



Frank G. Regan Elementary School

November 2022 NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MRS. RAZZA

I can't believe it is already November! The first marking period for students in grades 1 through 5 will end on November 7th. You can expect report cards to be sent home on November 23rd before the Thanksgiving break begins. Parent involvement is critical for every child's success. Our teachers are always willing to meet with you to discuss your child's progress. Although the Parent-Teacher conferences will be held in December, feel free to make an appointment with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. We are all here to work together to ensure the success of your child. We hope to see you and your child at our virtual Science Night on Monday, Nov. 14 at 6:30p.m. All students that participate will receive a free book.

Remember to encourage your child to complete his/her homework daily. We want to instill good work habits. Your child should also read each night. Have your child read to you or you can read to your child. Every class has a nightly reading assignment based on your child's needs. Make sure to check the blue folder daily. Let your child's teacher know if you want your child's borrowed device to be sent home to work on Lexia, Math i-Ready and/or Amplify. These online programs will help your child on their own learning pathway.

As the weather begins to get cooler, please remind your child to bring a jacket or coat to school. They will need it when they go outdoors for recess. As long as it is not raining and warmer than 32 degrees, your child will have outdoor recess for approximately 20 minutes each day.

I am so proud of our student leadership teams. This year, we have a Safety

Patrol that helps teach our younger students about being safe around the school and they even teach them extra academics. Each Safety Patrol member has a job during arrival and dismissal times when students are still entering the building. Thank you to Mrs. Schmied who has organized this for our students and oversees this task. She is also overseeing the Yearbook Club where a few fifth graders have been selected to take pictures during our fun events. We hope to have a yearbook again this year!

Attendance is being monitored each day. Please try to make doctor appointments after school or on days off from school. You can also send your child into school before or after the appointment. So much learning goes on each day that it is difficult to make up the instruction that is lost. Daily attendance is so critical for student learning to occur. Please keep the monthly calendar that we send home in a safe place so you are aware of the days off or shortened days so you can make those appointments.

I hope all of our Regan families and staff have a wonderful Thanksgiving. I am blessed to be surrounded by such wonderful children, families, teachers and staff each day!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Angela Razza



DID YOU KNOW THAT...

"Reading is a gift that lasts a lifetime." Nurture your child's potential with the activities below that are simple and fun for the whole family.

- ❖ **Point & Learn:** Help your child follow along by pointing to each word as you read (K-2).
- ❖ **Create Learning Environments:** Take advantage of time together by encouraging your child to engage with the processes of cooking, cleaning, yard work, etc.
- ❖ **Give Them Space:** Create a comfortable area at home for your child to read, finish homework, write, and draw.
- ❖ **Let Them Choose:** Empower and excite your child by letting them choose what they read.
- ❖ **Get Crafty:** Create instructions and help your child complete a project based on their interests (dgliteracy.org)



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Make sure to write a note or message your child's teacher if there is a change of transportation for the day.
- Please notify the main office if your phone number or address has changed. It is important that the office keeps accurate information in the event of an emergency.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Regan School 203.574.8187

Bus Company 203.591.1847

School Fax 203.573.6647

Special Ed. Bus 203.753.8366

Family Intake Center 203.346.3511



Parent Liaison - Patty Poulter

As parent liaison I want you to know that I am here as a resource for you. You can contact me at (203) 574-8187.

Importance of Attendance

Getting your child to school on-time, every day, unless he/she is sick, is something that you can do to ensure your child has a chance to succeed in school. While others can help, you are the bottom line. You can promote good attendance when you:

- Establish and stick to the basic routines (going to bed early, waking up on time, etc.) that will help your child develop the habit of on-time attendance.
- Talk to your child about why going to school every day is critical and important unless they are sick. If your child seems reluctant to attend school, find out why and work with the teacher, administrator or afterschool provider to get them excited about going to school.
- Come up with back up plans for who to turn to (another family member, a neighbor or fellow parents) to help you get your child to attend school if something comes up (e.g. another child gets sick, your car

breaks down, etc.).

- Reach out for help if you are experiencing tough times (e.g. transportation, unstable housing, loss of a job, health problems) that make it difficult to get your child to school. Other parents, your child's teacher, principal, social worker, school nurse, afterschool providers or community agencies can help you problem solve or connect you to a needed resource.
- If your child is absent, work with the teacher to make sure she or he has an opportunity to learn and make up for the academics missed (Attendanceworks.org).

CLASSROOM NEWS



A MESSAGE FROM MISS DICKEY & MS. HOLMES KINDERGARTEN

Happy November! We have been learning so much in Kindergarten. In November, we will continue learning our letters and sounds. Students will also continue working on identifying first, middle, and ending sounds in words. In ELA, we will be working on nouns, verbs, and being able to recognize complete sentences. In Math, we will continue working on decomposing numbers and will begin working on comparing numbers within 10. As a reminder please be sure to check and empty your child's blue communication folder daily.

