



CHALK TALK

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STAR Students Ceremony

This year, our school decided to recognize students for their growth on the STAR and CELDT exams. The STAR exam is the standardized test all students take in the spring. Most students take the California Standards Test (CST), while some students take the California Modified Assessment (CMA).

Last Monday, students who moved up one or more proficiency bands from the previous year in English/language arts and/or math were awarded medals. Students were also recognized for scoring at the advanced level two years in a row if they improved their score and/or had perfect scores of 600 for two years in a row.

English Learners take the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) and were also recognized for moving up one or more proficiency bands.

These STAR students should all be commended for their academic achievement. We hope to award even more medals next year!

Family Movie Night – February 15th
Film: *Hotel Transylvania*
(to support AstroCamp)
5:30 p.m. Concession Stand Opens
6:30 p.m. Movie Begins

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Important Dates

FEBRUARY

- 06: 8th Gr. Lang. Challenge Test
- 07: Valentine's Dance (Gr. 6-8)
2:00 p.m. Cafeteria
- 07: Incoming 9th Graders Mtg.
6:30 p.m. MKHS
- 08: Citizen of the Month
7:30 a.m. Auditorium
- 11: Lincoln's Birthday
(No School)
- 13: PTA Meeting
6:30 p.m. Cafeteria
- 15: Family Movie Night
Film: *Hotel Transylvania*
5:30 p.m. Auditorium
- 18: Presidents Day
(No School)
- 20: Imagination Machine
- 20: AstroCamp Meeting
6:30 p.m. Auditorium
- 22: Non-Uniform Day
Theme: *Cartoons/Comics*

Construction Update

Our playground construction has been going very smoothly and our students are eagerly anticipating playing on the new structures. Despite a couple of days of rain, we are right on schedule and are still planning to open the new playgrounds right before spring break.

Because of all the trucks and heavy equipment, some of the asphalt on the lower playground was damaged. It will be repaired and repaved over spring break. Once everything is complete, we will have a ribbon cutting ceremony and invite parents to view (and *maybe* even play on ☺) the brand new playgrounds.

2013 PTA Honorees

PTA is honoring these amazing parents and staff members for their dedication to Repetto School.

Laverne Guerrero (Yard Supervisor)

Toshi Mora (Yard Supervisor)

Haida Palos (PTA President)

Raul Vasquez (Valet & AstroCamp Coordinator)

They will be recognized at the Alhambra Council PTA Founders Day Award & Mardi Gras Casino Night on February 8th. This event will be held at Luminarias Restaurant in Monterey Park and starts at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person. If you would like to attend, please contact Lisa Greenwood-Onishi at lisawoodgreen@yahoo.com or (626) 476-0312.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ☞ **Incoming Ninth Grade Parent Meeting at MKHS:** Last week, letters were sent home with all eighth graders to inform their parents of some additional upcoming meetings and dates. One of the meetings on the list was this important one for all students and parents who will be entering Mark Keppel High School (MKHS) next year. The meeting will be held this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at MKHS. Eighth graders and their parents should make every effort to attend this meeting.
- ☞ **Don't Forget to Order a Yearbook:** This is a reminder to pre-order your child a yearbook if he/she wants one. Yearbooks will NOT be sold at the end of the year. Order forms are available in the school office. We will take orders through March 8th. No late orders will be taken, so make sure you don't miss out!
- ☞ **A Thousand Cranes for Sandy Hook:** You might have seen news coverage of some of our students and the Thousand Cranes project they did with the Monterey Park Rotary. We hope you saw the Thousand Cranes Mobiles on display at the Bruggemeyer Library. The mobiles will soon be on their way to Newtown, Connecticut. To find out more about this heartwarming project for the victims of Sandy Hook, please visit our school website for links to some of the news articles.
- ☞ **Box Tops for Education:** Don't forget to keep collecting Box Tops for Education. Every Box Top you turn in to the office helps our PTA raise money.
- ☞ **Ralphs Supermarket:** Have you registered your Ralphs Reward Card to give a portion of your purchases to Repetto School? Go to www.ralphs.com and register your card by entering Repetto's School Code: 83724.
- ☞ **Jim's Bakery Fundraiser:** Remember the sixth-grade fundraiser with Jim's Bakery as you make your plans for Lunar New Year. 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 they stamp your receipt before you submit it to the office. Visit www.jimbakery.com/repetto for more information.

New Cafeteria Payment Procedures

Effective immediately, payments for students' cafeteria accounts can be paid in the school office from 8:00 to 8:30 each morning (instead of in the cafeteria). In the office, parents will fill out information on a payment envelope and insert their check or cash inside. (Do NOT seal the envelopes. Staff members will verify cash amounts.)

This will eliminate the need for parents to go to the cafeteria if they only need to make a payment into their child's account. Cafeteria staff members will still be available (also from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.) if parents have questions or concerns to discuss with them.

We strongly recommend you take advantage of the ability to make payments online at www.SchoolNutritionAndFitness.com. You can also check your child's monetary balance to make sure he/she still has enough funds in his/her account. If you prefer to make your payment in person, you can go to the website to print out a pre-formatted envelope so you can save time by filling out the information at home.

Please Note: When you come to the office to make a cafeteria payment, please understand that, if we have tardy students waiting, we will check them in first to make sure they miss as little instructional time as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we implement these new procedures.

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