

RHEEMARKS

February 25, 2018

This week may bring some much-needed rainfall to Moraga. The forecast has it raining tomorrow, Thursday and Friday. Be sure to have your student dress according and look to leave a little earlier for school since drop off (and pick up) will probably take a little more time.

Please keep reading for a look at the rest of the week.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, February 19th:

- 5th grade parent orientation night in JM Library
- AUHSD – special board meeting to discuss Calendar Task Force Recommendations for 2019-20 school year at Del Valle Adult School in Walnut Creek from 7:00-9:00

Tuesday, February 20th:

- 4th grade Field Trip to Sacramento
- 5th grade panoramic photo

Wednesday, February 21st:

- Regularly scheduled Wednesday

Thursday, February 22nd:

- Wellness Committee presents – A Night with the Experts: Stress and How to Deal with It (6:30PM-8:00PM JM Library)

Friday, February 23rd:

- Soul Shoppe Workshop – Sportsmanship
- “Spirit of Alaska” – 3rd grade on-site field trip

School News and Highlights.

- 5th grade parent orientation at JM. On Monday, February 26th Joaquin Moraga Intermediate will be offering two opportunities for incoming

6th grade parents (2018-19 school year) to get up to speed on what to expect regarding scheduling, class placement, and tips to help you support your student. 9:45 AM will be the first presentation and 6:30 PM is the second. Both presentations will be in the JM Library.

- Our 4th graders will be leaving early Tuesday morning to experience some of the Old West with a visit historical Old Town Sacramento. From the Gold Rush to the Great Continental Railroad, it will be a great opportunity for them to travel back in time.
- This Friday will be another opportunity for our students to participate in Soul Shoppe. This week's workshop will focus on Sportsmanship. Please click [here](#) for more information on the workshop.
- 5th grade families: The 5th grade panoramic photo will be this Tuesday. Please ask your your child to wear their 5th grade Rheem tshirt.

School Climate Survey Results:

In the MSD Climate Survey given in November, 2017, 122 Rheem parents responded as follows:

86% respondents agreed with the statement "My child feels safe at school. (Protected from verbal and/or physical harassment)"

Actual breakdown: 38.5% strongly agree; 47.5% agree; 9.8% disagree; 1.6% strongly disagree, 2.6% don't know.

PICTURES FOR THE YEARBOOK NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY MARCH 9TH!

If you have any photographs from school, whether it's at a Spirit Assembly, a class party or Field Trip please submit them by March 9th.

You can submit photos at <http://community.pictavo.com/> or you can download the Pictavo App and submit them directly from your phone.

Please email candi@toupinconstruction.com with any questions.

Thank you!

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Yearbook Chair

Stress and How to Deal with It – *Parent Ed Opportunity*

The Moraga School District Wellness Committee presents “Stress and How to Deal with it”, presented by JM counselor Gaby Alvarez and parent and pediatrician Dr. Paul Espinas. The program will focus on stress and its effects on health, how to manage it and how to practice resilience. The program will be interactive and is designed for 5th-8th grade students and parents and support providers. 5th graders must be accompanied by a parent or support provided. Sign up [HERE](#) for the program, which will be held in the JM library on March 15 from 6:30 to 8:00PM. Light snacks will be served.

Hello from Roadrunner – *submitted by Eleanor Parsons*

Boy have we been busy with all the recent holidays. We made Valentine cookies for Valentine’s day; we made glitter masks for Mardi Gras; we painted beautiful dragons for Chinese New Year and we colored Olympic rings to celebrate the Olympics. We also got creative and used our imagination to design new games. Ask your child about President Herbert Hoover's game called Hooverball, which they do at his Presidential Library once a year in West Branch Iowa.

Just a gentle reminder: When you change your schedule (which is due on the 12th and effective on the 20th of each month), please use the **BLUE** Permanent Reservation form and put down your whole new schedule. I understand that many of us communicate

our reservations via e-mail, however we still input all of our permanent reservations **manually** and refer to them many times a day so we need the actual **BLUE** form with the correct information.

We have many children signing out every day and walking to a meet spot to meet their parent or their ride. We are noticing that on many occasions the parent or the ride is not there on time at the pick-up location (example in front of the school). We tell the children if their parent or ride is not there within 5 minutes to return to the Roadrunner room. The school is very deserted after 4pm, and Rheem school is very isolated. So please be on time, or change your time. If your child comes back to the room, you will need to come to the room and sign him/her out.

Thank you,

Eleanor

The Last Word

This year's Read-a-thon may be over, but reading is forever! And, thank goodness! Engaging, enlightening, AND cost-effective, the power of a good book is unlike any other form of entertainment. And, better still, reading makes the world a better place:

Last year a good friend of mine shared with me a great article on how parents and students can get the most out of reading. Among the many things students learn from reading are: empathy, compassion, respect and understanding. With that said, I can't think of more relaxing and cerebral way to make the world a better place than by picking up a good book. Please click [here](#) for some really helpful tips on making the most of your child's reading experience.

There's no place like Rheem,

Mr. Sullivan