



Frank G. Regan School

OCTOBER 2022 NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MRS. RAZZA



Happy Fall! We are off to a great school year with a lot of learning in the classrooms! Teachers have finished administering the mClass reading assessments for all students. You should have received your child's report. If you have any questions regarding your child's beginning of the year results, please call or message your child's teacher and set up an appointment to discuss. Children will have a short assessment each month to monitor their reading goals. Teachers are strategic with planning both whole and small group lessons to meet the needs of all of their students. I encourage you to have your child read each day at home so that the reading skills they are being taught at school can be reinforced at home. We plan on sending home books throughout the year so that your child has additional books at home. We also have a new computer program called Literacy Pro that allows your child to read books online at his/her level. The Silas Bronson Library is also another great place to borrow books.

In addition to the many things children have been learning since the start of the school year, each class has completed a project for Hispanic Heritage Month which is celebrated from September 15 - October 15. Ask your child what countries and/or famous people they learned about through their class projects during their library time. We will celebrate on Thursday, October 13 from 6-7p.m. with some in-person salsa dancing or you can join us virtually. The event will take place at the International School on 116 Beecher Avenue if you plan on participating in person!

I am excited to announce that the 21st Century After School Program for students in

grades 2 - 5 will begin soon. Mrs. Thompson, the Literacy Facilitator/TVP, will oversee the program this year. She will share more information soon. In the meantime, please complete an application if you would like your child to be added to the waiting list for the program. Once your child has been accepted, a notice will come home with more information. Contact the school if you would like me to send home another application. This program is free. It will run every Monday through Thursday until 5:20p.m. and transportation home will be provided.

As a reminder, students are still going outside to recess. Make sure to dress your child in layers so that they stay warm when they are outdoors. Make sure to label all of their jackets, sweaters and lunch bags too! We are trying to avoid the "Lost and Found" bucket.

Attendance matters! Please plan vacations and appointments on days off from school. If your child has an appointment, please send them back to school immediately after the appointment so your child doesn't miss an entire day of learning. If your child is going to be absent because he/she is sick, make sure to message your child's teacher and call the school. Please call me about any possible COVID-related situations in your household so that I can provide appropriate guidance. Keep in mind that if your child wakes up with a symptom, you can test your child with a kit at home and send your child to school wearing a mask if the test results are negative.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, feel free to call the school and set an appointment with your child's teacher. The Regan School staff looks forward to working with you and your child to ensure your child's success!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Angela Razza



DID YOU KNOW THAT...

All Regan students have access to our online Amplify Reading Program. "Amplify Reading is a student-driven literacy program that provides both enrichment and remediation for all students, leveraging the power of compelling storytelling to engage students in personalized reading instruction and practice" (www.amplify.com). Have your child complete at least 20 minutes of Amplify 3 times a week for extra reading practice.

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

Main Office	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

I hope everyone is adjusting to the many changes that have been in place for this school year. Please be sure to check ParentSquare daily for updated information from the school and your child's teacher. If you are having any difficulties with this please contact me or call the school and someone will be happy to help you.

Just a reminder that it is very, very important that the school has your current contact information. Please be sure to notify the school of any changes to your child's information such as phone numbers, change of address or emergency contacts.

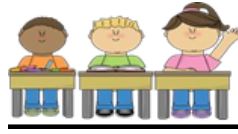
As your parent liaison, I want you to know that I am here as a resource for you and also that I am here to assist you in any way I can. You can contact me at (203) 574-8187.

Mark your calendar with the following dates:

- **Community Wellness Day, Wednesday, October 12th, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
at Waterville Park, 1522 Thomaston Avenue
- **PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) Virtual Meeting -Tuesday, October 18th, at 6:30 p.m.**
- **SGC (School Governance Council) Virtual Meeting - Tuesday, October 18th, at 6:45 p.m.**

Please consider becoming an active member of either the PTO, SGC or both. Your involvement and support are needed to help make our school successful!

