



Regnart Reporter

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School Calendar

February 14

- Valentine's Day Class Parties

February 14-17

- Fifth grade Science Camp

February 17

- Walk to School Day/Spirit Day

February 20-24

- Mid-Year Recess

February 28

- Class Picture Day

March 7

- PTA Meeting, 6:30pm, GLC

March 8

- School Site Council Meeting, 7:30am, OCR

March 16

- Discovery Day

March 19

- Staff Learning Day - no school

March 20

- Tech Show, GLC, TBA

March 30

- Walk to School Day/Spirit Day

Dear Regnart Families,

Last week was the mid-year point of the school year and we took the opportunity to remind the students of our expectations at our annual "Rules Reminder Assembly". One area that we consistently stress is our expectation of treating others with respect both in the classroom and on the playground.

As parents we want to assist our children in developing respectful relationships. Here are a few simple steps to promote respect:

1. **Discuss respect.** Pose questions such as, "What is respect?" and "Why is it important?" Listen openly to your child's opinions.
2. **Set an example.** Treat others with respect and choose relationships in which you're treated well. Point out other role models, too—both real and fictional, such as historical figures and book characters.
3. **Be a media critic.** Teach your child to think about behavior she sees on TV, in video games, and in advertising. Is it respectful? Why or why not? Does it reflect her values and beliefs? What can she learn from it?

We have a school-wide emphasis on respect through our "Talk It Out" program. Students are given the tools to work through their problems independently. We have seen a lot of successful resolutions of playground issues.

Warmest regards,

It's a great day to be a Roadrunner!

Source: "Safe & Respectful Relationships for All," SAFEANDRESPECTFUL.ORG, www.safeandrespectful.org/parents/home.html.

THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!

Regnart would like to extend a huge thank you to David and Andrew Fung and their PTA crew for putting together a wonderful hot beverage and snack table for our future kindergarten parents the morning of kindergarten registration packet distribution.

Who better than the Fungs to answer questions regarding life at Regnart? They were able to provide great insight into Regnart for the waiting parents and children.

Roadrunner Readers Sprint to the Finish Line

The Roadrunner Readers are sprinting to the finish line as they complete their final week of the reading program. Last week the school read 66,621 minutes (1,110 hours) bringing our total reading program to 348,807 minutes (5,813 hours) over the last 4 weeks! All classes have met and exceeded their class goals for the program!

We are currently finishing this last week with Reader's Choice books. **Please remember to verify the total minutes read by signing the log book tonight so it can be brought to school Friday morning.**

Please enjoy reading with your child this final day of the reading program, and beyond!

Yard Duty Help Needed

on Discovery Day
Friday, March 16, 9:30-10:30am

We need volunteers to serve as yard duty personnel on Discovery Day (Friday, March 16). These volunteers are needed to ensure the safety of our children during the morning recess.

If you are willing to help, please sign up at:

<http://sites.google.com/site/regnartroomreps/home/volunteer-registration/discovery-day>

Thank you!

Santa Clara County Dental Society is hosting a 2012 Poster Contest – Rock Your Smile

Help promote oral health by creating a unique poster. It's easy. See guidelines below:

1. Paper size no less than 8 ½" x 11". Put contact information on back side – include student's name, school name and grade level.
2. Follow the theme: "Rock Your Smile"
3. Spell words correctly, use color and do not rely on adult assistance
4. Leap into this fun opportunity to help students improve their oral health and submit posters to your school office by 4pm, February 20th.

Prizes include spin brushes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, iPod shuffles, restaurant and Visa cards, and \$50 gift certificates are some of the prizes.

Memorial Student Art Contest



Students in the Cupertino Union School District are invited to enter the 2012 Memorial Student Art Contest, which is co-sponsored by the Cupertino Federated Women's Club and Cupertino Odd Fellows Lodge #70.

All entries must be current, original and open-themed. An information sheet, which includes rules and guidelines, is available in the front office. Entries must be turned into the school office by 4:00 pm on Monday, March 5th.

BE A HERO - BE A NOON AIDE

Last week we had to close areas of the playground due to lack of supervision.

Be a noon aide – the students will love you.

Call Fran Hardee at 253.5250 ext. 122
with questions or to arrange a training session.

** All volunteers must have a valid TB test on file **



Get Involved with the Regnart Yearbook!

Your children will always treasure the memories of their years at Regnart. The Yearbook captures their fun, friends, and good times in a book that they will revisit again and again in the future.

