



CHALK TALK



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Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! The entire Repetto staff is looking forward to another exciting and outstanding year at Repetto School.

SBAC results from state testing during last spring are in and I am very pleased to report that Repetto students performed exceptionally well in all areas. Individual student reports showed that most scores improved and that students are being successful in both the English Language Arts and Math sections. Teachers and students prepared diligently for the SBAC and the results reflected their hard work.

Construction on our new building completed over summer and students started class in their new classrooms on the first day of school. There are still exterior work and landscaping to be done. 6th through 8th grade students and teachers are excited about the state-of-the-art classrooms and are enjoying their own "Middle School" building.

This Chalk Talk newsletter is one of our primary communication tools and will be sent home with your student the first school day of every month. Please read it carefully and make note of important upcoming dates. We also encourage parents to check our school website frequently.

Our school utilizes the "Connect-Ed" system to send phone and/or email announcements to our families. In order to ensure delivery of these messages, make sure you have updated your online emergency and contact information.

Repetto welcomed several new staff members this school year: Ms. Carin Gasca (assistant principal shared with Park School), Ms. Vivien Wong (psychologist split with LIFT), Mrs. Sandi Sakurai (4th grade teacher), Marlen Purpura (Gateway Intervention Advisor), and Traci Proffitt (PE Aide). We are happy to have them join our Repetto Family!

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Back-to-School Nights
A memo will be sent home soon with details about classroom presentations and other events during Back-to-School Nights. We look forward to meeting all our parents!

Valet Drop-Off Lane is Open

As you have probably noticed, Grandridge Avenue becomes extremely busy during the start and end of the school day. In order to help students get to class on time (and to make the mornings a little less stressful), Repetto School offers families our Valet Drop-Off service between 7:30am – 7:55am each morning. The Valet Lane is located on Grandridge, near the back of the cafeteria and the side of the school.

Parents are welcome to drop off younger students at the Valet. Just let one of the volunteers know your child needs assistance getting on campus and a student volunteer will walk him/her to the lower playground or the cafeteria.

We need both parent and student (grades 4-8) volunteers to make this vital service successful. If you would like to volunteer, please come contact the office. Thank you.

Please review with your child street safety and remind them to always use the crosswalk when crossing the street and to never dart out in between parked cars.

Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER

- 05: Labor Day Holiday
- 06: Back-to-School (Grade 5)
- 07: Title I Annual Meeting, 8:00am or 5:00pm
- 07: Back-to-School (Grades 1 – 4)
- 07-08: Uniform Sales, 3:30-8:30pm
- 08: Back-to-School (Grades 6 – 8)
- 13: SSC Meeting, 5:00pm
- 20: ELAC Parent Meeting, 8:00am
- 23: Minimum Day for Parent Conf. Preparation
- 23: Progress Reports Go Home
- 26-28, 30: Minimum Days for Parent Conferences
- 30: Non-Uniform Day (Theme: Cartoons/Comics)
- 30: Good Citizens of the Month Celebration, 7:30am
- 30: Coffee Tea Chat, 8:00am

Coffee Tea Chat



We invite all Repetto parents to join us each month for a cup of coffee or tea at an informal get-together. This is a time for parents to sit with the principal, assistant principal and instructional specialist and discuss district/school goals and address overall student accomplishments and other concerns parents may have regarding our school. We hope to see you at our first Coffee Tea Chat at 8:00am on Friday, 9/30/16.

Important Announcements and Reminders

- **Cafeteria Meals:** This year, Food Services is no longer providing lunch cards and is asking students to input their ID number. However, to keep our lunch lines moving smoothly, our cafeteria manager will continue to provide lunch cards for primary students. If your child has a lunch card from last year, he/she can continue to use it. Parents can pay for school meals in the office (cash or checks payable to "Repetto Cafeteria" or online (accepts credit card) through our district website: www.ausd.us. The full price for meals is \$1.50 for breakfast and \$3.00 for lunch. Online applications for Free and Reduced Meals are on the district website. Annual renewals must be completed by 9/22/16.
- **Short Thursdays and Minimum Days:** We have early dismissal times EVERY Thursday. Please make sure students are picked up on time. The bell schedule and the list of minimum days were sent home on the first day of school and can also be found on the school website.
- **Online Emergency Information:** If you have not already done so, please log on to the Parent Portal (<https://family.ausd.us>) to complete your child's online emergency card TODAY. Parent should create an account and link their child(ren) using their access ID and password. If you do not have internet access, please see one of the school community coordinators in the office.
- **Staff Parking Lot:** The parking lot is reserved for school employees ONLY!
- **Campus Supervision:** Students should not arrive to school prior to 7:30am when campus supervision will begin. For safety reasons, students should be picked up (or walk home) immediately after dismissal. Note: The circular driveway is reserved for buses, district staff and authorized vehicles of afterschool programs. Please do not use the faculty parking lot. In consideration of our neighbors, please keep clear of their driveways.
- **Tardies:** Students must be class (not just on campus) by 8:00am or they will be marked tardy. Because Repetto School is located in a residential area, there will always be excessive traffic in the mornings. Please make sure to allow ample time for students to get to their classrooms on time.
- **Drop-Offs and Pick-Ups:** By now, students should know where they need to go. Students in grades 1-5 will be dismissed from the main gate and students in grades 6-8 will be dismissed from the valet gate. To prevent disruption to classes still in session, parents of primary students may not go onto campus to pick up their child. Only kindergarten parents can pick up their child directly from the classroom.
- **Support AEF:** Alhambra Educational Foundation will be participating in the 11th Annual Shopping Extravaganza at Citadel Outlets on Saturday, October 1, 2016. Proceeds will support AEF and benefit all AUSD students. Join us for a day of fun-filled shopping and exclusive deals. More information online at aef4kids.com.