

RHEEMARKS: March 27th

Good Evening Rheem Team Families,

We have a busy week on tap at Rheem with Spirit Week and College & Career Week coinciding with each other, Snow Cone Day and RAD Club on Thursday, and a couple of spirit assemblies to wrap up the read-a-thon on Friday and a minimum day to boot. ***Please remember that all students get out of school on Friday, April 1, at 12:12 pm.***

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, March 28:

- Spirit Week: Mismatch Day (wear your wacky clothes...no need to match)

Tuesday, March 29:

- Spirit Week: Team Tuesday (wear sports or any team gear)
- Lunchtime Dance Club hosted by Ms. Seli (during recess)

Wednesday, March 30:

- Spirit Week: College and/or Career Day (wear college, career, or college team colors)
- RAD Club meeting for 4th and 5th graders during lunch/recess
- Lunchtime Garden Club hosted by Ms. Inzeo (during recess)
- 3rd Grade SUBS (Speak Up Be Safe)

Thursday, March 31:

- Spirit Week: Favorite Color Day (wear your favorite color...head to toe)
- Snow Cone Day

Friday, April 1:

- Pajama Day
- Spirit Assemblies (K-2nd/3rd-5th)
- Minimum Day (all students released at 12:12)

Monday, April 4 – April 8:

- SPRING BREAK

School News and Highlights

Bricks for Kids: 5th graders participated in an onsite STEM field trip this past Friday when Bricks for Kids came to campus and shared the amazement of engineering.

Students worked in groups to build mini machines out of Legos. It never ceases to amaze me how students are drawn to Legos and working together to make things. Thank you to Mr. Greer, Ms. Gubser, and Mrs. Cavallero for their continued pursuit of providing well-rounded opportunities for their students here at Rheem.

Around the Town for 3rd Graders: This past Friday, 3rd graders were treated to a who's who from Moraga Town Hall. Students learned about all the goings-on and the work that makes Moraga such a special place. They visited five different presentations by: MOFD Fire Chief Dave Winnacker; Rheem parent and Planning Commission Chair Brenda Luster (Garin's mother); Town Manager Cynthia Battenberg; former Rheem parent and current Moraga Mayor, Renata Sos; Vice Mayor, Steve Woehleke. Kudos to all of our presenters and the fantastic 3rd-grade teachers for organizing this onsite field trip and a special thank you to Brenda Luster for rounding up all of the presenters.

School Climate Survey Results

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91% of respondents agreed with the statement, "My child feels comfortable expressing their identity at school."

Actual breakdown:

- 42.1% strongly agree
- 48.6% agree
- 4.0% disagree
- 0.8% strongly disagree
- 4.5% didn't know

89% of respondents agreed with the statement, "The school communicates the importance of respecting all cultural beliefs and practices."

Actual breakdown:

- 47.4% strongly agree
- 41.6% agree
- 4.1% disagree
- 1.2% strongly disagree
- 5.7% didn't know

68% of respondents agreed with the statement, "The school provides instructional materials that reflect my child's culture, ethnicity, and identity."

Actual breakdown:

- 26.9% strongly agree
- 41.6% agree
- 11.0% disagree
- 2.1% strongly disagree
- 18.4% didn't know

Did you know?

Curriculum and Instruction Supports Culture, Ethnicity, and Identity

A student's sense of belonging occurs when they feel comfortable being themselves. No matter one's culture, ethnicity, or identity, every student deserves to feel they belong. At Rheem, we strive to be that space for everyone. From our number one rule of respect to our staff's ongoing work to implement the Social Justice Standards in lessons for our newly adopted social studies curriculum. In addition to that work, our recent teacher professional development in SOGIE (sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression) is helping to strengthen our capabilities in supporting every student every day. Creating an environment where true belonging occurs takes hard work and dedication.

Student belonging also occurs when they can see themselves in the books they read and lessons they participate in. Thanks to our PTA, we have committed thousands of dollars to create a library of culturally relevant read-alouds and more classroom library books with diverse characters and plots. Introducing age-appropriate books to each grade level improves our teaching and, more importantly, a place where every student sees more of themselves.

Our goal remains for ALL students to learn and belong!

College & Career Week and Spirit Week is ON

This week, students will participate in some great College & Career activities put together by Ms. Inzeo and some spirited wardrobe ideas from our student council. It's never too early to hear more information about what careers may interest our students...and even better if you're wearing some mismatched clothing items :)

One Week Left for MEF's March Madness Event

A big thank you to MEF's March Madness sponsors Canyon Club Brewery in Moraga, Zoonie's Candy in Lafayette, Town Bakery & Café in Moraga, and Sports Basement. Over the past month, your generous support of these establishments has helped businesses and helped the Moraga Education Foundation.

Every dollar you spend at [Sports Basement](#) this week will benefit the students here in Moraga. Visit one of their stores and mention MEF or [shop online](#) and use promo code 2050009545918 to get up to 20% off merchandise while supporting our schools. (Click [HERE](#) for more information on savings).

Yearbook Photos Needed

Submitted by Dorota Jozefiak

Last call for yearbook photos!! If you have any photos taken at school this year, please upload them to Pictavo website @ YBKPIX.com by **Friday, April 1**. The photos we'd especially like to get are class related photos (e.g. Mrs. Dennis class, Mr. Thompson class

etc). If you have issues uploading them, please email them (and indicate what class the photo is related to) to Dorota at dorota_j@yahoo.com Thank you so much...

The Last Word...

Over the past several weeks, I have posted results from the MSD Elementary Climate Survey in Rheemarks. In conjunction with those results, I've highlighted some programs, protocols, and resources we have in place to try and support students throughout campus. We must meet the needs of every student every day, and to do so takes a village. From the classroom to the playground, student needs vary across a broad spectrum. Curriculum and instruction, enrichment programs, and social-emotional support are just a few components of a day in the life of our students. And it's no surprise that [MEF](#) is leading the way in this funding and support.

Every day our students benefit from the generosity of MEF donors. Thank you for your continued support, and if by chance you have not gotten around to donating this year, please join me in donating [HERE](#) today.

There is no place like Rheem,
Mr. Sullivan