

RHEEMARKS

"Frank"ly Speaking...

November 27, 2016

Leftovers, anyone? Here's hoping that you all enjoyed a bountiful Thanksgiving with family and friends. It's always a wonderful time to reflect on our good fortune and the true meaning of gratitude. You'll read more about how to continue that effort in this edition of Rheemarks.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, November 28:

- Be on the lookout for "Rheem Cares" information coming home in the backpacks

Tuesday, November 29:

- Last Day to sign-up for Winter Hot Lunch!

Wednesday, November 30:

- 1st grade "Ice Cream Baggies" in classrooms
 - Bailey (8:30 – 9:25); O'Connell (9:35 – 10:40); Strohmeyer (11:05 – 12:05)
- National Geo Bee Preliminary Competition (12:15 in Room 2)
- MSD Coordinating Council Meeting
 - 3:30 p.m. at Camino Pablo School/Rm. 7

Thursday, December 1:

- National Geo Bee Preliminary Competition (12:15 in Room 17)

Friday, December 2:

- Last Day of Fall Hot Lunch (Winter Hot Lunch begins on Monday, Dec. 5)

School News and Highlights:

- The sign-ups for our **Winter Trimester of Hot Lunch** CLOSES this Tuesday, Nov. 29
 - Link for Menu and to Sign Up: <https://rheempta.membershiptoolkit.com/>, go to Hot Lunch under Programs, and go to the eteambuilder site to sign up.
 - If you have any questions please contact Kim Pertel - kimpertel@gmail.com
 - The new service will begin Monday, December, 5 and go through Friday March, 3.

- Attention 4th & 5th graders! This week, preliminary competitions to select 8 – 10 **National Geo Bee finalists** will be held during lunch recess as follows:
 - Weds. Nov. 30 in Room 2 for 4th graders
 - Thurs., Dec. 1 in Room 17 for 5th graders

Click [HERE](#) for details about the National Geo Bee at Rheem

- The **Roadrunner Mascots** were awarded to the classrooms with the **best attendance** during the 1st trimester of this school year. Congratulations to Ms. Guidi's 2nd grade and Ms. McMullen's 4th grade!
- **Rheem has expanded its recycling efforts by adding paper towel** receptacles in the bathrooms. Used paper towels are compostable; therefore, by adding them to our food compost pick-up, we will greatly reduce adding to landfills.
- THANK YOU to the **186 Rheem parents** who responded to the MSD School Climate Survey. Look for information about the results in future RHEEMARKS issues.

Spirit Assembly Lesson

In addition to singing school songs and applauding gold slip winners at the November 18 Spirit Assembly, Rheem students reflected on their own specific gratitude lists and considered how their lists might be similar or different to other children around the world. In doing so, we viewed photos taken of children with their most prized possessions. Click [HERE](#) to access the slideshow. Consider watching it together with your child to hear what he/she noticed about the photos.

If you'd like to learn more about the project that inspired these photos, click [HERE](#).

Parent Education Opportunities

Parenting in the Digital Age, with MSD Technology Director, Adrienne DeWolf

- Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 7:00 p.m. at JM Auditorium. [Sign up to attend now!](#)
- Please see [the flyer](#) for more details. Also, if you haven't completed the parent survey, it's linked on the flyer, and we'd still love your input.

Sensory Processing, with MSD Occupational Therapist, Janet Alexander

- Tuesday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the JM Library
- Click [HERE](#) for the flyer detailing additional "Evening with the Experts" presentations during this school year

Did you Know?

Rheem has a long-standing tradition of focusing on the lifeskills of **Caring and Friendship** during the weeks between the Thanksgiving and Winter holidays by helping those in need. This effort is called "Rheem Cares." K – 3rd grades will support the Berkeley Women's Drop-In Shelter, while 4th and 5th graders support Heifer International and the Make a Wish Foundation, respectively. Be on the lookout for information coming home in the backpacks or through teacher e-newsletters this week so that your family can get involved and experience the joy of helping out.

Hello From Roadrunner Club, submitted by Eleanor Persons, RRC director

The Roadrunner kids enjoyed a fun week prior to the Thanksgiving Break. Due to the conference schedule, we had long days and lots of kids, with great art projects and great weather. On Tuesday, with the misty, breezy weather, we half expected Mary Poppins to fly in with her umbrella!

I want to remind all of you that we have wonderful job opportunities at Roadrunner Club. We are looking for someone who likes children and wants to earn a little extra spending money. Do you want to purchase something special for the holidays? Apply here!

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving. See you again soon!

Last Word...

We are fortunate people. Most of us don't have to think very hard before coming up with many ideas to put on our gratitude lists. And, although our individual lists vary, there is one thing I know we all have in common: **The Moraga Education Foundation**.

Just imagine how different it might feel to send your child(ren) off to school tomorrow if they were not going to be enjoying the many benefits MEF provides. Computer access would be severely limited and visual and performing arts programs would be non-existent. Librarians, Science Aides, Technology teachers, and Teaching Assistants would not be there to greet and motivate your child(ren). Class sizes would be larger and enriching experiences would be fewer. Instead, *every* parent in the Moraga School District can be assured that *each* child will be supported and inspired by the programs and personnel that MEF provides. What a wonderful gift!

I urge all Rheem families to reflect on our good fortune to be supported by MEF. If you have already given to MEF, we owe you our collective "Thanks." If you haven't yet given, please consider joining the effort by clicking [HERE](#). I know many of you are upping your charitable donations this year in an effort to "do something" to help others. Why not do what you can to make our schools the very best they can be? Our children and their futures are worth it.

I love this school!

Ms. Frank, Principal

