



# CHALK TALK

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## Principal's Message

On behalf of the entire staff, we would like to welcome our students and parents to the 2017-2018 school year! I am honored to be the new principal of this incredible school. Repetto is a place where parents, teachers, staff and students work together to establish the best possible learning environment.

This Chalk Talk newsletter is one of our primary communication tools and will be sent home with your child the first school day of every month. We encourage you to please read it carefully and make note of important upcoming dates. A digital version is available online on our school website at: [www.repettok8.net](http://www.repettok8.net). We encourage parents to our check our school website frequently.

Our district and our school utilize the "Connect-Ed" message system to send phone and/or email announcements to our families. In order to ensure delivery of these messages, make sure to update your online emergency contact information.

Repetto welcomed several new staff members this school year: Joni Wong (Assistant Principal, shared with Marguerita), Rebecca Barker (Nurse), Gabrielle Amenta (Resource Teacher), Fonda Tang (Gr. 3 Teacher), Jung Hoang (Gr. 4 Teacher), Michael Mulvihill (Gr. 5 Teacher), Paulina Diaz (Gateway Intervention Advisor), Jane Yeh, (Chinese School Community Coordinator), Crystal Aldana, (Health Assistant), Benjamin Campos (Instructional Aide), Veronica Gonzalez (Instructional Aide), Alicia Ruiz de Esparza (Instructional Aide), Joyce Reyes (SLP Assistant), Lynne Gerber (Yard Supervisor), and Doreen Valdes (Health Assistant Substitute). Welcome to all!

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### Back-to-School Nights

A memo will be sent home with details about classroom presentations and other events during Back-to-School Nights. We look forward to meeting all our parents!

### Dates to Remember

#### SEPTEMBER

- 04: Labor Day Holiday
- 05: Back-to-School (Grade 5)
- 06: Title I Annual Meeting, 5:30pm
- 06: Back-to-School (Grades 1 – 4)
- 07: Title I Annual Meeting, 5:30pm  
*Same information will be presented.*
- 07: Back-to-School (Grades 6 – 8)
- 11: Pupil-Free Day – No School
- 12: ELAC Parent Meeting, 8:15am
- 19: SSC Meeting,
- 22: Minimum Day for Parent Conferences Preparation
- 25-27, 29: Minimum Days for Parent Conferences
- 29: Progress Reports Go Home
- 29: Non-Uniform Day (Theme: Cartoons/Comics)
- 29: Good Citizens of the Month Celebration, 7:30am
- 29: Coffee Tea Chat, 8:00am

## Valet Drop-Off Lane is Open

As you probably have noticed, Grandridge Avenue becomes extremely busy during the start and end of the school day. In order to help students get to class on time and to make mornings a little less stressful, Repetto School offers families our Valet Drop-Off service between 7:30am – 7:55am each school morning. The valet lane is located on Grandridge, near the back of the cafeteria and the side of the school.

To ensure that our Valet Drop-Off service runs smoothly and safely, we remind parents that the valet lane is not for parking. Parents should remain in their cars. Please make sure your child's backpacks and other belongings are ready so he/she can exit your vehicle immediately upon pulling up to the valet lane.

Parents are welcome to drop off TK/K students at the Valet Drop-Off. Just let one of the volunteers know your child will need assistance getting on campus and a student volunteer will walk him/her to the lower playground or the cafeteria.

We ask that parents do not pull into the valet lane when your child(ren) is not ready to be dropped off or is having a difficult morning. In these instances, please park your car and walk your child to the gate once he/she is ready.

We are in need of both parent and student (in grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>) volunteers to make this vital service successful. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office. Thank you.

All parents should review street safety with your child and remind him/her to always use the crosswalk when crossing the street and to *never* dart out in-between parked cars. To ensure the safety of everyone, parents need to drive carefully and obey all traffic laws.

## Important Announcements and Reminders

- **Coffee Tea Chat:** We invite all Repetto parents and guardians to join us each month for a cup of coffee or tea at an informal get-together. This is the time for parents/guardians to sit with the principal, assistant principal and instructional specialist to discuss district/site goals and to address school concerns. **We hope to see you at our first Coffee Tea Chat on Friday, 9/29/17 at 8:00am.**
- **Cafeteria:** Parents can pay for school meals in the office (cash or checks payable to "Repetto Cafeteria") or online through our district website: [www.ausd.us](http://www.ausd.us). The full price for breakfast is \$1.50 for lunch is \$3.00. School menus and online applications for Free and Reduced Meals are on the district website. Annual renewals for Free and Reduced Meal status must be completed by 9/21/17.
- **Short Thursdays and Minimum Days:** We have early dismissal times EVERY Thursday. Dismissal times have changed this school year. Please make sure students are picked up on time. The bell schedule and the list of minimum days were sent home with your child on the first day of school and can also be found on our school website.
- **Online Emergency Information:** If you have not already done so, please log on to the Parent Portal (<https://family.ausd.us>) to update/complete your child's online emergency card TODAY. Parents can use the same account created in prior years. Parents of new students will need to link their account to their students' using their access ID and password. If you do not an access ID or Internet, please see one of the school community coordinators in the office for assistance.
- **Staff Parking Lot:** The parking lot is reserved for school employees ONLY!
- **Campus Supervision:** Students should not arrive to school prior to 7:30am when campus supervision will begin. For safety reasons, students should be picked up (or walk home) immediately after dismissal. *Note: The circular driveway is reserved for buses, district staff and authorized vehicles of afterschool programs. Please do not use the faculty parking lot and in consideration of our neighbors, please do not block or park in their driveways.*
- **Tardies:** Students must be class (not just on campus) by 8:00am or they will be marked tardy. Because Repetto School is located in a residential area, there will always be excessive traffic and parking difficulties in the mornings. Please make sure to allow ample time for students to get to their classrooms on time.
- **Drop-Offs and Pick-Ups:** During morning drop-offs, all students will enter either through the kindergarten gate or the valet entrance near the cafeteria. TK students will be dismissed in the afternoon through the side gate located near the kinder playground and kindergarten students will be dismissed through the kindergarten gate. Students in grades 1-8 will be dismissed through the main gate located by the office. Students checked out of school early due to doctor/dentist appointments will need a note upon returning to school.
- **Support AEF:** Alhambra Educational Foundation will be participating in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Shopping Extravaganza at Citadel Outlets on Saturday, September 23, 2017. Proceeds will support AEF and benefit all AUSD students. Join us for a day of fun-filled shopping and exclusive deals. More information online at [aef4kids.com](http://aef4kids.com).

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