To build a great Yearbook, we need your help! How can you participate?

- 1) Contribute your pictures!** Send us your photos of Halloween, Fall Festival, a field trip, or classroom activity. Your pictures will help us capture a rich view of life at Regnart. Last year's Yearbook included over 1300 images, submitted by over 100 people. This amazing pool lets us create the colorful and amazing pages in the final book.

Contributing your images is easy, whether you have one picture or 1,000.

Deadline for Contributions → Friday, February 17 ←

Technical guidelines:

- We prefer your highest resolution images for best results in print (1024x768 pixels or better)
- JPEG format, don't worry about the file size

Submitting by CD or flash drive - best for large groups of photos

- Organize pictures into folders. Name the folders by event.
- Burn on a CD, DVD, or flash drive (we'll return your flash drive to you)
- Label your media with your name, e-mail address/phone number, and child's teacher
- Turn in your media at the Regnart Office

Submitting by e-mail – easiest if you have just a few pictures

- e-mail us at regnart.yearbook@gmail.com with the picture attached.
- In the body of the message, tell us your name, the event, and child's teacher.

Submitting by other methods – we can use some online photo sharing services

- e-mail us at regnart.yearbook@gmail.com and we'll figure out how to make it happen.

- 2) Design a Yearbook Page!** Sign up to design a page for your child's classroom or for a school-wide event.

We build the yearbook using a simple but powerful web-based design tool which runs in your regular web browser. You can work on the page at any time of the day, in the comfort of your home. We will provide you with the images from your page, drawn from our large image pool.

To volunteer to do a page, just add your name to our online document:

http://bit.ly/YB_TOC_2011-2012

You may add your name to an already-filled slot. We will contact everybody to confirm your assignment. Our first priority is to try to find parent designers for each classroom. We'll have more info for designers soon.

Help us make a fun and memorable Yearbook this year!

David Fung & Maria Tham
Regnart Yearbook 2011-2012 Chairpersons



Support Regnart PTA with a Jamba School Appreciation Card!

Love Jamba Juice? You can support Regnart PTA and all the programs it sponsors by picking up a free Jamba Juice School Appreciation Card in the Regnart Office. When you visit any Jamba store and swipe your card, Jamba will donate 10% of your purchase to Regnart PTA and another 2% to National PTA.

You can use your Jamba School card at any time - the program is open-ended, so the benefits to Regnart will continue through this school year and beyond.

You can also give Regnart Jamba School cards to friends, relatives, and co-workers.

Cards are available in the Regnart Office, while supplies last.

I'll have a Razzmatazz, please!

SIP TO SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL

Get Your Jamba School Appreciation Card!

How it works:

Just swipe your School Appreciation card at any Jamba store and 10% of proceeds will be donated to Regnart PTA and 2% to National PTA.

So the more you're sippin',
the more we're givin'.



Pick up your card today
in the Regnart Office!

It's free!



Subject to terms and conditions.

HOW CAN YOU HELP IMPROVE REGNART'S TRAFFIC PROBLEM???

Pass out stickers during Walk to School Days be a Parent Valet Review the Regnart Traffic Information Sheet Be alert while driving in the zone Stay off your cell phone Cross the street at intersections/use crosswalks when available/never jaywalk Always obey traffic signs and signals Release students in the yellow zone/never in the red or in the street Leave early on overcast/rainy days Wipers on/headlights on Drive safely.

Student Valet Monitors Needed

In an effort to facilitate traffic flow and safety, the Regnart Traffic Planning Program has started the student valet monitor volunteer program. Valet monitors will assist students in the morning as they are dropped off in front of the school. Valet monitors need to be ready to assist at 8:10am and will continue helping to 8:30am.

The Regnart Traffic Planning Program desperately needs PARENT VOLUNTEERS to help supervise the valet monitors. NO PARENTS = NO PROGRAM!!! **Please fill out the form below and return it to the front office as soon as possible.**

If your student is interested in helping Regnart become a safer place, please have him come by the office to pick up an information sheet and permission slip.

Training will be provided for all parent and student volunteers. Questions, call Fran Hardee at 253.5250 ext. 122.

Parent Volunteers for Valet Program 2012

_____ YES, I can be a parent supervisor for the Valet Program.

I am available the mornings of:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Parent Volunteer Name

Email

Phone No.

Student Name / please print

Room No.

Grade

Attendance Policies

To report an absence, call the Attendance Hotline at 253-5250, Ext. 6.

