

January 26, 2020

Dear Rheem Team Families,

The first full week of the Read-a-thon is in the “books” and I could not be any prouder of the hard work each and every Roadrunner is putting in. All students are encouraged to keep reading, reading and reading – in addition to logging all their reading hours online on Thursdays. Although 100% participation is our primary goal, students may also get sponsors to support and encourage their efforts. Monies raised help support the many PTA enrichment programs that help make Rheem such a special place. (Click [HERE](#) for access to more information on this year’s Read-a-thon)

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, January 27th:

- [Great Kindness Challenge Week](#) begins

Tuesday, January 28th:

- Board meeting from 6:30-8:30 (JM - Malucelli Room)
- 1st grade field trip to St. Mary’s College Theater
 - All 1st graders are early friends (8:25-1:55)

Wednesday, January 29th:

- Spelling Bee in the Frank (9:00-10:00)
- Coordinating Council Meeting at JM Library (3:30-5:30)

Thursday, January 30th:

- Regularly scheduled Thursday

Friday, January 31st

- Kindergarten field trip to St. Mary’s College Theater
 - All Kindergartners are early friends (8:25-1:55)
- Science Fair grade level orientations in the Frank

Global Art & Cultural Night – Friday, February 7th

Rheem's first-ever Global Art & Culture Night is right around the corner. There are several volunteer positions that need to be filled ASAP. Please review the event details and click on the SignUpGenius link to get started!

Event: Global Art & Culture Night--A journey around the world discovering children's handmade crafts, imaginative literature and games.

Date: Friday, February 7, 2020

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Donald Rheem Elementary School

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4BAEAA28A1FF2-rheem>

School Climate Survey Results

Over the next several weeks, I will be including results from the 2019-20 Climate Survey that was sent out in December, 2019. 167 Rheem families responded as follows:

74% respondents agreed with the statement “The school has systems in place to correct inappropriate behavior that include opportunities to learn from consequences.”

Actual breakdown: 35% strongly agree; 39% agree; 5% disagree; 3% strongly disagree and 18% didn't know.

Did you Know?

Translation services: These are made available by the district for any family who requires them. In the event you feel the need to meet with a teacher or staff member and require a translator in your native language please reach out to Mrs. Fitzinger

(lfitzinger@moraga.k12.ca.us) or myself (bsullivan@moraga.k12.ca.us) and we will be sure to schedule one accordingly

Animals on Campus: As a general rule, dogs and other animals are not permitted at school. Specifically, according to the state's education code, dogs are prohibited from school campuses, whether or not the dogs are leashed. Several signs posted on campus note that "Dogs are not allowed."

Therefore, if families are including a dog walk at the same time they are picking up or dropping off their child, we request that you meet or say goodbye to your child at the crosswalk on Laird, thereby not bringing the dog on campus. This precaution will help keep your pet from being overrun by well-meaning children and assure that our children are safe during the busy arrival and dismissal times. We have several students who are either afraid or allergic to certain types of pets, so this policy keeps our school environment safe and friendly.

If you notice a dog on campus, leashed or not, please inform the school office. It is our intention to keep our campus safe. Again, many thanks for your understanding of this school rule.

Math Night a Smashing Success

Thank you to all who joined us for Rheem Math Night! Congratulations to the three families who got all the sequences correct. The winners were Jaylen Delos Reyes, Dalton Winkler and Kate Shanahan. There was a drawing to see who the "Go Math" foam finger would be awarded and Kate Shanahan was the lucky winner. Kudos to each and every Roadrunner who was able to attend, it was a great night to celebrate math and each other.

A special thank you to Kate Siamis for her work in organizing the event and to Chris Jones for creating such a wonderful program that provided so much fun.

The Last Word...

This week, January 27-31, is the Great Kindness Challenge, and every Rheem student and staff member will be participating once again. Our goal is to spread kindness by using small but meaningful actions and words.

Did you know that practicing kindness is the best way of building lasting self-esteem in children? Acts of kindness have a way of solidifying the way children feel about themselves. By being kind to others, a child learns that the world is a better place (and it's that way because of their actions). If you have a moment please read this short article from HealthyPlace.com ["Random Acts of Kindness Boost Your Self-Esteem."](#) It talks about how doing random acts of kindness reinforces your self-worth and solidifies one's value.

So, with that said, please join your child in the Great Kindness Challenge? It's a great way of making the world a better place and building self-esteem in the things that matter most...our children. Click [here](#) to download the 50-item "Kindness Challenge Family Edition" checklist.

There is no place like Rheem,

Mr. Sullivan