

December 15, 2019

Dear Rheem Team Families,

There is one week left before Winter Break. (Can you believe the calendar year is almost done?) Please note that **Friday, December 20 is a minimum day for all students**. On Friday, all students arrive at 8:25, and will be dismissed at 12:12. Remember, there is no lunch served on minimum days.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, December 16th:

- Regularly scheduled Monday

Tuesday, December 17th:

- Regularly scheduled Tuesday

Wednesday, December 18th:

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

Thursday, December 19th:

- Assembly
 - 8:30 - 9:15
 - 10:30 – 11:15

Friday, December 20th:

- Minimum Day (8:25-12:12 for all students)
- Spirit Assembly
 - 8:30 - 9:20
 - 10:30 – 11:20

December 23rd - January 6th:

- Winter Break

MSD Elementary School Climate Survey

A hundred and two families have participated in this year's [Climate Survey](#). (it should take you less than 5 minutes) Your vital feedback gives teachers, staff, administrators and the district important information about your student's current school experience. Survey information is used to monitor progress and develop future areas to improve upon via school plans and the District's [Local Control Accountability Plan](#).

The Climate Survey closes on December 20th, and my hope is that as many Rheem families participate as possible. (Last year we had over 150 families participate and it would be great if we could get at least that same amount again this year.) Thank you to all who have taken the survey and please consider taking a few minutes to include your vital feedback.

Survey link: [MSD Elementary School Climate Survey](#)

School News and Highlights

It was great to see so many families able to attend Friday's 4th/5th grade Winter Concert. The choir, orchestra and band came ready to perform and gave us a show to remember.

2nd grade International Celebrations: This week, each 2nd grade class will be hosting an International Party to celebrate all the work they have done on their Holiday Units. It is a great opportunity for students to experience different games, activities and food from cultures around the world. Kudos Mr. Thomson, Mrs. Webster and Ms. Guidi.

Rheem Cares Program – due this Tuesday (12/17)

There is still time for your student to take part in the "Rheem Cares Program" where they help support those less fortunate. Gifts and gift cards are due this Tuesday, December 17th.

Measure V Construction Update:

Phase II of Rheem's Measure V construction is coming to an end and with it comes the opening of Phase III work. After Winter Break all classes that were situated in the portables (1st grade, 2nd grade and two 3rd grade) will be starting the new year in a fresh and new Wing 3.

The Main Office will be moving across the way to Room 1 (in Wing 1) and Ms. Kathan and Ms. Gessling's Kindergarten classes will be moving to Rooms 23 and 25 for the remainder of the school year.

Existing protocols will still be in place, visitors to campus will check in at the office by using the steps just outside Room 1.

Did you Know?

Lost and Found Clothing

Our Lost and Found is overflowing! Please be sure to check the Lost and Found clothing racks in front of the Office as there are jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters and other odds & ends just waiting to be claimed. Most families are surprised to find items that they didn't even realize were missing!

Rheem Leadership students check the lost and found weekly for any items that are labeled with student names. Please make sure to clearly mark your child's clothing, lunchbox, hats, etc. with your child's name.

The current Lost and Found will be on display through Friday, December 20th at 12:30 p.m. At that time, all unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.

The Last Word...

Before Thanksgiving, the Moraga Education Foundation ran a “Grateful for Great Schools” campaign, highlighting many wonderful people and programs at Moraga schools. From teacher’s aides in the classroom, to art and music classes with credentialed teachers, all of our students benefit from MEF grants. When I think of the impact MEF has on every single student, it is pretty astounding. In addition to the aforementioned staffing, MEF also funds: P.E. teachers; librarians; computer teachers and technology; an elementary school counselor; math acceleration/intervention program; reading tutors; science aides; staff development; and more. It is dizzying to see just how impactful your donations to MEF really are. (and all of this would not exist without your generous support)

With that said, it has come to my attention recently that MEF donations are down significantly this year. I know our days, weeks, and months can feel like a blur sometimes, but as we come to the end of the tax year, please visit moragaeducation.org and consider making a gift to MEF so that your generosity can continue to have such a significant impact on your child’s development and educational experience.

Thank you so much for your support! And remember, a donation to MEF is a donation to Rheem!

There’s no place like Rheem!

Mr. Sullivan