As the weather is changing please make sure your student brings a sweater or wears a long sleeve shirt inside the classroom.

This month will be filled with tons of learning experiences. We look forward to watching your child learn and grow!



**A MESSAGE FROM MISS ANULEWICZ AND MISS WOJTUNIK
FIRST GRADE**

As November begins, the first marking period will come to an end on November 7th! We have just finished our Science unit learning on Sound. In Wonders, we have begun learning about various jobs within our community. In Foundations, we have begun Unit 4 learning about using bonus letters after a short vowel. In Math, we are continuing our learning with strategies to solve word problems.

As the weather is beginning to become colder please make sure your student brings a sweater or wears a long sleeve shirt for inside the classrooms. Hoodies are only allowed to be worn outdoors. Please reach out to us on ParentSquare if you have any questions/concerns!

**A MESSAGE FROM MRS. CIPRIANO AND MISS TYRRELL
SECOND GRADE**

Happy November, our grade 2 students have just finished Unit 3 in Science Unit 3 on Environments. We have begun Wonders- Unit 2, in which we are learning about what animal stories can teach us. In Math, we are on Unit 2 in which we are adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers in word problems. We are learning new strategies to use, such as open number lines, place value and drawing pictures. In Foundations, Unit 4 we are working on new trick words, sentences, sounds, closed syllable and closed syllable exceptions and suffixes. We will continue our Science unit at the end of Wonders - Unit 2.

We will continue to send home the reading fluency phrases worksheets weekly for your child to practice reading it three times to you. An adult should sign daily. We will collect them on Fridays. Please make sure your

child brings a sweater or long sleeve shirt for our classrooms. Hoodies are only for outside. Reminder, your child can bring in a healthy snack and refillable water bottle for our classrooms. You can always reach out to us on ParentSquare if you have any questions/concerns.



A MESSAGE FROM MR. MITCHELL AND MRS. SCHMIED THIRD GRADE

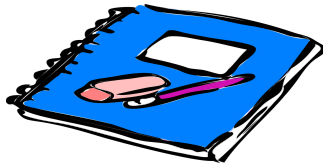
Happy November! It is hard to believe that we have completed the first marking period. Report cards are scheduled to be distributed on Wednesday, November 23th . Parent conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, December 7th. Information/sign-ups will be sent later this month.

In Reading we are continuing to reach our goals. Please continue to have children practice their fluency each night. Children should be reading a book each night. All students need to remember to do their homework each week. This will help build their skills in reading.

In Math, our focus is now on learning to multiply. Our students will be using models and strategies to solve multiplication facts and word problems. This month we will target the 0, 1, 2, 3, 5, and 10 times tables for memorization. Students receive a math homework assignment every Monday and it is due every Friday.

As the weather becomes cooler, please have your child wear a dress code sweater/fleece jacket that can be removed as the day/room becomes warmer. Hoodies are NOT allowed to be worn in class.

Wishing all of our families a Happy Thanksgiving!



**A MESSAGE FROM MRS. BETANCOURT AND MR. WELCH
FOURTH GRADE**

Happy November parents/guardians! Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Report cards will be sent home on Thursday, November 23th. Parent conferences are planned for Wednesday, December 7th. Information/sign-up about conferences will be sent later this month. Here are a few updates about what we are working on in 4th grade!

In Reading, students are continuing to learn about animals in both fictional and narrative texts. This is being carried over to our writing, in which students are writing a research paper about an animal of their choice. Please read with your child as much as possible.

In Math, 4th grade is working on multiplication and division word problems. We will soon be working on factors, multiples, and multi-step problems. As always, please make sure your child is completing his/her i-Ready minutes when his/her laptop is sent home. Also try to practice their fact fluency as much as possible! This will really help them down the road.in the future.

Finally, in Science, both classes are learning about different kinds of waves, such as light waves and sound waves, as well as their characteristics.

Thank you for all your help, and have a great Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Mr. Welch
Mrs. Betancourt



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. SCARBOROUGH & MRS. SENAN FIFTH GRADE

It is hard to believe that it is already November! Our fifth graders have been hard at work! In ELA, we are working on Unit 2, which explores the big idea of how do people get the things they need. We are studying the concepts of problem and solution as well as comparing and contrasting. At the end of the unit, we will begin to look at the concept of theme. Students should read as often as they can and make sure that they meet their Lexia minutes for the week.

In math, we are working on decimals. Students will learn how to compare decimals as well as add, subtract, multiply and divide them. Students should be completing at least 5 i-Ready lessons a week or more to help fill in any gaps so that they are able to understand the 5th grade curriculum. Students should also practice their multiplication facts to help make them more automatic.

Finally, in science, we are exploring Energy and Matter in Organisms. Students will learn about the process of photosynthesis as well as what plants and animals need to survive in their habitats.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns. We hope you have a Happy Thanksgiving!



