

RHEEMARKS: October 3rd - LATE EDITION

Dear Rheem Team Families,

Welcome to October! This month has a lot going on, including [MEF's Week of Giving](#), Rheem's Fun(d) Run, Anti-Bullying Prevention Month, Cultural Proficiency Committee, Rheem School Site Council, Parent/Teacher Conferences, Halloween parade/class parties, and more. Thank you for your continued support as you dive into this week's Rheemarks.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, October 4:

- · MEF "[Week of Giving](#)"
- · Regularly scheduled Monday

Tuesday, October 5:

- · Lunchtime Dance Club hosted by Ms. Seli (during recess)

Wednesday, October 6:

- · Wednesday Schedule
- o 8:25 – 1:50 (All K-5th grade students)
- · Lunchtime Garden Club hosted by Ms. Inzeo (during recess)

Thursday, October 7:

- · Regularly scheduled Thursday

Friday, October 8:

- · Regularly scheduled Friday

School News and Highlights

Spirit Assemblies: This past Tuesday, we were able to come together for a few Spirit Assemblies (K/1, 2nd/3rd, 4th/5th) to celebrate one another and learn more about the importance of taking care of our environment. Students were treated to some great Rheem music, a presentation from Jessica Jane Robinson from Recycle Smart, and Gold Slip winners. We discussed how to reduce landfill waste by composting and recycling and celebrated over 50 students with the pulling of "Gold Slips" from each class.

Snow Cone Day: Last Friday was the perfect day for an icy treat, and over 170 Rheem students were able to redeem their Rheem Store purchase for a snow cone. A big shout and thank you to Mrs. Strohmeyer for her commitment to all things Rheem and her help preparing for Snow Cone Day; the day would not have been such a success without her attention to detail. Also, a big shout out to Rheem secretary Erica Smith and PTA President Casey Sproul for their work behind the table in providing these yummy delights to excited Roadrunners.

Did you Know?

Rheem Participates in "Recycle Smart's Wastebusters Program"

Rheem has participated in Central Contra County's Recycle Smart Wastebuster Program for nearly a decade. The program is dedicated to teaching students the importance of protecting our environment by reducing landfill waste through composting and recycling. Jessica Jane Robinson has been Rheem's trusted ally in the program and has provided resources, training, and prizes to our school to help us make a difference. Through the Wastebusters Program and 5th-grade teacher, Mrs. Cavallero, we are able to support our very own SWAT Team (Students Working Against Trash) to ensure students are doing their part at lunchtime to place their trash in the appropriate bin and reduce our landfill footprint.

October is Bullying Prevention Month

Second Step Emotional Learning Curriculum

October is [National Bullying Prevention](#) Month. We are working to proactively address bullying-type behaviors through our Second Step Social/Emotional Learning Curriculum. The curriculum helps us teach students how to make strides in “self-regulation, emotion management, and academic achievement.” Bess Inzeo and Annette Herbert have pushed into classrooms to support teachers and students with a handful of lessons in the last few years. We are committed to keeping Rheem a bully-free campus as we continue with this three-pronged campus approach.

Fun(d) Run Update

Volunteers Needed

The Rheem Team has raised 59% of the \$15,000 goal through 25% student participation with two weeks to go. Please use your student's 99 Pledges page to ask for support and donations! Money raised will be used to purchase outdoor furniture for students to eat their lunch.

Race Day Reminders

- The event will happen during school hours; *spectators will not be allowed*
- Wear your Fun(d) run t-shirt and appropriate shoes
- Masks are optional for students while running outdoors
- No food or drink will be provided; bring your own water bottle and snack

Volunteers Information

To make the event run as smoothly as possible, we are looking for volunteers. To volunteer, you will need to show proof of vaccination and bring your driver's license to check-in at the office. For those interested, please reach out to Fun(d) Run co-chair Lauren Chiang at: laurenciang9@gmail.com.

A big thank you to our sponsors, Comprehensive Wellness and Moraga Pediatric Dentistry, for all their support!

Halloween Parade

We will be holding a Halloween parade this year on Friday, October 29. Unfortunately, parents will not be part of this year's event. Our administrative team made this decision out of an abundance of caution. The purpose of the Halloween parade is for our students to have fun, and we are confident we can make this happen! I will be communicating with you in the near future about creative ways to have you view the event without being on campus.

COVID-19 Protocols Reminders

In keeping all of our school community members as safe as possible, we must continue following COVID-19 protocols.

- If your child is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, please:
 - Keep your child home.
 - Call the office, and we will walk you through the following steps.

- A child can return to school when:
 - Fever free for 24 hours and...
 - Other symptoms have improved, and...
 - One of the following:
 - Negative COVID-19 test OR
 - Documentation of chronic condition or alternative diagnosis OR
 - Ten days have passed since symptom onset
- If your child has been exposed to a person who has been diagnosed with COVID 19.
 - Keep your child home.
 - Call the office, and we will walk you through the next steps.

The Last Word...

A couple of days ago, I could barely contain my excitement when I messaged everyone about MEF's "[Week of Giving](#)" (Wee!!!).

It is such a big deal I figured I'd hit on it one more time. MEF is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year and commemorating that milestone during the "Week of Giving," Rheem (and each elementary school) is challenged to make 40 donations. These can be donations of any amount, and families can make multiple donations if they'd like. It would be great if everyone participated in this noteworthy campaign at whatever level was right for them. In true Rheem Team fashion, let's try and surpass the goal of 40 donations! MEF will be sending updates on how the schools are doing on their challenge by email and social media throughout the week. Please join me by clicking [HERE](#) to donate.

And remember, MEF donations create possibilities for every student every day!

There's no place like Rheem!

Mr. Sullivan