



CHALK TALK



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Principal's Message

The end of the first trimester is rapidly approaching. California State Standards continue to be implemented across all grade levels. Repetto teachers are diligently preparing lessons and facilitating collaboration to quip our students with 21st century skills. Through the academic strategies that teachers are incorporating into their lessons, students are learning to take responsibility for their own education and becoming life-long learners.

Repetto's Leadership CADRE and certificated staff have been meeting regularly to develop goals for this school year. These goals are the focus of moving students in the direction of becoming college and career ready.

Repetto's Yearlong Goals

- Full implementation of Common Core in all Content Areas
- Close Reading
- Depth of Knowledge (DOK)
- Standards for Mathematical Practice (SMP)
- Supporting all Content Areas with Technology
- ELD Standards and Strategies
- GLAD Strategies for English Learners
- Increase Parent Involvement

☞ Coffee Tea Chat ☜

You are invited to join Mrs. La Piana and Ms. Gasca at the monthly Coffee Tea Chats. This is an informal get-together to discuss Repetto accomplishments and/or concerns. After each chat, parents are invited to visit selected classrooms and observe various school activities. Check the school calendar or the Chalk Talk for upcoming chats.

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Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER

- 01: School Site Council Meeting 5:00pm (Room L28) Makeup session
- 03: End of First Trimester
- 03: Environmental Assembly
- 03: Harvest Festival, 4pm – 7pm
- 04: Pupil-free Day for Report Card Prep – No School
- 08: School Site Council Meeting 5:00pm (Room L28)
- 10: Fall Pictures Makeup
- 10: Report Cards Go Home
- 11: Veterans Day Holiday
- 15: Multicultural Parent Meeting 10:30am (Auditorium)
- 18: Non-Uniform Day (Sports)
- 18: **Minimum Day** for Staff PD
- 18: Citizen of the Month, 7:30am
- 18: Parent Tech Workshop #2 (Topics: Parent Portal, Student Websites, Cyber Safety) 8:15am
- 21-25: Thanksgiving Recess

DECEMBER

- 01: Chalk Talk Goes Home

Important Announcements and Reminders

- **Harvest Festival Rescheduled:** Due to weather forecasts predicting rain on 10/28, we felt it was at the best interest for everyone involved to postpone our annual Harvest Festival to Thursday, November 3rd, from 4pm – 7pm. Presale tickets started last Friday and will continue until Wednesday. Ticket sales are after school (in front of the school) from 1:30pm – 3pm.
- **Thank You:** A big thank you to the Sandoval Family, who once again organized and facilitated Repetto's stunning and spooktacular costume parade for our students and their families on Halloween morning.
- **Fall Pictures Makeup Day:** If your child was absent during Fall pictures last month or if your child would like to retake his/her pictures, the make-up day is scheduled for Thursday, November 10th. This is a non-uniform day only for those students who are taking pictures.
- **Safe Driving:** At Repetto, our first and foremost goal is to keep all our students safe. At the beginning and end of the school day, it can be very chaotic on Grandridge Avenue. We understand that parking is at a premium and that all of our families face the same situation. We ask everyone to be patient and courteous. We have noticed that some of our parents are breaking traffic laws by making illegal U-turns, parking in red zones, blocking driveways or the crosswalks or double parking. Parents are also allowing their child to cross the street without using the crosswalk, which is extremely dangerous. To ensure the safety of everyone, please observe all traffic laws. Violators will be cited by the Monterey Park Police.
- **Daylight Saving Time Ends:** Daylight Saving Time ends on November 6th. Don't forget to turn your clock back. As daylight shortens, it is important that students practice safe walking guidelines: walk with someone, stay visible and NEVER accept a ride from a stranger. Students should not arrive to school prior to 7:30am (when supervision begins) and must leave the campus immediately after dismissal (unless they are in an afterschool program).
- **Developmental Assets Parent Workshop:** The Search Institute has identified (40) Developmental Assets that are instrumental in helping children grow up healthy, caring and responsible. Repetto celebrates a different asset each month and recognizes students who exemplify the asset as our Citizens of the Month. District is hosting a parent workshop on 1/24/17 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm at San Gabriel High School. Translations are provided. RSVP with school office.

Parent Technology Workshop Series

Repetto School is excited to introduce a series of parent technology workshops this year. Our goal is to introduce to parents a variety of technology used by our students. Our first workshop was Friday, October 14th. Students worked together with parents on Coding. The workshop was a big success! Mark your calendar to attend the following workshops:

- **November 18:** Parent Portal, Cyber Safety, Student Websites for Home Use
 - **January 13:** TenMarks for Parents
 - **February 10:** Keyboarding
 - **March 10:** Google Classroom
 - **April 14:** Robotics
 - **May 19:** Technology Workshop Celebration
- Please call the school office at (626) 570-6240 to RSVP. Space is limited.

LOCAL CONTROL & ACCOUNTABILITY

The state 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. LCAP (Local Control and Accountability Plan) is a three-year plan that was established through district and site meetings. AUSD is in the third year of our first approved plan. The district had its 2nd annual LCAP Expo at San Gabriel High School on October 29th. The event featured LCAP-funded activities from each school site. The various presentations and exhibits were very informative.

Multicultural Parent Meeting on Tuesday, November 15th at 10:30am in the Auditorium: We will begin planning multicultural activities for our students to learn from and enjoy. Your input is valuable to us. Hope to see you there!