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Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that we are already halfway through the school year. The window for California's testing system is right around the corner. Our students in grades 3-8 will take the Smarter Balanced Assessment System (SBAC), just after spring break. Testing window is April 6th through May 20th.

Parents can help their child do their best by having them take the online practice test in English-language arts and mathematics. This will allow them to familiarize themselves with sample questions and the various tools/supports that will be available to them.

You can access the practice test by visiting our school website, www.RepettoK8.net, and clicking on the "Quick Links" section. Make sure to log in as a "guest"; then pick the appropriate grade level and test. Students will have the opportunity to take the practice tests at school, but we want them to access it at home as well. The more exposure they receive, the better they will do. Thank you parents for your support and commitment to your child's education.

AstroCamp Meeting

(Mandatory for Students Attending)

Wednesday, February 18th
6:00pm, in the Cafeteria

Final payment and medical forms due.

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Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY

- 03: Imagination Machine Assembly
- 04: Attendance Assembly
- 05: 8th Grade Language Challenge Test
- 06: Good Citizen of the Month
- 06: PTA Founders Dinner 6:00pm, Luminarias
- 09: School Holiday for Lincoln's Birthday
- 11: PTA Meeting 6:30pm, Cafeteria
- 16: School Holiday for Presidents' Day
- 18: Bonus/Valet Bucks Day
- 18: AstroCamp Meeting 6:00pm
- 27: 8th Grade Promotion Donation Money Due
- 27: End of Trimester 2
- 27: Minimum Day
- 27: Non-Uniform Day (Cartoons/Comics)

PTA Founders Day Dinner and Casino Night

Repetto PTA will be recognizing three dedicated parents and one faculty member at the annual PTA Founders Day Dinner and Casino Night Celebration. This year's theme is "Making the World a Better Place" and these four individuals have definitely made Repetto a better place. A big thank you to **Felicia Mach** (parent), **Jonathan Liu** (parent), **Angelica Chavez** (parent), and **Sheila McCullough** (5th grade teacher) for their hard work and commitment to our school.

This year's PTA Founders Day event will be held at the Luminarias restaurant in Monterey Park on Friday, February 6th at 6:00pm. We hope all parents and staff will join us at this special event and applaud our honorees. Tickets are \$40 each and need to be ordered immediately from the office, if you haven't done so already. The event will feature the recognition ceremony, dinner, casino games, dancing, raffle prizes, silent auction items, and a photo booth.

BABY PICTURES WANTED FROM 8th GRADERS

We want ALL eighth graders to have their baby picture included in the middle school yearbook.

Email your photo to lapiana_kathy@ausd.us or submit a printed photo. Include your first and last name and homeroom in the email or on the back of the photo.

Please submit your photo by February 27th.

Important Announcements and Reminders

- **AEF Spring Fund Drive:** The Alhambra Educational Foundation (AEF) is launching its K-8 Spring Fund Drive on Monday, March 2nd. This drive will continue until Friday, March 13th. Please note that this drive replaces previous years' Make Money in March campaign. As many of you are aware, AEF is focused on raising funds for programs (including this year's music program for all elementary students), curriculum and materials that directly benefit all AUSD students. Letters from AEF (with detailed information) and donation envelopes will be sent home later this month. We thank our families in advance for your support!
- **Yearbooks:** Order forms have already been sent home. If you want a yearbook, you must pre-order as we will not have extra copies in May. Don't miss out on this opportunity to purchase a yearbook! Parents, relatives, and students can also purchase a dedication page to include a personalized message to the student and/or include other photos. Dedication pages are available in various sizes.
- **Yearbook Cover Design Contest:** 8th grade students may submit a design to be used as the cover of the middle school yearbook. Deadline for submissions is February 13th.
- **Ralphs Community Contribution Program:** Thank you to all the families that have registered their Ralphs Reward Cards to provide a portion of their purchases to be donated to Repetto School. You can help our school with this ongoing fundraising every time you shop for groceries. Instructions on registering are available in the office.
- **Enrollment for the 2015-16 School Year:** New student enrollment for the 15-16 school year will begin after spring break. Please call the office starting on March 30th to make a registration appointment.

Valet Volunteers

Please join us in thanking Mr. Raul Vasquez, parent coordinator for the morning valet, for his role in providing this much-needed service. Mr. Vasquez organizes and participates every morning in the valet program. He provides guidance and assistance to both student and parent volunteers. Students in grades 4-8 are eligible to volunteer. Their duties include helping the valet lane move smoothly, greeting students and assisting them out of the car, and escorting the younger students onto campus. Mr. Vasquez and these valuable volunteers are tremendous assets to our school community.

In appreciation of their efforts, this year's volunteers were treated to an ice cream social at Cold Stone Creamery. They also celebrated the holidays with a dinner at Rafael's Restaurant on December 21st. Your generous donations provided holiday gift cards for all the volunteers.

"Hats off" to Mr. Vasquez and the following volunteers for taking this responsibility seriously and for providing a safe ingress to school for our students.

Parent Volunteers: Mr. Raul Vasquez; Ms. Angelica Chavez, Mr. Michael Palos, Ms. Felicia Mach, Ms. Tiffany Ung, and Mr. Jonathan Liu.

Student Volunteers: Aaron Fong, Adrian Beaumont, Michael Vasquez Rodriguez, Christian Estrada, Gabriel Ramos, Michelle Ung, Krystal Ung, GiannaLoren Giordana, Maya Palos, Athena Flores, Melanie Chavez, Leilani Young, Leimomi Young, Albert Le, Curtis Le, Kyle Le, Donovan Underwood, Isabella Villora, and Michael Villora.

THANK YOU TO ALL VALET VOLUNTEERS!