

# RHEEMARKS

January 22, 2018

At our spirit assembly on Wednesday our students discovered they were joining the "DRheem Team!" This year's Read-a-Thon theme will encourage our children to read often, DRheem big and remember they hold the ticket for their own success.

Take a look at the rest of the week.

## **This Week at Rheem:**

### Monday, January 22nd:

- NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day

### Tuesday, January 23rd:

- Ms. Gubser's Class fieldtrip to Martinez Courthouse
- Spelling Bee Finalist meet in the office at snack recess (10:05)

### Wednesday, January 24th:

- Campolindo HS Chamber Choir performing at 11:00 for K-5 in the Frank
- PTA Association meeting 6:30-8:30 PM in the Frank

### Thursday, January 25th:

- First week's Read-a-Thon reading log entries due – click [here](#)

### Friday, January 26th:

- Regularly scheduled Friday

## **School News and Highlights**

- Ms. Gubser's class will be visiting the County Courthouse in Martinez this Tuesday.
- This Thursday Campo's choir will be performing in the Frank for all the students. Our Roadrunners will be mesmerized by these amazing singers.

## **Kindergarten & Transitional Kindergarten Registration**

*Welcome '18 – '19 kindergarteners!*

Rheem will hold registration for next year's Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten (TK) students on **Thursday and Friday, February 1st and 2nd**. Registration will take place in Rheem's Room 25 from 9:00am – 2:00 pm on both days.

To be eligible for kindergarten, the child must turn 5 years of age by September 1, 2018. To be eligible for TK, the child must have their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday between Sept. 2 and Dec. 2, 2018.

For detailed information about on-line registration, immunization requirements, and what documents to bring on registration days, click [HERE](#).

## **The DRheem Team Read-a-thon has begun!**

You can enter your child's reading hours online by clicking [here](#) each Thursday of the read-a-thon. The Read-a-Thon lasts four weeks and goes through Thursday, February 15. I'll be reminding you each week to enter your child's reading hours online. In addition to home hours, your child's teacher will let you know how many classroom reading hours to add as well. The goal of The DRheem Team Read-a-thon is 100% participation. The emphasis is reading for fun! The Read-a-thon is Rheem's annual literacy program that also raises funds for our school. Happy reading!

## **Did You Know?**

Last Friday, 1/19, was the half way point in the school year. Below is the year over year attendance rates. Daily attendance has decreased 2 tenths of a percent, while unexcused absences and tardies have increased from last year. With an intense flu season in full swing it's important we do everything we can to help our kids remain healthy and in school.

	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
<b>Absences</b>	97.5%	97.7%
<b>Truants/Unexcused absences</b>	250	236
<b>Tardies</b>	633	452

- *Attendance Counts*

Did you know the Moraga School District only receives funding for students that are "in their seats," regardless of the reason for their absence? That's right, the state does not distinguish between "excused" and "unexcused" absences for revenue purposes. However, parents can help mitigate the loss of funding by choosing to complete an Independent Study or providing an Attendance Reimbursement (see below)

- *Independent Study*

An "Independent Study" can be developed for a student who will be absent a minimum of five days to a maximum of eight weeks. Independent Study forms can be obtained by the child's teacher or in the front office and require the signature of the teacher, parent, and principal. The district receives attendance reimbursement for successfully completed independent studies.

- *Independent Study*

Some parents choose to reimburse the district for revenue lost due to unexcused absences. For the 2017-18 school year, the average daily attendance (ADA) rate is \$41.61. A check payable to the Moraga School

District can be sent directly to the school to cover the cost of lost revenue due to extended family vacations or "extra" holidays.

## **Hello from Roadrunner Club**

Just a gentle reminder; schedule changes are due on the 12th of the month and are effective the 20th of the month. Due to our computer system, the turnaround time is a lot longer than it used to be. With over 100 children every day and many schedule changes every month, our time line cannot be flexible and still get all changes done in time.

We have been doing some really fun winter art projects. We made snow out of baking soda and hair conditioning; and we made icicles with glue and glitter and also painted snow scenes.

Please remember to check lost and found for lost items.

Thank you,

Eleanor

## **PTA hot lunch help needed**

Thank you to those who have signed up to help with Hot Lunch, but there is still a need for additional volunteers, no past experience necessary!! It is fun and a great way to see your student(s) during their day. Please see the Signup Genius below and sign up for any available slot you are able to help. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4badae2ea5ff2-2018>

## **Moraga iKind Project presents – *He Named Me Malala***

This extraordinary film presents the young Pakistani female activist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai, who has spoken out for the rights of girls, especially the right to education, since she was a young child. The film also recounts how she miraculously survived and has become even more

eloquent in her quest after being hunted down by the Taliban as part of the organization's violent opposition to girls' education. The title refers to the Afghani folk hero Malalai of Maiwand, after whom her father named her. A powerful film for everyone!

Event details: February 21 at 7:00 PM at JM's Auditorium, followed by a student panel.

## **Lamorinda Education Forum**

We are pleased to announce a Lamorinda Education Forum on February 8th, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Stanley Middle School Multi-Use Room, [3455 School Street, Lafayette, CA](#). Get the latest information on education funding and Governor Brown's proposed 2018-19 Education budget and its impact on our local schools. Speakers include Gerry Shelton, a respected school finance expert from Capitol Advisors, and our State representatives, Senator Steve Glazer and Assemblywoman Catharine Baker. Don't miss this opportunity to get the facts and ask questions. For more information, contact [\(925\) 927-3502](tel:9259273502) or go to [www.lafsd.org](http://www.lafsd.org).

## **The Last Word:**

This week, January 22-26, is the Great Kindness Challenge Week, and Rheem will be participating once again. The goal is to spread kindness by using small but meaningful actions and words.

"RESPECT" is a cornerstone at Rheem, and kindness is a necessary byproduct to show respect. Kindness has the strength to impart power to both the giver and receiver.

Click [here](#) to download the 50-item "Kindness Challenge" checklist. Encourage your children to check off as many acts of kindness as they can, and be sure to take part in the challenge yourself, and have your actions speak louder than words.

There's no place like Rheem,

Mr. Sullivan