Please state in a clear voice: child's name (spell the last name), room number, date of absence, the reason the child is not attending school, your name and relationship to the child. Do not call the classroom.

Student absences must be reported every day that a child is unable to attend school.
All absence should be telephoned to the office by 9:00am.

Arrival Times and Tardies:

Students are not to arrive until 8:15am. A warning bell will ring at 8:28am giving the students two minutes to be in their class line. All students are expected to be in their line at 8:30am when the final bell rings.

If a student has several unexcused tardies or absences, parents will be notified by letter. Habitually late and/or absent students will be referred to the District's Student Attendance Review Board (SARB).

Doctor and Dental Appointments:

If your child needs to leave school for a medical or dental appointment, please email your teacher and the school secretary (louie_jennifer@cusdk8.org) and let them know ahead of time. Parents should come to the front office to sign out the student and ask the desk to call for the student. Parents may not go to the classroom or ask the child to wait outside for them.

When students come to school late due to an appointment, a note from the doctor verifying the appointment is required.

Safety Tips for Pedestrians and Drivers

Pedestrians:

- **Cross the street only at intersections. Use marked crosswalks when available.**
- **Walk with your child hold their hands if they are small!**
- **Teach your child to STOP and LOOK before they cross.**
- **Do not jaywalk. Do not cross in the middle of the street or between parked cars. Drivers are not expecting pedestrians to cross mid-block and you are more to be hit if you do this.**
- **Try to make eye contact with drivers, but never assume they see you.**

Drivers:

- **Please only drop off your children on the yellow curb. NEVER on a red curb or in the street between cars.**
- **No child under the age of 12 years should sit in the front of a car.**
- **Look at the yellow "Regnart traffic information sheet" from first day packet.**
- **Pedestrians can be very hard to see, especially in bad weather. Keep a look out and slow down if you can't see clearly.**
- **Stop for pedestrians who are crossing the street.**
- **Always wear your seatbelt when driving or riding in a car even if it's for a short distance!**

CUSD BOND COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Our elementary and middle schools are among the top in the State. In order to maintain our high-quality schools, we need to ensure our students have a safe and modern learning environment. Superintendent Phil Quon will be holding two community meetings and would like to invite all interested parents and community members to attend and hear what steps the District is taking to keep our facilities up-to-date and to maintain a safe and modern learning environment for our students.

Please attend any meeting that is convenient for you. Here is a list of schedule and location of the meetings:

- **Tuesday, February 7, 2012 – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**
Hyde Middle School, Multi-Purpose Room (19325 Bollinger Road in Cupertino)
- **Wednesday, February 8, 2012 – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**
Cupertino Middle School, Gymnasium (1650 S. Bernardo Avenue in Sunnyvale)

If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Nishihara at (408) 252-3000, Extension 323.

DE ANZA COLLEGE SUMMER EXTENDED YEAR PROGRAM 2012

De Anza College in partnership with the Cupertino Union School District will offer the Extended Year Program this summer, mornings only, from June 18 to July 13, 2012.

Students entering grades 6 through 10

Classes will be held at Cupertino and Miller Middle Schools, and will include: Java Programming, Geometry & Spatial Sense, Intro to Algebra 1 & 2, LEGO Robotics, Debate and Critical Thinking, Forensic Science, and many others.

Students entering grades 1 through 5

Classes will be held at Collins Elementary School, and will include: Writing: Paragraphs to Essays, Reading Intensive, Public Speaking, Spelling Bee, Journalism/Writing, and more!

Program brochures will be sent home in early March and will also be available at your school office. More information is available at www.extendedyear.deanza.edu.

Early registration is by mail only and will begin on March 5, 2012 and ends on May 18, 2012. There will also be walk-in registration available from May 29 to June 5, 2012.

Doctor and Dental Appointments ----- Please make every attempt to schedule appointments before or after school hours. But if it happens the appointment is during school hours, please follow the procedures below:

- If you have an early morning appointment and arrive at school late, the student is required to bring to the office a doctor's notice verifying the appointment before an admit slip can be given.
- If your child needs to leave school for an appointment during school, please send an email to your child's teacher stating that your child will need to leave campus early. Parents must come to the office to sign out their child before leaving campus. Upon return, parents must sign their student back in.