CLASSROOM NEWS



KINDERGARTEN

MISS DICKEY & MS. HOLMES

Happy October! Boy did the first month of school fly by! We want to take a moment to thank you all for your hard work and dedication during our transition into school. We are all learning so much day-by-day. This month in Kindergarten we will be continuing to learn our letters and their sounds. We will also be learning new trick words. In Math, we will continue working on counting and writing numbers 1-10. We will also begin comparing numbers using the words "more than" and "less than". Please practice counting and writing numbers at home with your child. In Science, we will continue to learn all about weather!

As a reminder, if your child brings home their chromebook they are expected to work on iReady and/or Amplify. The chromebook needs to be returned the next day because your child uses it in the classroom each day for learning.

If you ever have any questions on how you can further support your child at home please don't hesitate to reach out! We look forward to watching your child grow and succeed!



GRADE 1

MISS ANULEWICZ AND MISS WOJTUNIK

Happy October! We have finished our mCLASS reading testing and you should be receiving the report home about your child's test results. We will use these results to work with your child in small groups on the skills he/she needs.

In Foundations we are currently working on Unit 2, in which we are practicing tapping out sounds to build CVC words. In Math we are working on finding missing addends. We have begun our first unit of Science! We will be learning about sound for the next few weeks.

As a reminder, if your student brings home their chromebook they are expected to complete iReady and/or Amplify at home. The chromebook needs to be returned to school the next day as it is used for learning everyday.

As the weather begins to get colder please make sure to send your students in with a jacket/sweater!



GRADE 2

MRS. CIPRIANO AND MISS TYRRELL

Welcome Fall! We have completed our mCLASS testing and our Math Diagnostic Assessment and now have been focusing on setting our goals for this school year.

In Math, we have been adding and subtracting to solve equations, finding unknown numbers, and using math strategies- number bonds, bar model, fact families, ten frames, and open number lines. We are learning how to solve one-step and two-step word problems, along with analyzing pictographs and bar graphs. We are also reviewing time (hour, minute, and counting by 5's) and money (coins-penny, nickel, dime, and quarter - how much are they worth? 1,5,10,25 cents)

In Foundations- Unit 2, we have been learning new trick words, sounds, how to mark our words-(bonus letters, glued sounds, and r-controlled vowels), and writing sentences for dictation. We are also reviewing digraphs, blends, short vowels, and syllable types.

We have just started Science Unit 3, Environments for Living Things. We will be learning all about plants and animals.

Please remember to read with your child each night for 15-20 minutes. This helps them improve their reading and fluency. Students get a Reading Fluency practice sheet each week to read.

As a reminder, if your student brings home their chromebook they are expected to complete iReady Math and/or Amplify Reading at home. The chromebook needs to be returned to school the next day as it is used for learning everyday.

As the weather is starting to get cooler in the morning, but it's still warm in the afternoon, please send in a sweater or long sleeve shirt for your child to use as the temperature changes throughout the day. Also, don't forget to send in a refillable water bottle and a healthy snack for your child to have in our classroom. If you have any questions or concerns you can reach us on ParentSquare anytime.

Homework is given Monday through Thursday. It is collected every Friday. Please make sure to check your child's blue folder each day. Thank you for all of your help and assistance this school year.



GRADE 3

MR. MITCHELL AND MRS. SCHMIED

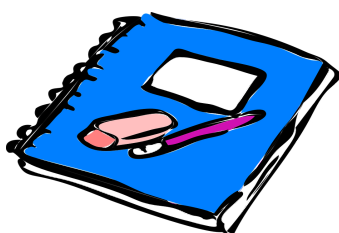
Happy Fall! Happy October! This month it's time to focus on how to reach our goals. Students have set goals in reading that they want to accomplish by the end of the year. Students really need to fill their world with lots of words. Please read a book each night and ask students to read aloud at least one page. Read words everywhere you go.