A MESSAGE FROM NURSE BAILEY

Happy November Everyone! I hope everyone had a great October filled with some Fall activities. As a friendly reminder when picking up a student early due to an illness, medical appointments or any other reason please remember to bring a photo ID. It is not only district policy, but a safety measure for your child. Lastly, only individuals listed on your child's contact list are allowed to pick up your child. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Remember to stay safe and have a Happy Thanksgiving!



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. PRONOVOST & MRS. THOMPSON THE READING DEPARTMENT

Our Intervention groups continue to practice their decoding skills by blending sounds together to make words. We also are working on fluency skills, such as: reading as if we are talking, with expression. Please know that Mrs. Pronovost's students have a clear plastic folder which should come to class and go home each day. The students come home with papers for practice and books to read. Please have your child read at least 10 minutes each night and then you will fill in the reading log with the date, book title, and number of minutes. Mrs. Pronovost checks their folders every Friday and students get a small prize for completing their weekly reading. Please ask

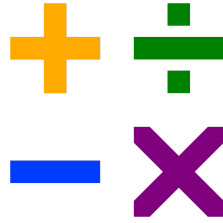
your child about it.

All students have been working effortlessly in their small groups to improve their reading. Our students are placed in groups based on their individual needs. Your child is monitored monthly to assess the progress he/she is making and instruction is adjusted if necessary so we can ensure your child is progressing. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you are in need of reading materials at home. We will be more than happy to help you begin to build an at-home library for your child.



**A MESSAGE FROM MR. NAZARIO
MUSIC TEACHER**

In music, I am having students in every grade practice songs for an upcoming holiday concert in December. It is our hope that students this year will have a chance to share the joys of the holidays in the form of an in-person concert for each other, as well as parents and family members. More information to come!!!



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MILLER STEM TEACHER

Elementary Math Updates for November

The following is approximately what each grade will be working on in November.

Grade K- Students will be comparing numbers within 10 and working on partners of 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. They will also classify, sort, and count objects.

Grade 1- Students will be working on subtracting to find the difference and using different strategies for addition and subtraction facts within 10. They will deepen their understanding of teen numbers.

Grade 2- Students will be working on addition and subtraction with two-digit numbers including solving word problems.

Grade 3- Students will be working on multiplying by 3, 4, and 6. They will break apart a factor to multiply with 7, 8, and 9. They will be introduced to the Commutative and Associative Properties for Multiplication. They will use place value strategies to multiply one-digit numbers by multiples of 10.

Grade 4- Students will be working on multiplication and division word problems. They will learn about multiples, factors, prime and composite numbers. They will identify and generate number and shape patterns that follow a rule. They will begin to solve multi-step word problems.

Grade 5- Students will begin building their understanding of decimals to the thousandths. They will read and write decimals. They will use the Powers of Ten to compare and round decimals to various places.



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. PROCYK SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Hello Regan Community! I am so excited to be joining the Regan team as your full-time School Counselor! My husband and I live in Monroe, but we both grew up in Stratford. We have two daughters, ages 20 and 24- one living in Georgia, the other in Florida. I have been working in the Monroe school system for the last 14 years, at each grade level. I do have to say, elementary school is my favorite! I look forward to getting to know all of the children and their families at Regan Elementary!

21st CENTURY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM MRS. THOMPSON

Our beginning weeks have been a success! Students are working hard completing their homework as well as completing extra lessons on Lexia and i-Ready. We have had visits from the Waterbury Fire Department, CJ May- A Recycling Magician, and Coach Ortiz from CO Sports. Coach Ortiz will be visiting us several times this month! He will deliver lessons on physical education, with a focus on agility training.


Please remember that attendance is required. If your child is in school, then he/she is required to stay for after school. Unexcused absences will result in removal from the program. Stay tuned for information regarding

a family event for the month of November! We hope all enrolled students and their families will participate. On behalf of the after school staff we are thankful for your support and wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Razza, Mrs. Schmied, Mr. Welch, Mrs. Betancourt, Mrs. Scarborough, Miss Anulewicz, Mr. Nazario and Mrs. Sciascia

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

-  **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** Remember to register for the Box Tops program! Download the free app. You can now scan your receipt with your phone. Each Box Top counts! Regan School earns money for school supplies! Go to [BTFE.COM/PRODUCTS](https://www.btfec.com/products) for a complete list of Box Tops product. We will no longer be collecting the Box Tops at school.

School Wide Fundraiser

- The [SchoolStore.com](https://www.schoolstore.com) fundraiser has begun! All participating students will get a prize from this fundraiser from the company. Make sure to put your child's code on the envelope and return it once you have registered at [schoolstore.net](https://www.schoolstore.net)
- Feel free to call Mrs. Poulter if you have any questions regarding this fundraiser. It will be available all school year.

HAPPY FALL!