A NOTE FROM THE CUSD NURSES

Cold and flu season is upon us again! Prevent spread of illness by teaching children hand hygiene, to cough or sneeze into the elbow, and to stay home when contagious. Because the flu can cause serious illness in young children, many people wonder whether the flu shot is right for their family. Here are some facts about the flu shot.

How does the flu shot work?

The flu vaccination contains dead (flu shot) or deactivated (FluMist) virus that cannot cause the flu, but can cause your immune system to create a response (antibodies). Because the immune system has already been "warned" by the vaccine about what the virus looks like, it will have circulating antibodies that are ready to quickly fend off any attack from the real virus.

What does the flu shot protect against?

The flu shot is developed annually to stimulate an individual's immune response against *three* common strains of the influenza virus. These three strains are chosen based on scientific predictions of which strains will likely be most common in the coming year. Because influenza viruses mutate, the vaccine is different each year.

I got the flu shot and I still got the flu. Why?

Other strains of the flu that are not in the vaccine do exist, as well as hundreds of other types of viruses in our environment that could cause illness. You may have been exposed to a virus strain not in the vaccine. Additionally, as with all vaccines, the immune response to a vaccine can vary between individuals based on age, health status, and several other factors.

Is the flu shot for everyone?

Discuss with your health provider whether the vaccine is appropriate for members of your family. People with an allergy to eggs should not get the vaccine because of the way the vaccine was produced.

What do I do if my child gets sick?

Please refer to the District's Health Guidelines (on the following page) and keep your children home when ill.

DISTRICT HEALTH GUIDELINES

It is important that our children follow good health practices at all times and be kept at home when they are ill.

A child should not be in school when he or she is ill and is experiencing one or more of the following symptoms:

- Nausea or vomiting (**must remain at home until free of symptoms for 24 hours**),
- Diarrhea (**must remain at home until free of symptoms for 24 hours**)
- Severe headache
- Continuous coughing or runny nose
- Evidence of a communicable disease such as a rash, swelling or unusual sore throat
- A temperature of 100 degrees F or higher (**must remain at home until he/she has a normal 98.6 F degree temperature for 24 hours without the use of a fever reducer such as Tylenol**)
- Conjunctivitis - pink eye
- Undiagnosed rash (**rashes must be verified by your doctor that they are non-contagious before the child may return to school; a note is needed**)

If a student is sent home from school for feeling ill, the child may not return that day. A doctor's note for absences over seven days (7) days may be required (CUSD AR 5113).

Keeping sick kids at home until they recover prevents contagious illness from spreading to other students and members of the community.

If you have questions, please contact your school or your school nurse.

Independent Study Contracts

With the holidays approaching, it is important to schedule your vacations so your child misses as few days as possible. If you plan to be away from school for a minimum of five days and a maximum of ten days, please contact your teacher and the school office at least two weeks before your departure date to arrange for an Independent Study (IS) packet.

These policies are consistent across the Cupertino Union School District.

- A student must be enrolled for three consecutive weeks before an IS contract can be initiated.
- To receive credit for the days away, the contract homework must be completed while the child is gone and returned to school the first day the student is back in school. If the Independent Study work is not completed and returned, the days missed will be recorded as unexcused absences.

Students who are absent for more than 10 consecutive days will be dropped from the school roster.

- When the dropped student returns, they will be reinstated in their home school only if there is space available. If there are no spaces, the student will be assigned to another school in the district, and put on a wait list at the home school.
- If you are traveling for less than five days, your child's absence will be recorded as unexcused.

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Students must be residing in the District at the time of registration and be available for any necessary testing.

Registration and Open Enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year is as follows:

- **Kindergarten Registration for all Attendance Area Schools:**
February 6 – February 16 at the respective attendance area school. Any child who will be five years old on or before November 1, 2012 is eligible to attend kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year. Only parents/guardians may pick up a registration packet at their attendance area school beginning January 30, 2012. Registration packets are numbered sequentially **except at Stockmeir Elementary School as this school site will hold a Kindergarten Lottery.** The registration number on the packet is only valid for packets returned between February 6 through February 16, 2012. Packets returned after February 16, 2012 will not be eligible for the District's Lottery and Kindergarten Registration will be in the order that completed Registration Packets are received.
- **A Stockmeir Elementary School Kindergarten lottery has been added to the 2012-2013 school year registration process as of November 14, 2011. A Kindergarten lottery for Stockmeir Elementary School will be held on March 1, 2012** for Kindergarten students whose parent/guardian registered during the Kindergarten Registration window February 6– February 16, 2012 only. Please visit the District's website at www.cusdk8.org, for more information regarding the Stockmeir Kindergarten Lottery for the 2012-2013 school year. At Stockmeir only, packets returned between February 6 – February 16, 2012 will be included in the Stockmeir Kindergarten Lottery. Packets returned after February 16, 2012 are not eligible for Kindergarten Lottery and/or District Lottery, and Kindergarten Registration will be in the order that completed Registration Packets are received.
- **UPDATE - Status of Transitional Kindergarten (TK) for 2012-2013**
The recent release of the Governor's proposed budget for the 2012-2013 school year eliminates the funding of the newly implemented Transitional Kindergarten (TK) program.

