



# CHALK TALK

Kathy La Piana, Principal



## Principal's Message

On behalf of the entire staff, I'd like to welcome students and parents to the 2014-15 school year! I am honored to be the new principal at Repetto and I'm looking forward to a fun and productive year at Repetto School.

This newsletter is published the first Monday of every month (the last Friday of the month when Monday is a holiday) and is one of our primary communication tools. Please read it carefully and make note of important upcoming dates and events. You may also request to have Chalk Talk and other important information sent to you by e-mail (see the bottom).

Our school also utilizes the "Connect-Ed" system to send important phone and/or email announcements to Repetto families. In order to ensure delivery of these messages, please make sure to update your online emergency card and/or notify the office of any changes to your contact information.

Repetto welcomed several new staff members this year: Dr. Monica Solorzano-Assistant Principal (past Repetto I.S.); Kathy Taggart-Instructional Specialist; Sheila Guzman-Gr. 5 Teacher; Shara Johnson-RSP Teacher; Jim Hamilton and Jennifer Quan-Music Teachers; Eddie Mendoza-PE Aide; Daisy Sanchez and Martha Valdez-Instructional Aides; and Henny Perez-5 hour office assistant. We are very happy to have these dedicated professionals join the Repetto School family.

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### Dates to Remember

#### AUGUST

29: Non-Uniform Day  
(Red, White & Blue)

#### SEPTEMBER

01: Labor Day Holiday  
(No School)

10: PTA Meeting  
6:30pm (Cafeteria)

16: ELAC/SAC Meeting  
8:00am (Cafeteria)

17: Grades 1-5  
Back-to-School Night  
6:30pm - 8:00pm  
(Movie Night in Aud.)

18: Grades 6-8  
Back-to-School Night  
6:30pm - 8:00pm

23: SSC Meeting  
6:00pm (Cafeteria)

26: Non-Uniform Day  
(Hawaiian)

#### OCTOBER

04: CCSS Parent Summit

## Valet Drop-Off Lane is Now Open

As you have probably already noticed, Grandridge Avenue becomes quite busy before and after school. 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 7:30 and 7:55 each morning. The Valet Lane is located on Grandridge, near the back of the cafeteria and the side of the school.

We need parent and student (grades 4-8) volunteers to make this program successful. If you have 30 minutes to spare in the morning, please contact the office to sign up to help the Valet.

### Repetto's PTA Needs You!

Please join this group of dedicated volunteers who help support our school through various projects, activities and fundraisers.

**Our next PTA meeting is  
Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
in the school cafeteria.**

PTA membership envelopes were sent home last week. We encourage all adults in the household to become members. It only costs \$6 per person to join and support Repetto's PTA. Please return the envelope to your child's teacher ASAP! ☺

## Important Announcements and Reminders:

Thank you for a wonderful first week of school. We have a few reminders to help make sure the rest of the year goes smoothly.

**Cafeteria Meals:** Students should bring their lunch cards and/or money to the cafeteria for meals each day. The full price for meals is \$1.50 for breakfast and \$3.00 for lunch. A la cart beverage items are priced as follows: 50¢ for milk and 60¢ for juice. Parents who want to pre-pay for meals may come to the office with cash or a check (payable to "Repetto Cafeteria") with the student's full name and classroom in the memo line. Online credit card payments are also available through the district website [www.ausd.us](http://www.ausd.us); however there is a \$2.50 service charge per payment.

**Short Thursdays & Minimum Days:** We have early dismissal times EVERY Thursday. Please make sure students are picked up on time. (The bell schedule and a list of minimum days were sent home on the first day of school.)

**Online Emergency Cards:** If you have not already done so, please log-on to <http://family.ausd.us> and complete your child's online emergency card TODAY. Be sure to return your confirmation page to your child's homeroom teacher. If you do not have Internet access at home, please contact the office at (626) 572-2231 and make an appointment with one of our school community coordinators (Anne Cheng or Veronica Burke) to use the school's computers.

**Class Leveling/Reorganization:** In the next few weeks, it may become necessary to move some students into different classes to

balance enrollment across the grade level and/or to stay under the maximum class size. Students who are being moved will receive a letter. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but it is sometimes necessary in order to stay compliant with district and state maximum class size requirements.

**Campus Supervision:** Students may not arrive at school prior to 7:30 a.m. (before campus supervision begins). Students need to be picked up immediately after dismissal unless they are in the ASES or Spark program. (*Note: The circular driveway must be kept clear for buses and authorized vehicles of afterschool programs. DO NOT use the staff parking lot, neighbors' driveways or the circular driveway to drop off and/or pick up your children as it poses a safety concern.*)

**Tardies:** Students must be in class and in their seats (not just on campus) by 8:00 a.m. 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-Off and Pick-Up:** By now, students should know where to go. Parents should say good-bye at the gate and students should walk to class independently. At the end of the day, please meet your child at the gate or in front of the school. For students' safety and to prevent disruption to class instruction, parents of primary students should **NOT** go to the classroom to pick up their children, as the upper grade classes are still in session.

E-mail [repetto@ausd.us](mailto:repetto@ausd.us) to receive Chalk Talk and other school information by e-mail.

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