinner at our concession stand from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., featuring Shakey's pizza, dessert (including Menchie's yogurt) and various beverages. Proceeds from the concession stand will benefit several PTA committees, such as 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion, valet, and AstroCamp.

Uniforms will also be on sale, starting right afterschool each day and continuing until 8:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to purchase uniform sweaters, jackets and other fall/winter attire.

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

## Important Announcements & Reminders:

- ☞ **Welcome Back, Veronica Burke:** We are thrilled to announce that Mrs. Veronica Burke will be returning to Repetto School in her former position as one of our school community coordinators, effective this Wednesday. Make sure to welcome her back when you stop by the office. ☺
- ☞ **Online Emergency Cards:** We still have quite a few parents who have not reviewed/updated their online emergency cards this year. Please go to [family.ausd.us](http://family.ausd.us) and 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. (You can contact the school office if you do not remember the password to your account.)
- ☞ **PTA Signature Fundraiser:** Please make sure to turn in all order forms by tomorrow (Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>). In addition to the individual prizes and the magic show, there are a couple of extra incentives this year. The top seller in each classroom will get to "silly-string" the principal, and if the school sells at least 2,500 items, Mrs. Gaither will kiss a frog, pig or some other wild or icky animal at a school assembly.
- ☞ **End of School Meals Grace Period:** Students may only use last year's free- or reduced-meal eligibility status until Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 for this year, please do so as soon as possible as it may take a couple of weeks to get the application processed.
- ☞ **Walk-to-School Day:** Repetto School continues to promote healthy eating choices and physical activity by participating in International Walk-to-School Day. Please plan on meeting us at Barnes Park (in front of the gym) on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 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! More information will be sent home soon.
- ☞ **Shop for our School:** There are many easy ways you can support Repetto School (AT NO ADDITIONAL COST) while you shop for everyday items:
  - **Ralphs Grocery Store:** Every time you shop at Ralphs, a portion of your purchases can be donated to Repetto School if you register your Reward card and select us as your Community Rewards partner. Please go to [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com) and register your card by entering Repetto's School Code: 83724. You need to re-register your rewards card each year, so please go to the site, even if you registered last year.
  - **Office Depot:** When you shop at Office Depot, please give them our school code (#70011058) and we will receive a percentage of the sale.
  - **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](http://www.escrip.com) and register your Vons/Pavilions grocery card, major credit cards, debit cards, and retail credit cards. Designate Repetto School to receive a percentage of your purchase every time you shop with one of these registered cards.
  - **Spreebird:** Spreebird is a discount shopping website, similar to *Groupon* and *Living Social*. Sign up at [www.spreebird.com](http://www.spreebird.com) and select Repetto School as your community partner. Repetto School will earn 10% of the net profit of your purchases.

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