

## RHEEMARKS: August 15th

August 15, 2021

Dear Rheem Team Families,

It was a terrific first week at Rheem! During the first four days of school, the students, staff, and I had many opportunities to review (and renew!) what it means to be a Rheem Roadrunner.

Special thanks to all Rheem Team families for attending Back-to-School Night last Thursday. Hopefully, you gained essential insights into the goals and procedures of the school and your children's classrooms. We look forward to your continued involvement and support as we work together throughout the school year.

With that said, please dive into the rest of this week's RHEEMARKS.

### This Week at Rheem:

#### Monday, August 16:

- Regularly scheduled Monday
- o K – 3rd: 8:25-1:55
- o 4th – 5th: 8:25 – 3:05
- Cultural Proficiency Meeting: 3:30-5:00 at Los Perales (Room 4)

#### Tuesday, August 17:

- Regularly scheduled Tuesday
- o K – 3rd: 8:25-1:55
- o 4th – 5th: 8:25 – 3:05

#### Wednesday, August 18:

- Wednesday Schedule
- o 8:25 – 1:50 (All K-5th grade students)
- Welcome Back Spirit Assemblies
- o K – 2nd: 8:40-9:20

- o 3rd – 5th: 1:05 – 1:45

Thursday, August 19:

- Regularly scheduled Thursday

- o K – 3rd: 8:25-1:55
- o 4th – 5th: 8:25 – 3:05

Friday, August 20:

- Regularly scheduled Friday

- o K – 3rd: 8:25-1:55
- o 4th – 5th: 8:25 – 3:05

## Job Opportunity at Rheem

We are currently searching for two classroom teaching assistants here at Rheem to help with the general supervision and support of students. Applicants will have the opportunity to work under the direct supervision of a classroom teacher and be expected to assist with the implementation of instructional plans while also supporting students' social and emotional development.

Few things compare to helping children learn and grow. It is a special responsibility we have as parents and educators to provide children with opportunities to reach their full potential. For more information, please reach out to me or Mrs. Fitzinger.

[lfitzinger@moraga.k12.ca.us](mailto:lfitzinger@moraga.k12.ca.us)

## Traffic and School Safety

With all students returning to in-person instruction this year, it's really important to review the [traffic and safety procedures](#) and follow them when dropping off and picking up.

Drop-Off for all students

Please wait in line to drop off your child. Do not pass other cars (even if there seems to be room ahead). Once a series of cars has dropped off their charges and moved forward, another line can come forward. The extra few seconds it takes to follow this procedure could prevent a tragic accident. After you drop off your child, you may proceed cautiously around the bus circle.

*NOTE: You can greatly assist in an efficient drop-off procedure by ensuring that your child is ready to exit the car with a mask on, snack, backpack, jackets, etc., packed and ready! If your child needs your assistance to exit, please find parking along Laird Drive; please don't get out of the car in the drop-off zone.*

If you want to accompany your child onto campus, you must park on Laird, and then walk to campus using the crosswalk. Please do not use the staff parking lot for drop-off!

### Afternoon Pick-Up for all students

The process works similarly to drop-off. Once a group of cars picks up students along Laird Drive near the blue benches, another group can move forward and do the same. While your child may be waiting in one spot, please be sure to pull forward toward the top of the hill. Be sure to place your name placard on the passenger side dashboard.

## Did You Know?

As we all get back into the swing of things here at Rheem, I will be sharing some important school procedures for your review:

- Students and staff must wear a mask of at least two layers (gators are insufficient unless they are doubled up). It is also recommended that masks have an adjustable nose wire.
- The ATTENDANCE LINE (377-2086) should be called, or email Mrs. Fitzinger ([lfitzinger@moraga.k12.ca.us](mailto:lfitzinger@moraga.k12.ca.us)) if your child is absent from school for any reason. Children absent but not accounted for on the attendance line MUST be verified via a phone call from our office to the child's home or parent's work. This is to ensure the child's safety. Please help us avoid this interruption by calling the attendance line or emailing in advance.

## Library Visits Start This Week!

Library classes are in full swing this week. You can find your child's library visit, day and time, book check-out policies, and what's happening in the library by going to the Rheem website homepage, then clicking on the pull-down menu for the Department Pages; and click on "Library."

## Camp Read S'More!

*Who's been reading all summer long?*

It's almost time to submit your reading logs for Rheem's Summer Reading Program "Camp Read S'More!"

Just enter your student's reading amounts from 5/28 through 8/20 via our Summer Reading Google form to receive an acknowledgment at a Spirit Assembly, a bookmark, and a special prize for our most avid readers!

Please enter your student's number of pages (or books) on this Google form by the end of the day on Wednesday, 8/25.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLXYWKBVGI\\_mtoSWtrtC6ZpD\\_S-3muhqhh\\_oZHLhyhtGMY0XQ/viewform?gxids=7628](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLXYWKBVGI_mtoSWtrtC6ZpD_S-3muhqhh_oZHLhyhtGMY0XQ/viewform?gxids=7628)

Rheem PTA:

## Staff Luncheon

A huge thank you to the PTA for sponsoring the back to school luncheon for the teachers as they readied their classrooms and presentations before Back to School Night this past Thursday. Teachers and staff were treated to some delicious food from Town Bakery.

### *HOT LUNCH ANNOUNCEMENT*

To register for hot lunch please click [HERE](#) for all the information you will need.

Ordering closes for the week the Sunday before that date. For example, if you are ordering for the week of Monday 8/23 - Friday 8/27 ordering will close (today) Sunday, 8/15. You may order for the whole month that is open but can only order or update orders up until the previous Sunday.

PTA is in search of 2 volunteers a day to help serve lunch at school. Full vaccination and masking on campus is required for volunteers. Please click [HERE](#) to sign up!

### *Rheem Spirit Wear!!*

What better way to show your Rheem Team Spirit than by adding an item, or two, to your wardrobe. Please click [HERE](#) to see all the NEW Roadrunner gear available. A special shout out to Lauren Carter and Jenny Esposito for all their work in creating the designs and website.

## The Last Word...

THANK YOU for taking the time to read thru the RHEEMARKS! I'm well aware that family life (particularly on weekends) can be busy and so full that sometimes it's difficult to fit in "one more thing." Still, I hope these weekly newsletters will be helpful to all of you as we navigate through another in-person and action-packed school year together.

There's no place like Rheem!

Mr. Sullivan