

RHEEMARKS: May 15th

Good Evening Rheem Team Families,

Can you believe we only have two weeks left of school? We may only have ten days left, but they are jam-packed ten days.

Please mark your calendar for this Friday, May 20, from 5:00-7:00 for the Spring Carnival. It will be a roaring good time with food and fun aplenty.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, May 16:

- Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- CSEA Employee Appreciation Week
- CAASPP Testing for 3rd-5th graders continues

Tuesday, May 17:

- 3rd Grade onsite field trip: Indigenous Peoples Day
- Lunchtime Dance Club hosted by Ms. Seli (during recess)

Wednesday, May 18:

- Lunchtime Garden Club hosted by Ms. Inzeo (during recess)
- PTA Association Meeting 7:00 pm [via Zoom](#)

Thursday, May 19:

- Snow Cone Day

Friday, May 20:

- Spring Carnival (5:00-7:00)
- Obstacle Course Day during lunch recess (hosted by the RAD Club)
- 5th Grade field trip to JM
- 1st Grade participate in SUBS (Speak Up Be Safe)

School News and Highlights

4th/5th Grade Spring Concert: This past Friday, the Spring Concert was a huge success. Musicians and singers hit their marks with voices and instruments. Thank you, Mr. Chegia, Mrs. Arvindan, and Mr. Todd, for creating such a fantastic program. Any time we are treated to Beethoven and Stevie Wonder in the same concert, you know you're in the place to be. The opportunities our music programs provide to each student never ceases to amaze me. Last Friday is another excellent reminder of how MEF is here for "[Every Student, Every Day.](#)"

Open House: Rheem Team Spirit was shining bright at last Thursday's Open House! It's always a great feeling to watch excited children and proud teachers share a year's worth of memories with parents, siblings, and extended families, and even more so this year after a two-year hiatus. On Thursday, the classrooms and even the hallways were filled with impressive displays of innovative learning experiences. Many thanks to all our dedicated teachers and hard-working students for making this inspiring evening possible!

Spring Carnival this Friday

Join us on May 20 from 5–7 pm for family fun at the Rheem Spring Carnival. It's been quite a while since we had our last Carnival, and for several of you, this will be your first RHEEM Carnival. We'll have games, prizes, a rock wall, inflatables, raffles, food for purchase and the CAKE WALK is back!!

For those new to the Cake Walk (a beloved carnival tradition)- we ask that students donate a cake/cupcakes/dessert for the kids to win at the Carnival. These can be bought or homemade- no theme this year- just be creative! Cakes can be dropped off in the morning at drop-off or afternoon pick-up. ** Please label if dessert contains PEANUTS or TREE NUTS**

Raffle tickets will be sold at the event- a raffle ticket form was sent home last week.

Volunteers- We will need lots of volunteers to man the games & activities as well as set up and cleanup- sign-up genius links are below for Adults and Middle & High School Students.

This is an excellent opportunity for those RHEEM alumni (older siblings) to come help out!

Middle & High School Student Volunteers:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4CAAAC2EA2FA7-spring>

Adult Volunteers: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4CAAAC2EA2FA7-spring1>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Dawn Novak at dnovak1205@gmail.com.

CAASPP Testing wraps up this week

[CAASPP Testing](#) wraps up this week for 3rd, 4th & 5th graders. As a reminder, please keep in mind that the best at-home preparations for these tests are a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast, and a good attitude.

CSEA Employee Appreciation Week

This week is classified employee week. Our classified employees are teaching assistants, custodians, librarian, administrative assistants, reading tutors, site technology coordinator, intensive aides, Foundations tutor, Kids Connection staff, and more. Rheem is so fortunate to have such talented classified staff working to make our school a place where every student learns and belongs every day!

The Scholastic Book Fair

Submitted by Sharon Gillbanks – Rheem Librarian

The book fair was a great success, and we can continue to enrich our students with new books for the library from a percentage of its earnings. It was such fun to see all the excited and happy faces of students throughout the week, and it was a joy to watch the wonderful big buddies who took their jobs so seriously helping their little buddies navigate the fair! Thank you to all the fabulous parents who helped during class visits, and a special thanks to Jen Wen and Christina Larson for being constants on the register!

Library Books Due this Week

Mrs. Gillbanks will be collecting all library books this week during students' scheduled library time. Please send all books checked out from the Rheem Library to school this week.

Teaching Assistants 2022-2023 School Year:

Are you, or someone you know, interested in interviewing for one of our open classroom teaching assistant positions next year? Please email me if you are interested (bsullivan@moraga.k12.ca.us).

The Last Word...

With the school year drawing to a close, there is still quite a bit to finish up and quite a bit to reflect upon. This past Thursday, Rheem's teachers opened your children's classrooms to show a snippet of the magnificent work they have done this year. If you were able to attend, you saw some fantastic writing portfolios, math projects, artwork, and web-based student presentations and watched children read a book using the SeeSaw app, to name just a few. It was a night packed with families visiting their student's classrooms for the last time and witnessing what their incoming Kinder will get a chance to experience. It was glorious, if I may say so.

But as we reflect on all these successes, we must also reflect on how many of them were made possible by your generous donations to MEF. MEF's slogan of "[Every Student, Every Day](#)" could not ring more accurately when you think of last Thursday. So much of what our students experience is supported by your donations to MEF. From our Reader's and Writer's Workshop curriculum to our Science Program to our Librarian and Computer teacher to our Music and Art programs. Every day your child comes to Rheem, they are the direct beneficiary of your benevolence and generosity.

One of my favorite quotes about education and how we benefit from it says, "education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." Keeping with that, I encourage all of you to join me in [supporting MEF](#) to help prepare our students for a brighter tomorrow.

There's no place like Rheem,

Mr. Sullivan