



CHALK TALK



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Principal's Message

The end of first trimester is rapidly approaching. Common core strategies are in full implementation across all grade levels. Teachers are diligently demonstrating and encouraging our students to think deeply and use higher level thinking strategies and questioning skills. These strategies are moving our students towards achieving mandated California State Standards.

Repetto's Leadership CADRE and certificated staff have been meeting regularly to develop goals for this school year. These goals are the focus of guiding our students to become life-long learners.

Repetto's Year Long Goals:

Full implementation of Common Core via Close Reading in all content areas;

Focusing on annotating strategies in ELA and explaining solutions in Math;

Using Bloom's higher level questioning strategies

Focusing on Text-Dependent questions

for the purpose of conversation and writing;

Supporting all connect areas with technology; and

Incorporating GLAD strategies for EL students

Alhambra Unified School District Now Hiring

AUSD is looking for competent, hardworking and dedicated candidates for the following open positions: Chinese and/or Spanish Bilingual School Community Coordinators, Noon Duty Assistants, Food Services Workers and various substitute positions such as teachers, campus supervisors and PE aides.

If you are interested, please apply directly online at www.edjoin.org or download an application at www.ausd.us under the "Employment" tab. For more information or questions, please call (626) 943-3060.

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Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER

- 04: Bonus/Valet Bucks
- 05: End of First Trimester
- 06: Pupil-Free Day – Student Holiday
- 11: Veterans Day (School is closed.)
- 12: Fall Pictures Make-Up Day
- 13: Good Citizen of the Month Celebration, 7:30am
- 13: Report Cards Go Home
- 18: SSC Meeting, 5pm, Rm L-28
- 18: PTA Mtg, 6:30pm, Cafeteria
- 20: Non-Uniform Day (Sports)
- 20: Coffee Tea Chat, 8:15am
- 20: Minimum Day for Staff Development
- 23-27: Thanksgiving Recess ☺

BONUS/VALET BUCKS DAY

Wednesday, November 4th
(during school hours)

Coffee Tea Chat

November 20th at 8:15am

Good Citizens of the Month

Repetto School is proud to recognize students who demonstrate positive qualities. At this year's first Good Citizen Ceremony on October 2nd, we recognized (36) students for demonstrating the quality of CARING (consistently showing compassion and being helpful).

Kinder: Logan Stadler, Michelle Akpawu, Christine Huang, Caitlin Terry, Jonathan Walzer; **1st:** Nathan Ho, Gabriel Barrientos, Nathen De Leon Mendoza; **2nd:** Mary Jane Olivares, Shaila Futch, Bonnie Weng, Ethan Alvarado, Sophia Tovar, Kent Kakita; **3rd:** Isabella Pierce, Logan Robles, Cassidy Lee, Zachary Ly; **4th:** Jessica Campos, Asael Acosta, Dylan Louie, Kayla Kamei; **5th:** Zi Heng Xu, Katherine Nguyen, Hannah Pinon, Yushi Sasaki, Samantha Guzman, Franklin Tran; **7th:** Nicole Balbuena, Stephanie Wilson, Sandy Kasfy, Emily Leong; **8th:** Braulio Nelson, Aye Win, Athena Flores, and Leimomi Young. Good job!

Important Announcements and Reminders

- **Big Thank You!** Thank you to all our Repetto families that attended our annual Harvest Festival last Friday. Your support was one of the reasons the event was so successful! Students, parents and staff enjoyed an evening filled with music, entertainment, games, delicious foods and treats, and most importantly, good company. A very special thank you to Erika Torres, PTA parent, for organizing the overseeing this year's event and those parents who donated their time and /or items.
- **Safety Reminder:** Daylight Savings ended on November 1st. This means it will get dark earlier in the evenings. For students who walk to and from school, please use common sense and follow these important guidelines: walk with someone, stay on the sidewalk, walk directly to your destination, stay visible and NEVER accept a ride from anyone who you don't know. Students should not arrive to school prior to 7:30am, which is when campus supervision begins. Unless in an official afterschool program, students must leave immediately after dismissal and not loiter around campus or the front of the school. Let's keep everyone safe!
- **See's Candies Fundraiser:** Please support PTA's See's Candies fundraiser. Money and order forms are due on Tuesday, November 17th and the orders are scheduled to arrive around December 4th. This is a great and easy way to get some holiday gift shopping done while supporting our PTA.
- **PTA Memberships:** If you have not yet joined PTA, please consider doing so today. We now have 510 paid members. Our goal for this year is 550 members. Thank you to Menaka Sooriya for taking on the job of PTA Membership Chairperson this year.
- **Report Card Envelopes:** Report cards will be sent home on November 13th. Please discuss your child's performance with him/her, praising good effort and coming up with a plan together for areas needing improvement. Report card envelopes should be signed and returned to your child's teacher.

Local Control & Accountability Plan (LCAP)

The State of California has provided a Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) designed to close the achievement gap by providing additional funds to support students in all subgroups. LCFF is a shift from state control to district control. With LCFF funds, the district is required to develop a plan to achieve improved results. The LCAP is the three-year plan that was established through district and site meetings. These meetings were conducted in multiple languages. Input from parents and the community, as well as from teachers, staff and students compiled the six goals of LCAP. The plan was Board approved on June 24, 2014.

GOAL #1: THE DISTRICT WILL MAINTAIN WELL-RUN ORGANIZED SCHOOLS TO ENSURE OPTIMAL LEARNING:

During the first year of LCAP, the Alhambra Unified School District did the following:

- Maintained adequate staff (certificated and classified) including benefits;
- Increased administration staff (AUSD added an assistant principal in elementary and one in high school);
- Increased health services (AUSD added two new nurses and one part-time nurse was increased to full-time; health aides were added at the high schools);
- Increased groundskeepers and facilities personnel; and
- Invested in a computerized system to get immediate feedback to increase efficiency in completing work orders.

GOAL #2 IN NEXT CHALK TALK