

November 4, 2018

Dear Rheem Team Families,

A large friendly Cat once said, "Look at me! Look at me! Look at me NOW! It is fun to have fun but you have to know how." And that is just what we did at Rheem's this past Wednesday.

This year's Halloween parade began with our teachers taking center stage. Students and parents were treated to a Parade of Storybook Characters (otherwise known as Rheem teachers and staff) as they circled the parade route to "Get Ready for This." Then, the music shifted to more traditional Halloween classics as each grade level, dressed as silly, super and spooky characters of all shapes and sizes, paraded as the crowd cheered. It was a great show of Rheem Team spirit!

Highlights included the students and families singing the "Rheem Team Song," the traditional 5th grade "Ghostbusters" dance, and the announcement of the Halloween Mystery Vase guessing contest winners (3rd grader Leo P. and 1st grader Jack W.). Also, the Roadrunner mascots were awarded to Mr. Thomson's 2nd grade and Mrs. Drury's 4th grade for running the most laps at the recent FUN(d) run. The entire Rheem Team was in full effect!!

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, November 5th:

- MSD presents a night discussing: Enrollment, Registration and Class Size from 7:00-8:30pm in the JM Library
- Lamorinda Bus Evacuation Drill at morning drop off

Tuesday, November 6th:

- Election polling station at Rheem from 7:00am-8:00pm
- Hot Lunch ordering window for November closes at midnight tonight

Wednesday, November 7th:

- Coordinating Council meeting from 3:30-5:00 in JM's Library

Thursday, November 8th:

- School Site Council meeting from 3:15-4:30 in room 19
- Dyslexia Q & A presentation by Melissa Nolan in JM's Library from 6:00-7:30pm
- Fiscal Advisory Committee meeting in JM's Malucelli Room 3:30-5:00

Friday, November 9th:

- End of the First trimester

Monday, November 12th:

- NO SCHOOL – VETARAN'S DAY

Daylight Savings Time has finally arrived

Don't forget to "Fall Back."

If you have found yourself being early everywhere you've been today you probably didn't get an extra hour of sleep. Please remember to set your clocks back an hour due to Daylight Savings Time.

Polling Station at Rheem on Election Day

Rheem will be hosting the county office of elections this Tuesday, November 6th for election day. Polling booths will be set up in the Frank and are scheduled to be open from 7:00AM - 8:00PM. There will also be a polling station at JM's Library for those less fortunate to live in Rheem attendance area :)

Hot Lunch will re-open ordering window through midnight Tuesday (11/6)

Dear Parents,

There was a glitch at the end of October in the ability to order hot lunch for November. As a result, some of you were not able to order for the first two days of November as well as the following week for your child.

Sodexo will be re-opening the ordering window until Tuesday, November 6th at midnight. This will allow you to order for this coming week. If possible, we also encourage you to pre-order for December and January.

Thank you from the Hot Lunch Team!

Did you Know?

Supervision Before and After School

It's important that students are well supervised at all times. Supervision before school begins at 8:10 (9:10 for late friends) and extends 15 minutes after dismissal. It's important to be aware of these limits so that your child is always adequately supervised. Unless your child is enrolled in Roadrunner Club, please make sure your child does not arrive before 8:10 in the morning; also, make sure that your child is picked up by 3:20.

Students who arrive on campus before or remain after we provide supervision, may be asked to report to Roadrunner Club and a resulting fee will be charged. Thank you for your cooperation.

Plan Ahead for Parent Conferences

This year, parent-teacher conferences will be held for all K through 5th grade students during "Conference Week," November 13 - 16. We strongly encourage that you schedule a conference with your child's teacher on these days, since the teachers have these days set aside to focus on the invaluable school-home connection.

As you know, the conference offers a special opportunity for parents and teacher to share information about the child. The best conferences end with both the parents and teacher feeling they have learned something about the child. Be sure to read "[Tips for a Successful Parent Teacher Conference](#)" to make the most of this important opportunity.

