

November 11, 2018

Dear Rheem Team Families,

This next week is Parent Conference Week! I hope you have your "[Rheem Team Family Challenge](#)" posted prominently to help you keep track of the different schedules each day. Please note that Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will be shortened minimum days with an 11:45 dismissal for all students. Wednesday will follow the regular schedule, but remember; Wednesday is always an early dismissal day at 1:50 for everyone.

Make sure you review the "[Tips for a Successful Parent Conference](#)" so that you can make the most of this important meeting. It's our hope that by working together, we can make this the most successful year possible for every student.

While you're at school for your Parent Conference, be sure to stop by the Book Fair, which will be held in the Library beginning tomorrow (Tuesday). Proceeds from this event will go to support our school library. All classes will be visiting the Book Fair during the school day in the coming week; however open shopping hours are as follows:

Book Fair Shopping Hours:

Tuesday: 11:30am – 2:30pm

Wednesday: 1:30 – 5:00 pm

Thursday: 11:30am – 2:30pm & 5:00 - 8:00pm

Friday: 8:30am – 2:00pm

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, November 12th:

- NO SCHOOL – VETERANS DAY

Tuesday, November 13th:

- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Minimum Day 8:25-11:45 (All Students)
- School Board Meeting in JM Library from 7:00-9:30pm

Wednesday, November 14th:

- Regularly scheduled Wednesday (8:25 – 1:50)

Thursday, November 15th:

- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Minimum Day 8:25-11:45 (All Students)
- 2nd grade: *Bat Lady* onsite field trip

Friday, November 16th:

- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Minimum Day 8:25-11:45 (All Students)
- Spirit Assembly (3rd-5th 9:00-9:45 and K-2nd 10:00-10:45)

Did you Know?

1st Trimester Attendance Update

Below are the year over year statistics for Rheem's attendance:

	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17
Attendance	98.17%	98.11%	98.17%
Truants/Unexcused Absence	95	114	116
Tardies	250	488	327

Thank you for your continued efforts to support your student's academics. Attendance is the greatest factor when it comes to student learning. It is important to keep in mind how essential it is for students to arrive on time and be present. Coming to school late poses a number of problems, most notably:

- gaps in learning (missed instruction)
- disrupting the whole class
- habitual tardiness leads to an increase in absences

What are some things we can do to help improve our child's attendance and on time arrival?

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.

- Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, the principal, or other parents for advice on how to make them feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid scheduled medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

The Scholastic Book Fair is This Week!! *Submitted by Sharon*

Gillbanks Rheem Librarian

There will be lots of excitement as 2nd-5th Grade classes visit the fair. 5th and 4th Graders will also be accompanying their Kindergarten and 1st Grade Buddies to the fair. They have been well trained on being responsible for their buddies during their visit, helping make good book choices, calculating book prices, totals and tax and writing wish lists. They are really looking forward to this experience!

Teacher Wish Lists will be posted at the fair for purchases for classroom libraries and are a very special gift from your child/family to benefit the whole class.

The fair will also be open after school for you to shop with/for your child/children.

Thank you in advance for helping make the Scholastic Book Fair a winner for the Rheem Library!

Book Fair Public Shopping Hours:

Tuesday: 11:30am-2:30pm

Wednesday: 1:30-5pm

Thursday: 11:30-2:30pm, 5-8pm

Friday: 8:30am-2pm

Can't make it? You can still help the library by making purchases through the Online Book Fair where even more books are available. Click [HERE](#) to shop online through Nov. 27th.

Mark your Calendar: Thanksgiving Break the week of November 19th

This year's Thanksgiving Break is from November 17th – 25th. There will be no school November 19th – 23rd.

Happy November from Roadrunner Club

We had a great week in Road Runner leading up to Halloween! It was so fun to see your children dressed up as princesses, zombies, witches and more!

Projects

The theme of the week was PUMPKINS! The kids decorated mini pumpkins and put their special mark on each one with feathers, pom poms and googly eyes! They also covered paper pumpkins with tissue paper and on Halloween we decorated pumpkin sugar cookies!!

Staff

We welcomed Brandon Bocobo to our team! Brandon is currently studying at DVC and joins us in the afternoons as an Aide. This week we said goodbye to Gabby who will spend her new found freedom with her husband and kids. Gabby has been a beloved team member of Roadrunner for five years and we will miss her dearly! We are always looking for great people to join our team. If you know anyone that might be interested in working with us, please email us at roadrunnerclub@moraga.k12.ca.us

Reminders

Don't forget to call or email Roadrunner Club if your child will not be attending on a particular day. If we do not hear from you, we worry about where they are and will conduct a search. A \$25 fee will be charged for all searches.

If you are interested in a drop in for conference week, please note we are very full, so please email to see if we have space.

Lastly, we are very busy at the club taking care of your children, so we cannot always respond to email and voicemail immediately. Please be patient and allow for enough time for us to respond when communicating with the Club.

Have a great week!

Eleanor

The Last Word...

With wildfires raging in Northern and Southern California, it is important to remember how a disaster can strike at any moment and so close to home. The Camp Fire which continues to blaze in Northern California's Butte County is home to the parents of Rheem's beloved 2nd grade teacher Angie Guidi. Ms. Guidi grew up in Paradise, California and her mother and father lived in the home she was raised. It is uncertain whether their home is still standing.

One of the things that makes Rheem so special is our amazing sense of community and family, and now is an opportunity for us to show Ms. Guidi, and all of the victims of the Camp Fire how much we care. I will be sending out an email tomorrow (Monday 11/12) detailing what, we at Rheem, plan on doing to support those affected by the fires.

Thank you for all that you do to make Rheem such a unique school and please be sure to keep Ms. Guidi, her family and all the victims of the recent fires in your thoughts and prayers.

There's no place like Rheem,
Mr. Sullivan