

February 3, 2019

Dear Rheem Team Families,

I hope your weekend was enjoyable and the Super Bowl is still close. Take a read to see what's happening at Rheem this week.

## **This Week at Rheem:**

### Monday, February 4th:

- Regularly scheduled Monday

### Tuesday, February 5th:

- Regularly scheduled Tuesday

### Wednesday, February 6th:

- "[Coffee with the Counselor](#)" – 8:30am-9:30am in the Frank (MUR)

### Thursday, February 7th:

- Kindergarten Registration

### Friday, February 8th:

- Kindergarten Registration

## **School News and Highlights**

Congratulations to all of our Spelling Bee contestants for sharing their amazing talent and thrilling the crowd with their knowledge of the written word. The final round saw Mae C. take home the championship. Kudos again to all of this year's participants:

Matthew Morelli

Lia Yee

Abigail Lee

Thomas Eirich

Siegfried Needham

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## Did you Know?

MEF provides so many opportunities for our students. Whether it's art, music, computers, library, PE and more, MEF makes a difference every day for the children in Moraga schools. This year, MEF has funded the district counseling position held by Ms. Bess Inzeo. Ms. Inzeo's work this year has provided support throughout the district and this Wednesday you can get a chance to hear all about it at [Coffee with the Counselor](#) in the Frank from 8:30-9:30.

## Read-a-thon Update

We've had a very strong start to the 2019 Rheem Read-a-thon! Thank you for all your support of this program. We'd also like to thank Allegro Copy and Print for printing the Read-a-thon bookmarks, Bel and Bunna's Books for donating the top prizes, and Jen Blau for her wonderful design work.

There is still time to submit [sponsor sheets](#). Simply drop them in the basket located in the front office. As a reminder, this year's Read-a-thon proceeds will go directly towards improving classroom libraries.

With ***Crazy Hair Day*** on the line, we need you to add your students' hours through the online form: <https://goo.gl/forms/ZqnhAXLGuh9AcB412>. **Ninety percent student participation** is required to earn this fun day. If you forgot to enter last week's hours, don't worry about it! Simply select which week's hours you are submitting when you fill out the form. If you prefer a paper tally sheet, one is available [here](#), and can be downloaded from the Rheem PTA website (<https://rheempta.membershiptoolkit.com>). Turn in the sheet and reading hours will be credited to your student.

Any questions? Please contact the Read-a-thon chairs: Karen Jaworski ([karen@kjaworski.com](mailto:karen@kjaworski.com)) | Zheni Nikolova ([zheninikolova@gmail.com](mailto:zheninikolova@gmail.com))

## Kindergarten & Transitional Kindergarten Registration

Welcome '19 – '20 kindergarteners! Rheem will hold registration for next year's Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten (TK) students this Thursday and Friday, February 7th and 8th. Registration will take place in Rheem's Room 25 from 9:00am – 2:00 pm on both days.

To be eligible for kindergarten, the child must turn 5 years of age by September 1, 2019. To be eligible for TK, the child must have their 5th birthday between Sept. 2 and Dec. 2, 2019.

For detailed information about online registration, immunization requirements, and what documents to bring on registration days, click [HERE](#).

## Calling All 5th Grade Parents

We **NEED** your 5th graders adorable baby photo for the yearbook. Please follow the directions below to upload your photo. The due date to have your child's photo included in the yearbook was January 31st and we only have 25 pictures! **Please upload ASAP!**

### HOW DO I UPLOAD PHOTOS?

- 1) Log onto <http://community.pictavo.com/> or download the Pictavo Community App
- 2) Log In or Create and account
- 3) Add Rheem School to your account- School ID 80506 or search by State and City
- 4) Upload Photos! Make sure to select a category (i.e. 5th Grade Baby Photo)

\*\*\*Please note that there is a required line "Who is in the Photo", where you will need to put your child's first and last name.

If you have any questions or need help please email Jennifer Wen at [jennwen001@gmail.com](mailto:jennwen001@gmail.com)

## School Climate Survey Results

Over the next several weeks, I will be including results from the 2018-19 Climate Survey that was sent out in November, 2018. 168 Rheem families responded as follows:

95% respondents agreed with the statement “School adults consistently model respectful behavior that creates a positive climate for learning.”

Actual breakdown: 55% strongly agree; 40% agree; 2% disagree; 1% strongly disagree and 2% didn’t know.

## Parent Education Opportunities - *Parenting in the Age of Technology*

Mark your calendar for Thursday, February 21st to see this great presentation by Dr. Erica Pelavin discussing the impact of social media; digital reputation: how to manage damage and help teens learn from mistakes; and the latest research around emotional and psychological responses to social media, it’s impact on the brain and sleep. Dr. Pelavin’s presentation goes from 6:30-8:00 at the JM Library. Be sure to RSVP by clicking [HERE](#).

## The Last Word...

For the past several year’s Rheem, has championed the idea of a “Growth Mindset,” the belief that a person’s abilities and intelligence can be developed through practice, hard work, dedication, and motivation. One powerful way to promote and support a growth mindset in our children is by carefully choosing the words we use when praising them. Click [HERE](#) for an in depth and compelling look into the research behind this.

So now that we’ve learned NOT to say “You’re so smart (awesome, talented, etc.)!” because such praise reinforces a fixed mindset, what SHOULD we say? Click [HERE](#) for a downloadable poster that provides 30 kid-friendly examples of what to say instead of “You’re so smart.” Once we become aware that giving feedback linked to specific efforts and process is much more motivating than non-specific praise for “fixed” attributes, our children will grow stronger and more resilient as a result.

There is no place like Rheem,  
Mr. Sullivan