Also, it's not too early to make arrangements for the changes to the bell schedule to accommodate Conference Week. Click [HERE](#) to view the specific schedule (also known as the "Rheem Team Family Challenge") that includes three "shortened minimum days" on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday of Conference Week.

The Scholastic Book Fair is Next Week! *Submitted by Sharon Gillbanks
Rheem Librarian*

Rheem's annual Book Fair, benefiting our school library, will be during conference week, November 13–16. Make sure to check your child's backpack for the informational packet. Each class will have a specific time to visit the fair during school hours. Students can shop, spend their Summer Reading Program \$5 Coupon, or make their wish lists (if you do not wish your child to spend money during the fair).

Allowing your child to shop during the class time is entirely optional, although shopping independently will help your child practice math, decision making, and time management skills. Specific instructions and a flyer were sent home in students' backpacks last week. I highly encourage you to visit the book fair with your child prior to his/her class visit to help him/her choose books and make a wish list to bring to the fair to help your child have a successful class visit. You are also more than welcome to shop with your child during his/her class visit!

The fair will also be open before and 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 library!

Book Fair Shopping Hours:

Tuesday, November 13th: 8:00am-8:30am; 11:30am-2:30pm

Wednesday, November 14th: 8:00am-8:30am; 1:30pm-5:00pm

Thursday, November 15th: 8:00am-8:30am; 11:30am – 8:00pm

Friday, November 16th: 8:00am – 2:00pm

Volunteers Needed Please:

Please click [HERE](#) to sign up (you can also view your child's class visit times at the same link)

Hello from Roadrunner Club

We have had a busy and fun month of October! You may have noticed some spooky bats, goofy pumpkins, and funny witch hats coming home with your

child. We also did a cooking/science project where we dipped pretzels in melted marshmallows and chocolate and discussed which melted quicker! Your kids really seemed to enjoy this!

Please welcome Jessica Stafford and Jack Crowder to our Road Runner staff! Jessica joins us as a Leader in the morning and afternoons and is a local Moraga mom and resident. Jack is a senior at Campolindo and works in the afternoons as an Aide. 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: New to Road Runner this year is that families are now responsible for inputting their schedules online at <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=moraga&id=3> Any changes to your schedule/reservation need to be made before the 23rd of each month by 4pm. The changes go into effect on the 1st of the month. If you don't make any changes, your schedule will remain the same.

Parent Ed Opportunity

MSD Presents a Night Discussing Enrollment, Registration and Class Size

November 5, 2018 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at 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.

Dyslexia Q & A with Melissa Nolan

Thursday, November 8th 6:00-7:30

Melissa Nolan is a Licensed Educational Psychologist, a member of the California Association of School Psychologists and the Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates, Inc. She will be holding a Q & A on November 8, from 6 - 7:30 PM in the JM Library.

The Last Word...

This year's Halloween theme of Storybook Characters provided me an opportunity to dress up like the Cat in the Hat. *The Cat in the Hat* is the first book I remember reading by myself and a book I remember my mother reading to me time and time again.

Author Theodor Geisel took a year and a half to come up with the story, and in looking back on it's accomplishments noted:

"It is the book I'm proudest of because it had something to do with the death of the Dick and Jane primers." He also admitted that same year that he wrote the story with a political message in mind. "The Cat in the Hat is a revolt against authority, but it's ameliorated by the fact that the Cat cleans up everything at the end. It's revolutionary in that it goes as far as Kernesky and then stops. It doesn't go quite as far as Lenin." As for the doomsdayer fish, Dr. Seuss said he used Cotton Mather, the famous Puritan minister during the Salem witch trials, as a source of inspiration."

I can tell you this, none of those things ever entered my mind when I read the book, but I do fondly remember my mother sitting next to me on our sofa sharing the magical words of Dr. Seuss. If you have not read with your child recently, young or old, I strongly recommend you sit down and pick up a story that will make each of you smile and enjoy each other's company...I think you'll find that any story will do and in the event you can't think of one just pick up Dr. Seuss.

There's no place like Rheem,
Mr. Sullivan