This month will also include Science for two weeks. Our focus will be on forces. In Math, we will be finishing Unit 1 - Place Value, Addition, and Subtraction of Three-Digit Numbers. About mid-October we will begin Unit 2 - Multiplication and Division: Concepts, Relationships, and Patterns. Our students will also set their Math goals for the year based on the results of the iReady Beginning-of-Year Diagnostic.

Students need to focus on their learning now that September is over. Please remind students to keep their toys at home. We also need to remind families only to send water into school. Students should have a water bottle since we do not have fountains. These water bottles should not be larger than 24 oz.

Now that the weather is cooler, please send in a sweater or a long sleeved shirt, something that can be removed when the afternoon gets warm, but the morning is cool. Please remember hoodies are not allowed in school and students should not be wearing outside jackets in the classroom. They need those for when they go outside. This attire should also be a solid color of navy blue, black, gray, or khaki.

Reminder: Homework is assigned on Monday and due on Friday. There will be days when your child will bring home his/her laptop to continue lessons in iReady and/or Lexia, as well as other assignments that may be due.



GRADE 4
MRS. BETANCOURT AND MR. WELCH

Hi parents and guardians! It's hard to believe we're halfway through the first marking period. Here are a few updates about what we are working on in fourth grade.

In ELA, students are finishing up their personal narratives and will soon begin expository writing. Your children will also begin Unit 2 of Wonders, which is all about animals, both in fiction and non-fiction.

In Math, we are completing unit 1 and are moving onto unit 2, which covers multiplication and division with multi digit numbers, as well as recognizing shape and number patterns. As always, please make sure you are practicing fact fluency with your children, as this will help make the math they are learning much easier to use.

In Science, our classes have just started learning about different waves, such as light and sound waves, as well as how technology is transferred from one place to another.

As always, thank you all for your support and if you need anything, please do not hesitate to ask!

Thank you,
Mr. Welch
Mrs. Betancourt



GRADE 5

MRS. SCARBOROUGH AND MS. SENAN

Hello Parents/Guardians. Welcome to the colorful month of October from the 5th Grade! We had informal conferences with students to go over last year's Reading and Math Smarter Balance scores. It really helped motivate them to set new Reading and Math goals for this school year. We also completed the mCLASS reading and i-Ready math assessments. As a reminder, 20 minutes of reading will help your child improve his/her reading fluency.

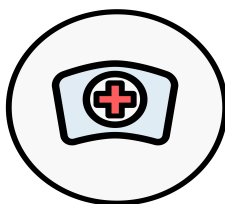
For Math, our focus is on multiplying multi-digit numbers. Energy and Matter in Organisms is our focus for Science and for Reading we are focusing on close reading of complex texts.

If your child brings home a chromebook, please make sure they are completing assignments on iReady. At least 5 lessons should be completed each week. Also, we

encourage them to spend some time on Lexia. We need your help to take this extra step with them in order to excel. Also, please make sure they are returning their chromebooks to school the next day.

Please send your child with a sweater or a long sleeved shirt now that the weather is cooler.

Thank you for working with us to help ensure improvements. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to us.



A MESSAGE FROM NURSE KAREN

Happy October Everyone! I hope all is well with our students and their families. A friendly reminder we are beginning to move into the change of seasons and the winter months are approaching. If your child is displaying cold or flu-like symptoms please have him/her wear a mask. Also, if a fever is present along with the cold or flu symptoms, your child is required to remain at home until he/she is 24 hours fever-free without medicine.

Kindergarten Families: All physical forms have been sent home. Please remember to send them back at your earliest convenience.

If your family is going out for fall events, such as trick or treating, remember to stay in groups & most importantly, be sure to check your child's candy before they begin eating it.

Please contact me at the school if you have questions or concerns regarding your child's health.



A MESSAGE FROM THE READING DEPARTMENT

MRS. PRONOVOST AND MRS. THOMPSON

Now that we have completed our beginning of the year mCLASS reading benchmark assessments, the staff will be looking at the data to rearrange our reading intervention and small groups. Our tutor, Mrs. Byrnes, and Reading Teacher, Mrs. Pronovost, will continue to pull reading intervention groups daily for 45 minutes. A few students may move between us or return to see their teachers for additional reading support.

