



CHALK TALK

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Principal's Message

In light of the tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut last month, Repetto School has been updating some of our safety procedures.

In order to ensure student safety, please understand that all doors and gates on our campus are locked during school hours. We realize this causes frustration for some of our kindergarten parents who arrive late to pick up their children and find the gates near the kindergarten classrooms to be locked. After kindergarten dismissal, classes remain in session for our older students and access to our campus still needs to be limited during this time. If parents arrive after the gates are locked, they will need to come to the front office to pick up their child.

Some of our safety measures may not seem obvious from the outside, but rest assured that our staff prioritizes student safety and has a detailed and comprehensive safety plan in place.

Pardon Our Dust!

You have probably noticed that, during winter break, the district began construction of our new playgrounds. We are excited to see the progress each day and cannot wait until everything is finished. We are hoping to have the grand opening of our new playgrounds by Spring Break!

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Important Dates

JANUARY

- 16: Shakey's Fundraiser
5:00 p.m. (Valley Blvd.)
- 16: PTA Meeting
6:30 p.m. Cafeteria
- 17: Roadrunner Super Bowl
- 18: Progress Reports
Grades 6-8
- 21: Holiday - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 22: Scoliosis Screening
Gr. 7 Girls & Gr. 8 Boys
- 25: Non-Uniform Day
Theme: Pajamas
- 25: Family Movie Night
Film: *Frankenweenie*
5:30 p.m. Auditorium

FEBRUARY

- 06: 8th Gr. Lang. Challenge Test
- 07: Valentine's Dance (Gr. 6-8)
2:00 p.m. Cafeteria

HEALTHY Lunar New Year!

Repetto students will learn that "Good Health = Good Fortune" at this year's Roadrunner Super Bowl IV, which will take place this Thursday. The "Super Bowl" refers to the giant 6-foot diameter bowl that students will once again use to create a 200-pound salad.

This year, we are making a Mandarin Orange Asian Salad, and are tying the event to an early Lunar New Year celebration. In addition to an exciting schoolwide celebration, all students will visit several interactive stations designed to encourage them to be physically active and to make healthy eating choices.

On Thursday, all students may come to school dressed in Chinese-style attire or in bright red and yellow. (Please note: It is NOT a non-uniform day. Students who do not follow the theme must come dressed in their uniform. Also, breakfast will only be served BEFORE school, not during recess, on Thursday.)

Family Movie Night on January 25th Tim Burton's *Frankenweenie*

(To Support 8th Grade Promotion Committee)

5:30 p.m. Concession Stand Opens
6:30 p.m. Movie Begins

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ☞ **Future Broadway Stars?** If you were fortunate enough to get a ticket to the seventh-grade production of *The Nightmare Before Christmas* on December 19th, you were no doubt impressed by the acting and singing abilities of our talented students. We would like to acknowledge some of our amazing lead performers: Evan Cheng, Celeste Flores, Julian Davidson, Jacob Vazquez, Esther Kim, Shannon Leung, Irene Park, and Michael Caldera. Congratulations to Mrs. Goni, Mrs. Valdez, and especially to Mrs. Canseco for an incredible way to kick-off our holiday season. Bravo!
- ☞ **PTA Reflections:** Congratulations to fourth grader Jessica Fung, whose artwork entitled "Magic of a Moment" has been selected as a Council Winner in PTA's Annual Reflections Contest. Last month, we listed all students whose artwork advanced to the district level judging. Kathleen Lok's name was accidentally listed as Katherine Lok. Kathleen advanced in the literature category. We apologize for this error.
- ☞ **Jim's Bakery Fundraiser Extended:** The sixth-grade fundraiser with Jim's Bakery has been extended through March 31st. You can still order discounted gift cards by picking up an order form in the school office. 5% of your purchases at the bakery can be donated to the sixth grade classes if you have them stamp your receipt before submitting it to the office. Visit www.jimsbakery.com/repetto for more information.
- ☞ **Staff Parking Lot:** Please remember that the staff parking lot is not to be used for student drop-off and pick-up. Parents who continue to pull into the lot end up blocking the driveway and preventing staff members from finding a parking space and getting to work on time. We appreciate your cooperation with this matter.
- ☞ **One More Responsible Student:** Fifth Grader Clarice Wang's name was inadvertently left off the list of Students of the Month who were recognized for demonstrating the quality of responsibility. Well done, Clarice! We apologize for this oversight.
- ☞ **Fresh & Easy:** Do you still have any Fresh & Easy receipts? Our fundraiser is now coming to an end. We need all receipts in the office no later than January 16th. Any receipts received after that date will not be counted in our total donations.
- ☞ **Ralphs Supermarket:** Thank you to all the families who have registered their Ralphs Reward Cards to provide a portion of their purchases back to Repetto School. You can still help Repetto students every time you shop for groceries by going to www.ralphs.com, and registering your card by entering Repetto's School Code: 83724.
- ☞ **Gateway Ultimate School Challenge:** The Alhambra Unified School District is encouraging everyone to participate in this prize & reward competition that will support the District's Gateway to Success' safety and mental health programs, while earning amazing prizes for Repetto students. The competition has been extended through **THIS FRIDAY, January 18th**. To make a FREE vote for Repetto School or to make a donation, please visit www.WinAlhambra.com. (On each page, make sure to scroll all the way to the bottom to read the complete information.) Select and click on *Repetto Elementary*. Then cast your free vote or make a donation. Make sure to complete the *Member Information* section and finally, click on *Complete Donation* (even if you are only casting a free vote) to finish the process. Thank you for your support of these important programs.

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