

# RHEEMARKS

November 5, 2017

In 1992 the United States Olympic Committee assembled the greatest basketball team in the history of the sport, and they were known as the “Dream Team.” This legendary team won the Olympic gold medal in the '92 Summer Games, beating their opponents by an average of 40 points a game. Well it's been 25 years in the making, but finally a team has been assembled to challenge those great Olympians...let's hear it for the DRheem Team!!!

This year's Halloween Parade witnessed greatness aplenty with Kindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup> graders starting off the festivities decked out in their memorable costumes. Teachers, staff and the legendary Funky Pumpkin took to the parade ground next dressed as the DRheem Team. From players, to refs, to backboards, and security guards reigning in a dancing bear, the Rheem Team Spirit was shining bright as ever. Our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders joined in the fun next and the festivities wrapped up with the 5<sup>th</sup> graders cutting it up in the “Ghostbusters” dance. Nobody rocks Halloween like Rheem!!

*(Some other highlights included: students singing the Rheem Team Song, Mr. Thomson and Mr. Greer's classes being awarded the Roadrunner for running the most laps in last month's Fun(d) Run, Mrs. Maia Tseng playing the piano, and the Funky Pumpkin guessing contest winners.)*

## **This Week at Rheem:**

Monday, November 6th:

- Regularly scheduled day

Tuesday, November 7th:

- Regularly scheduled day

Wednesday, November 8th:

- Coordinating Council meeting (3:30 – 5:00 at Camino Pablo ES)

Thursday, November 9th:

- School Site Council meeting (3:15-4:30)

Friday, November 10th:

- Veterans Day (No School)

## **Traffic and Safety Reminder**

Schools across America have a number of responsibilities, but none more important than ensuring the safety of their students. With that in mind, safety at Rheem has always been a team effort. As was mentioned at Back-to-School Night in August along with other times in the weekly Rheemarks and school-to-home messages, please be safe when driving your children to school. Rheem shares a road with many neighbors and for over an hour every day (morning and afternoon drop off) the traffic is heavy. Please remember to adhere to all traffic laws and drive the posted speed limit of 25 MPH (or slower if need be). I know the stressors that can go with a busy schedule and getting people to places on time, but nothing is as important as getting all children to school safely. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **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 Coupons, 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:

Monday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>: 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>: 8 – 8:30 am & 11:30 – 2pm

Wednesday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>: 8 - 8:30 am & 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Thursday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>: 8 – 9 am & 11:30 – 6:30 pm

### Volunteers Needed...PLEASE!

Sign up at: (you can view your child's class visit times here too) [CLICK HERE](#)

### Can't Make it?

Online Book Fair site with even more books available [CLICK HERE](#)

## **Plan Ahead for Parent Conferences**

This year, parent-teacher conferences will be held the week of November 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. We strongly encourage you to schedule a conference with your child's teacher on these days, since the teachers have them set aside to focus on the invaluable school-home connection.

Conferences offer 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 download 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.

## **School News and Highlights:**

**Fall Carnival and Cake Walk** – What a week we just had at Rheem!!! In case Halloween was not a big enough event we were able to experience some more energy and excitement at the Fall Carnival and Cake Walk. Good times were had by all who were able to attend. A special thanks to chairperson A.J. Brown and all of the volunteers for their countless hours of preparation and support to make Rheem a place like no other.

## **A Message from Roadrunner**

*Hello from Roadrunner Club!!!*

*What a great week!!! Weather has been terrific. Many of the children have been enjoying the outdoor games our new employee Mr. Don has set up for them! We love him!!! He is working on his Masters in Recreation at St Mary's College and we lucked out when he had to fulfill a requirement. We are also back in the swing of things with art and science projects; We melted colored crayons on small pumpkins, we colored and painted pumpkins, and we made fall wreaths. Our science project was making ghosts with balloons, water, baking soda and vinegar. Pretty awesome!!!*

*Just a gentle reminder that if your child is taking an After-School Enrichment class, there is not enough time for them to do the art project at Roadrunner. We are usually cleaned up by the time they return from class at 4:15. Also we have had a lot of musical instruments left at Roadrunner Club for extended periods of time. We have very limited space and CANNOT store your instrument for the week in between classes. Therefore please remember to pick the instrument up when you pick up your child.*

*Conference days are coming up November 14, 16 and 17. Please remember if you have a Permanent Reservation on Tuesdays, Thursdays and or Friday we will be expecting your child at the 11:45am dismissal. You will be charged from 11:45am on those 3 days. If you cancel ONE WEEK in advance you WILL NOT be charged for that day.*

*Also, please provide a lunch if your child is attending Roadrunner on Conference days.*

*Thank you,*

*Eleanor*

## **The Last Word:**

Did you know Veterans Day, originally known as Armistice Day, was created to commemorate those Americans who lost their lives fighting in World War I. The day itself, November 11th, is the day in which the U.S. and its allies agreed to an armistice (truce/cease fire) with Germany which stopped the fighting in 1917. Since that time Veterans Day has become a national holiday in which all soldiers who have fought in wars are honored for their service to our country. To some, this Friday may only represent the start of a 3-day weekend, but as parents and educators we have an opportunity to share with our children and students the real reason for the holiday. I love this short [video](#), and believe it speaks to an America the brave men and women have fought so valiantly to preserve.

Thank you for taking the time to read all the RHEEMARKS : )

There is no place like Rheem,

Mr. Sullivan