New groups will begin in the middle of October. All students who see Mrs. Pronovost for intervention will continue to bring home a clear plastic folder each night. 10 minutes of reading is recommended and a reading log should be filled out. The logs are checked on Fridays. New prizes have arrived for those who complete their reading log each week.

With the cooler weather it's a great time to pull up a blanket and snuggle in with a good book.



A MESSAGE FROM MR. NAZARIO MUSIC TEACHER

For the month of October, students will be learning music that has to do with seasons, holidays, and other festive topics. This is the time for students to explore their own musicianship and creativity. It is a time for them to become comfortable expressing themselves through the performing arts. I am glad to be able to continue our Spanish unit as Hispanic Heritage Month continues into the fall season.



A MESSAGE FROM MR. STONE PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Grades K-5th are just finishing up their team challenge and fitness activities unit. They will now enter a 2-week soccer unit. Below are the objectives for the soccer unit.

Cognitive- The students will develop a basic, fundamental knowledge about the game of soccer and the skills involved. The students will learn the rules, the importance of soccer around the world, strategy, different formations, and various skills of the game of soccer.

Affective- The students will develop their social skills and I want them to be able to relate to one another. These kinds of skills will be developed through game-like situations and working with partners. Other qualities that will be developed are sportsmanship, teamwork, and positive attitudes. The goal of this unit is to focus on the attitude of each student while playing the game of soccer. Respecting other students and the teacher will be more important than winning during the competition in class.

Psychomotor- The students will develop the physical skills that will enable them to become better soccer players. The students will learn the skills of dribbling, passing, shooting, goalkeeping, and defending that are needed to become an all-around soccer player. The students will learn new skills in the sport of soccer and they will be challenged to try new techniques. The emphasis will be placed on improving their skills while exercising the correct technique.

Fitness- During the unit on soccer the students will be engaged in daily routines of fitness before any soccer skills take place. They will warm-up each day with activities that will improve their flexibility, strength, and agility, which will increase their level of fitness. They will also participate in game-like situations and drills with the soccer ball that will increase their fitness level. The main objective is that the students become

physically fit and stay physically fit for the rest of their lives.



A MESSAGE FROM MS.SGAMBATI SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Happy October! My favorite time of year! This month I will be making my way into the classrooms to do a lesson! The topics include: Friendship/Feelings, Goal Setting, and Organization.

In kindergarten, we will read a story called Tattlin' Madeline which helps students identify when we should report incidents. In first grade, we will read the story Bad Case of Tattle Tongue which helps students identify four golden rules of reporting! In second grade, we will read Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun, which helps students identify differences amongst others and how to spread kindness! In third and fourth grade, our students will learn all about setting goals. We will practice creating long term goals and developing a plan to achieve them. And lastly, our fifth graders will learn all about organization!

More details about the lessons will come shortly. Be on the lookout for a ParentSquare message for when I have visited your child's classroom!

Information about 21st Century After School Program

MRS. THOMPSON

The 21st Century After School Program will begin on Monday, October 17th. Both acceptance and waitlist letters will be going home this week. As students withdraw from the program new students will be added from the waitlist.

Our program will run Monday-Thursday until 5:20 p.m. As we begin our program please be patient with the bus dismissal. If you would like to pick up your child please do so by 5:00 p.m. or he/she will be required to take the bus home at dismissal at 5:20 p.m.

The after school program will focus on both homework help and enrichment activities, such as: physical education, music, STEM, arts/crafts, and theater. We also have many outside vendors scheduled to present to the students. Therefore, attendance is mandatory. If your child is in school then he/she is expected to attend after school.

The after school staff consists of myself, Mrs. Thompson, as program administrator, as well as the following teachers: Mrs. Schmied, Mr. Welch, Mrs. Betancourt, Mrs. Scarborough, Miss Anulewicz, Mr. Nazario, and Mrs. Sciascia! We look forward to an amazing year with your child!

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.



