

October 28, 2018

Dear Rheem Team Families,

Get ready to be amazed at one of Rheem's most eagerly anticipated events of the year...the Rheem-arkable Halloween Parade on Wednesday, October 31st at 12:00. We are looking forward to seeing all the "alter egos" of students and staff emerge at this year's big event. Hope to see you there!

### **This Week at Rheem:**

Monday, October 29th:

- Regularly scheduled Monday

Tuesday, October 30th:

- Regularly scheduled Tuesday

Wednesday, October 31st:

- Rheem's Halloween Parade (**12:00-12:45**)

Thursday, November 1st:

- Regularly scheduled Thursday

Friday, November 2nd:

- Regularly scheduled Friday

### **School News and Highlights**

**Halloween Parade:** Rheem's Halloween Parade will begin at 12 Noon this coming Wednesday. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. It is a special day for our Roadrunners, as they join together in dressing up and celebrating with the entire school community.

### **The Counselor's Corner**

Rheem's very own Bess Inzeo is doing a great job in her new role as elementary school counselor. For an update on the work she is doing here at Rheem, and the rest of the district, please click [HERE](#).

## **THANK YOU!!**

Thank you to all of the Rheem Families who donated to MEF during this year's Day of Giving. MEF raised over \$260,000 because of YOUR generosity which will help fund critical staff and programs at our school.

MEF has raised \$1,050,000 and is over 40% of the way toward their goal of \$2.5 million. The Day of Giving was a huge success; however, we still have a long way to go, and it would be great if all Rheem families took part in this year's campaign. Every donation is important!

Please help our school maintain the amazing staff and programs that make it so unique and allows the Moraga School District to be one of the best in the state of California by making a donation to MEF today at [www.moragaeducation.org](http://www.moragaeducation.org). Together we can make a difference for Every Student, Every Day.

## **Parent Ed Opportunity**

### **Keep'n Kids Safe**

***Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00PM in the JM Library***

Moraga Police Chief Jon King and Moraga Unified School District Superintendent Bruce Burns will talk about protecting students at school and at home. Information about Local Ordinances will be shared, including the new gun safety ordinance. They will also discuss protecting children from cyberbullying, bullying and harassment. There will be an opportunity for the audience to participate in the discussion. More info at [www.moragaikind.org](http://www.moragaikind.org)

### **Rheem Theater's showing of "Child, Disrupted"**

*Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00, 5:00 and 7:00*

*Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 and 7:00*

"As a society, are we in danger of raising a generation of children disrupted by the overuse of technology? *Child, Disrupted* is an award winning short documentary film that explores the effects of technology on children's development." After each screening, there will be a Q&A by the filmmaker Krista Riihimaki. Please click [HERE](#) to see the trailer.

## **MSD Presents a Night Discussing Enrollment, Registration and Class Size**

*November 5, 2018 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the JM library.*

The primary purpose of the presentation will be to finalize recommendations for improving kindergarten registration and communication processes. We will also discuss existing class size, challenges in maintaining class size, and opportunities to reduce class size.

### **The Last Word...**

If you are anything like me, you have some family traditions that can't always be explained. Here at Rheem we have some unique traditions that make us a very special place. This week some of our traditions will be on full display at the Halloween Parade. Did you know?

- This year will be the 22nd year the "Funky Pumpkin" presides as our Grand Marshall.
- 5th graders will be performing the Ghostbusters dance. A tradition started by a past music teacher and so fun it has yet to fall out of style.
- 5th graders have been making their way around the parade route to "Who Let the Dogs Out" since the turn of the century.
- Teachers and staff closely guard their costume theme for the parade. You have a better chance of finding out what happened to Ms. Frank's piano than finding out what the theme is this year.

We are poised for a great day at Rheem. There is no rain in the forecast, and our typical balancing act of fun and pandemonium will be a thing, or two, of beauty. See you there.

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

Mr. Sullivan