

October 7, 2018

Dear Rheem Team Families,

October is an event filled month at Rheem. We have the Rheem Adult Social at MCC on 10/18, Kindergarten's Butterfly Parade on 10/19, Rheem's Halloween Parade on the 31st and this week kicks things off with **Rheem's Fall Carnival and Cake Walk**. Be sure to mark your calendars to join in the fun, and please keep reading to see what other great things are happening at Rheem.

## **This Week at Rheem:**

### Monday, October 8th:

- **NO SCHOOL** for students
- Staff development day at JM

### Tuesday, October 9th:

- School Board Meeting beginning at 7:00 PM in the JM Library

### Wednesday, October 10th:

- PTA Association meeting from 9:30-11:00 in the Frank
- Safety Committee meeting from 3:30-5:00 at CP

### Thursday, October 11th:

- Regularly scheduled Thursday

### Friday, October 12th:

- Rheem's Fall Carnival and Cake Walk from 4:30-7:00
- Picnic Day – students eat with friends outside

## **School News and Highlights**

**Rheem's Fun(d) Run** took place this past Wednesday on a beautiful October day. The perfect combination of weather and Rheem Team spirit motivated our students to run an extraordinary 7,890 laps during the event. Also, Rheem staff ran an impressive 242 laps total. Many thanks to FUN(d) Run parent organizer Jill Austin (Leanne and Marie's mom) and her team of amazing volunteers.

**October is National Bullying Prevention Month.** Rheem will recognize this important effort by building on our "Start with Hello" themes and quickly intervening whenever a student feels unsafe at school. To read Resolution 17-11, adopted by the MSD Governing Board in support of Bullying Prevention, click [HERE](#).

## Did you Know?

### Birthday Celebrations

*Important reminder regarding food vs. fun alternatives.*

Your child's birthday is important to us, and all students should have the chance to be recognized and honored on their special day. Birthday celebrations can be lots of fun without the need for treats (food and non-food alike), to save time and money as well as to avoid complications with food allergies.

In honor of your child's birthday, below is a list of fun alternatives we recommend. Please discuss your child's preference with your teacher. Parents are welcome to join in the fun, but please be assured all students will be honored whether you are able to attend or not.

- Bring in a favorite book to be read to the class by your child, your child's teacher, or a parent. If you would like to donate a copy of the book to your class, please sign it with your name so everyone will know that it was from you.
- Bring in your child's favorite song for a dance party or special activity.
- Child shares his or her favorite item with the class (i.e., a toy, picture, and souvenir).
- Class goes on a short nature walk.
- Child shares one of his or her talents with the class (i.e., singing, instrument, poem, magic).
- Class plays your child's favorite game.

### Parking Lot Protocols

Please remember that Rheem's **parking lots** are reserved for staff during school hours and/or volunteers/visitors who are on campus for an extended period of time. Please look to park on Laird Dr. and make your way up the street when visiting or picking up a student. ***Parking lots should not be used for drop-off or pick up of students.***

### Rheem's Fall Carnival and Cake Walk – this Friday

*October 12<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm – 7:00pm*

Be sure to get your tickets for this week's Rheem Fall Carnival and Cake Walk! Games, prizes, inflatable fun, a rock-climbing wall, raffle, food trucks and ice cream await at this annual fundraiser for our school, and the whole family is welcome!

Get your tickets at <https://rheempta.membershiptoolkit.com/>

I look forward to seeing you there.

## 2018-19 Yearbook Request

*WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS!*

Rheem's yearbook committee is now collecting photos for the 2018-2019 yearbook. Like last year, we will be using Pictavo to collect photos. You can load photos via the website on your computer, or an App on your phone.

### HOW DO I UPLOAD PHOTOS?

1. Log onto <http://community.pictavo.com> or download the Pictavo Community App
2. Log In or Create and account
3. Add Rheem School to your account- **School ID 80506** or search by State and City
4. Upload Photos! Make sure to select a category (i.e. 1st Grade Field Trip, Butterfly Parade, 5- Greer, etc)

*\*\*\*Please note that there is a required line "Who is in the Photo", you may put N/A in this line as we do not need to have all the names of the children in the photos. **The ONLY exception to this is 5th Grade Baby Photos!***

Click here to order a yearbook: <https://rheempta.membershiptoolkit.com/yearbook>

## Rheem Spirit Wear – *deadline extended*

GOOD NEWS! PTA has extended the "order by" date until this Friday, October 12th. There will also be a *Spirit Wear* table set-up the day of the Fall Carnival, where they will have some of the NEW clothing-design for 2018-19 available as well as a SALE bin featuring retired styles at discounted prices. There will also be an iPad on hand to help with placing orders online in the event they don't have the size or item you are searching for.

To order online please visit: [rheemelementary2018.itemorder.com/sale](http://rheemelementary2018.itemorder.com/sale) Go Team Rheem!

## The Last Word...

Tomorrow is a day off for students. An opportunity for them to spend more time with their families or take a day to relax and enjoy time with friends. On the other hand, teachers and I will be taking part in a staff development day, where we will be honing our skills on the implementation of Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) as well as learning more about a new math program to support student growth. I'm certain we will make the most of our time together.

When I think of developing as a professional I stop to think of all the jobs I've had in my life. From Camp Counselor and Youth Sports Referee, to Landscaper (i.e. weed puller), and Basketball Player, to eventually Educator, High School Coach and School Administrator there was always a training piece that went with it. However, of all the jobs I've held in my life, the most challenging, and rewarding, has been that of a parent. The most challenging job came with no training. People spend countless hours building and improving their craft as professionals, it makes sense for us to do the same as parents and guardians. I think as an adult it can be difficult to make time to learn more parenting techniques and strategies. (I know I struggle to dedicate uninterrupted time to this very topic). When you have some time I encourage you to visit [The Center for Parenting Education website](#). There a number of articles, videos and helpful hints to address all aspects of raising children. One of the Center's most helpful aspect is its "Top Ten Tips" page. Please click any of the links below to get some quick and easy tips on a number of issues.

Top Ten Tips for/to...

- ...[Raising Kids](#)
- ...[Taking Care of You](#)
- ...[Avoiding Indulgence](#)
- ...[Manage Anger](#)
- ...[Handling Bullying](#)
- ...[Build your Child's Self Esteem](#)
- ...[Chores and Responsibilities](#)
- ...[Healthy Communication](#)
- ...[Help with Sibling Rivalries](#)
- ...[Discipline](#)
- ...[Raising Teens](#)
- ...[Raising Toddlers](#)

I leave you with one of my favorite quotes on parenting:

*“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child’s success is the positive involvement of parents (or guardians).”*

Thank you for the amazing job you do in supporting and raising your student.

**There’s no place like Rheem!**

Mr. Sullivan