



CHALK TALK

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Good-Bye & Good Luck, Repetto Class of 2013!

This is the last week of elementary / middle school for our eighth graders, many of whom have been at Repetto for the last nine years. We would like to wish them a fond farewell and the best of luck as they reach this milestone and transition to high school. We know they will do great things during the next four years and beyond, and will continue to make the Repetto School family proud. We would also like to wish our current kindergarten through seventh graders an exciting, interesting, and restful summer break. We look forward to seeing them in August and to having another successful school year.

SMARTER BALANCED (COMMON CORE) STANDARDIZED TESTS

Beginning in spring of 2015, students will be required to take online standardized tests. The new Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) will replace the current California Standards Test (CST).

The State will release practice SBAC tests for grades 3-8 at <http://www.smarterbalanced.org> on May 29th. Students are encouraged to log-on during the summer to take the practice test and familiarize themselves with the new expectations and testing format.

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Important Dates

MAY

- 30: Kindergarten Promotion
11:30 a.m. Auditorium
- 31: Minimum Day
- 31: Non-Uniform Day
(Theme: Hawaiian)
- 31: Eighth Grade Promotion
8:30 a.m. Barnes Park
- 31: Last Day of School /
Report Cards Go Home

JUNE

- 24: School Office Closed

AUGUST

- 05: School Office Reopens
- 14: New Student Orientation
1:30 p.m. Auditorium
- 15: First Day of School
(Short Thursday Schedule)
- 16: Minimum Day

New PTA Officers Elected

Congratulations to our 2013-14 PTA officers:

- President: **Wayne Abney**
- Treasurer: **Ulysses Ramirez**
- Recording Secretary: **Cate Underwood**
- 1st Vice President: **Tom Castelazo**
- 2nd Vice President: **Helena Kasfy**
- Corresponding Secretary: **Eileen Young**
- Membership: **Matthew Mori**
- Fundraising: **Haida Palos** (with **Toni Preciado** & **Sandra Estrada** assisting)
- Historian/Parliamentarian: *(Vacant)*

LOCKDOWN FOLLOW-UP

We appreciate everyone's patience during the campus lockdown on May 16th. We were very proud of how our students and staff handled the incident, and relieved that it was resolved peacefully and successfully.

In the future, if you receive a missed call from the school, we would appreciate it if you would listen to the voicemail before calling the office to find out who called you. We use our "Connect-Ed" system to send mass phone calls and emails to all parents to keep them informed during emergency situations such as this one.

It also helps us to keep our phone lines open for communication with emergency personnel. If parents call in immediately after the Connect-Ed message is sent out, it ties up our phone lines and partially defeats the purpose for utilizing this system.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and understanding in this matter.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ☞ **Permit Renewals:** All permits expire this Friday, May 31st. You must pick up and complete a permit application from the school office if you plan to apply for a permit renewal for 2013-14. Approval of permit renewals will be based on satisfactory academic progress, behavior and attendance.
- ☞ **Enrollment:** New student enrollments can be completed in the school office (by appointment only) through Thursday, June 20th.
- ☞ **Lost & Found:** Please check Lost & Found racks (on the side of the cafeteria) before the last day of school. Any items not claimed by May 31st will be donated to a non-profit organization.
- ☞ **Uniform Sale:** School uniforms will be available for purchase on Wednesday, August 14th (the day before school starts) from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the school courtyard (in front of the school office).
- ☞ **Volunteer Policy:** The district has modified its volunteer policy for 2013-14, and will now require **ALL** volunteers to be fingerprinted. If you plan to volunteer at all next year (even just once), please come to the school office to obtain the form you will need to take to the district's Human Resources department. It would be very helpful if you could complete the process during summer. If you are planning to assist in an instructional capacity, you will also need to provide proof of at least two years of college and/or pass the district's competency test. You only have to complete this process ONE TIME for as long as your child is continually enrolled in the district (including through high school).
- ☞ **Message from PTA:** Our PTA would like to thank all students and parents for their support throughout the year. One easy way to continue supporting PTA is to collect and submit Box Tops for Education. This year, PTA exceeded their goal and raised a total of \$1,519 through the Box Tops program.
- ☞ **Thank You:** Special thanks to Kannary Pich and Huod Taing (parents of Samantha Taing) for donating 250 donuts for our Good Citizen End-of-the-Year celebration.

2013-2014 School Calendar

Next school year will begin earlier than previous years. The **first day of school will be Thursday, August 15th**. It will be a regular short Thursday. The following day, August 16th, will be a minimum day. A full copy of the district calendar is available at www.ausd.us.

It is **VERY** important your child attends the first day of school, as we cannot "hold" a spot for students who do not show up. Please make sure to schedule your summer vacation plans accordingly.

August 15	First Day of School
September 2	Labor Day-Holiday
November 11	Veterans Day-Holiday
November 25-29	Thanksgiving Break
December 23-January 3	Winter Break
January 20	MLK Jr.'s Birthday-Holiday
February 10	Lincoln's Birthday-Holiday
February 17	President's Day-Holiday
March 17-21	Spring Break
May 26	Memorial Day-Holiday
May 30	Last Day of School

Please Note: Current sixth graders need to get the Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) immunization as soon as possible. We strongly recommend you submit proof of this immunization before the office closes for the summer. Students may not enter school in August without proof of receiving their Tdap on or after their seventh birthday.

E-mail repetto@ausd.us to receive Chalk Talk and other school information by e-mail. For updates/announcements during the summer, visit the Repetto School website at www.RepettoK8.net.