

# RHEEMARKS

October 1, 2017

Dear Rheem Team Families,

Rheem is such an amazing school! There are so many educational supports and experiences our students are afforded each and every day. Can you imagine Rheem without the likes of Art, PE, or Music; our Classroom Aides, Computer teacher or Librarian; our Reading Tutors, Science Aide, or technology. Suddenly, our wonderful school, which is filled with all of these rich educational experiences for our students, would look completely different.

This Wednesday, October 4th is MEF's "Day of Giving," and I urge every family to take this opportunity to show your support for your child's education and for Rheem! To donate or pledge now please click [here](#).

Thank you or your continued generosity to Rheem and MEF!

## **This Week at Rheem:**

### Monday, October 2nd:

- Regularly scheduled day

### Tuesday, October 3rd:

- Regularly scheduled day

### Wednesday, October 4th:

- MEF Day of Giving
- FUN(d) Run
- MSD Safety Committee Meeting, 3:30-5:00 at Camino Pablo (Rm. 7)

### Thursday, October 5th:

- Regularly scheduled day

### Friday, October 6th:

- Regularly scheduled day

### Monday, October 9th:

- Staff Development Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

## **School News and Highlights:**

**Spirit Assembly:** Last Friday's Spirit Assembly was a success. We not only had a chance to sing our Rheem spirit songs and spin the "Wheel of Prizes" for lucky gold slip winners, but we also had an opportunity to acknowledge students who took part in this summer's reading and math activities. I was proud to see we had over 120 students participating in summer reading and math. Our life skills theme for the assembly was "kindness" and the student body was treated to a group of 5<sup>th</sup> graders who demonstrated 5 ways to show kindness. The 5 mini skits focused on: speaking the truth, sharing, being polite, being friendly and forgiving others. It is easy to talk to our children about being kind but kudos to the 5<sup>th</sup> graders who were able to show everyone what kindness looks like by using real life situations in their skits.

**FUN(d) Run October 4th:** The Fun(d) Run will be held this Wednesday between 8:30-12:10. Please be sure to have your children wear their running shoes and be ready to go!

## **Rheem Site Council Wants YOU!**

Parent Member Needed to Complete 2017-2018 Committee

The purpose of Rheem School's Site Council (SSC) is to develop, support, and monitor our school goals. In recent years, the council's work has focused on supporting the district's Strategic Plan by developing and monitoring actions steps to implement the Common Core standards and the Readers' and Writers' Workshop program. Last year, specific goals were established in Mathematics and Language Arts based on CAASPP data. Traditionally, our council also develops a "School Climate" goal to promote and maintain a positive learning environment for all students.

According to Site Council by-laws, the council must consist of equal representation from the faculty and the parent community. **Currently, there are THREE open positions for parent representation on the council.** The SSC meets approximately six times throughout the school year, after school on Tuesdays. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 17th, beginning at 3:15 in Room 19.** If interested in this worthwhile volunteer opportunity, please contact Principal Brian Sullivan (376-4441) for more information, or simply come to the meeting to find out what it's all about!

## **Did you Know?**

### **Excused vs. Unexcused Absences**

Last week I made mention in RHEEMARKS about the importance of attendance and the affect it has on sustained learning. Did you know there are only two classifications for an absence? Excused or unexcused. An excused absence consists of one of the following:

- Illness
- Family emergencies
- Justifiable personal reason (such as a funeral)
- Religious holidays

An absence is considered “unexcused” if it does not meet one of these criteria. An example of an unexcused absence is missing school for vacations or an extended weekend away. Thank you for your continued support of your child’s attendance and please do all you can to avoid these types of absences.

### **Fall Carnival and Cake Walk**

The Fall Carnival & Cake Walk is only two week’s away! For more information please click the following links; [FallCarnival](#) [Cake Walk](#).

### **The Last Word:**

Seven and a half years ago, my wife, Kelly and I moved our 3 children to Moraga. We came here for the serenity, safety and schools. We looked long and hard at different communities in the bay area but came to the realization that Moraga would provide our children with every opportunity to thrive. We could not be more pleased with our decision, and a big part of that has to do with our schools.

I know I made mention of it above, but I am so grateful to witness the benefits MEF provides the children of Rheem (and the rest of the Moraga School

District). Please join me and my family in showing your support for MEF by clicking [here](#) and making a tax-deductible donation today.

**There's no place like Rheem!**

Mr. Sullivan