Given this budget uncertainty, the Cupertino Union School District's TK Program will not be implemented unless the funding for the TK program is included in the final adopted State budget. As a result, the District will not be conducting registration for the TK program at this time.

If you were planning on enrolling your student into the Cupertino Union School District's TK program, please be aware of the uncertainty around this program as you consider options for the 2012-2013 school year.

- **Open Enrollment Requests K-8: February 10 - 16, 2012 at the School of Desired Attendance.** *All in-district kindergarten students must be registered at their attendance area school before requesting Open Enrollment to another attendance area school or an Alternative Education Program.*

The District's open enrollment process is a clear statement of the Board of Education's policy to offer parents choices to meet individual student needs whenever possible. If you would like your child to attend another school next year for any reason, Open Enrollment or Alternative Education procedures must be followed. Detailed registration information is available on the District website or by contacting the Student Assignment Office, (408) 252-3000, Extension 110.

During Open Enrollment/Alternative Education Registration, requests may be made to **one school only**, and forms should be completed at the school of desired attendance. As district enrollment continues to increase, space for open enrollment transfers may be limited at some schools or specific grade levels. If your child is not selected for the school requested during the open enrollment period, parents may apply to other schools beginning April 1, 2012.

- **Alternative Education Program Registration (Faria and Murdock-Portal grades K-5; McAuliffe and Mandarin Immersion grades K-8): February 10-16, 2012.** Parents who do not already have a child in a particular alternative program are required to attend a program information meeting and school tour before applying for that program. Please contact the appropriate school for meeting/tour dates and other program information.
- **Registration for new students in grades 1 – 8 begins March 1, 2012**

District Calendar 2011-2012 (all schools except Murdock-Portal)

November 21-25, 2011

Thanksgiving Recess

December 19-30, 2011

Winter Recess

January 3, 2012

Students Return

January 16, 2012

Martin Luther King Day

February 20-24, 2012

Mid-Year Recess

March 19, 2012

Staff Learning Day

April 16-20, 2012

Spring Recess

May 25, 2012

Staff Learning Day

May 28, 2012

Memorial Day

June 12, 2012

Last Day of School

First and Last Day of School District Policy

- Students who have an unexcused absence on the first day of school in August will be dropped from the school roster (vacations are unexcused). If space is available at the school when the student returns, the student will be reinstated. If no space is available, the student will be assigned to another school in the district where space is available.
- Students must be in attendance on the last day of school to guarantee their place in the district for the following year. If leaving early, the student will be dropped from the roster and upon the student's return the parents must contact the school to re-register and the student will be placed where space is available. If you are making travel plans and have questions, contact the Student Assignment Office at 408-252-3000, extension 110.

2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The Board of Education just approved the 2012-2013 school year calendar during the board meeting held on November 15, 2011. The full calendar is available on the District's website at www.cusdk8.org. Here are the important dates for the District and Murdock-Portal Elementary School for next year:

	2012-2013 District Calendar (All schools except Murdock-Portal)	2012-2013 Murdock-Portal Calendar
Students Return	August 20, 2012	August 13, 2012
Labor Day	September 3, 2012	September 3, 2012
October Break	(Murdock-Portal only)	October 8-19, 2012
Veterans Day Observed	November 12, 2012	November 12, 2012
Thanksgiving Recess	November 19-23, 2012	November 19-23, 2012
Winter Recess	Dec. 24, 2012-Jan. 4, 2013	Dec. 24, 2012-Jan. 4, 2013
Martin Luther King Day	January 21, 2013	January 21, 2013
Mid-Year Recess	February 18-22, 2013	February 18-22, 2013
Spring Recess	April 15-19, 2013	April 8-19, 2013
Memorial Day	May 27, 2013	May 27, 2013
Last Day of School	June 12, 2013	June 25, 2013