

March 17, 2019

Dear Rheem Team Families,

Spring was in full bloom last week, with with the sun staying out an extra hour to go along with some amazing weather. There are two more weeks of school before Spring Break (April 1-5), and this week we will be capping it off with a show for the ages...the **3rd Annual Variety Show**. The **Variety Show** is free of charge but be sure to bring a few extra dollars for treats, as our 5th graders will be selling concessions at the show. There will be pizza, drinks and snacks to choose from. (All profits will go to the 5th grade overnight science field trip at the Marin Headlands as well as the end of year graduation party).

There is plenty going on at Rheem and in the district this week, so be sure to keep reading.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, March 18th:

- Regularly scheduled Monday

Tuesday, March 19th:

- Mrs. Cavallero's 5th grade class on a field trip to Valle Vista Outdoor Ed Site
- Parents of English Learner Students: Technology Parent Education at the JM Computer Lab (Rooms 11 & 12) from 6:00-7:30

Wednesday, March 20th:

- iKind presents a free screening of "A Brave Heart" in the JM Auditorium from 7:00-8:30

Thursday, March 21st:

- Mr. Greer's 5th grade class on a field trip to Valle Vista Outdoor Ed Site

Friday, March 22nd:

- 2nd grade field trip to AT&T Park (now called Oracle Park in S.F.)
- 3rd Annual Rheem Variety Show in the Frank (6:00 PM start – don't be late)

School News and Highlights

- A good time was had by all at Saturday night's **MEF Gala: Rev Up for Education**. And that is no surprise when you bring good food, good music and good friends together. Thank you for your continued support of [MEF](#).

- Many thanks to Rheem families who have already sent in Read-a-thon donations, which are due Friday, March 29. Our students did a great job reading (nearly 14,000 hours); let's show them our support.
- **Rheem's 3rd annual Variety Show** is this coming Friday, March 22nd. Be sure to mark your calendar, as it will be a night you won't want to miss. Curtain is at 6:00.

Classroom Photos Needed

We are in need of more photos (candid and posed) for this year's yearbook. If you have photos that you've taken in the classroom, on campus or on field trips please, (please) follow the directions below to upload photos. We are hoping to make this year's yearbook as amazing as ever and we need your help. If you have questions or need more information, please reach out to Casey Sproul at casey.sproul@gmail.com.

The following classrooms are in more need of photos:

K- Gessling

K- Kathan

2nd- Webster

3rd- Berkman

3rd- Johnson

3rd- Ralph

4th- Culleton

4th- McMullen

5th- Greer

5th- Gubser

Field Trips- All grades

Native American Days

Spirit Assemblies

Colonial Days

Music

PE

Roadrunner Club

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.

Hello from Roadrunner Club!

As submitted by Eleanor Persons

Just a reminder - if your child leaves RRC to attend an afternoon ASEP class, please pack them an afternoon snack as they aren't in the Club during our snack time.

If you have made a Drop-In reservation, you will be charged for that time, even if your plans change. Once the reservation is made, charges will be assessed.

It is your responsibility to successfully sign out your child/children on the computer. We have been experiencing too many incomplete sign outs. Although we know you, and that you did pick your child up, their sign outs are not being completed and this creates issues at the end of our RRC day. There is a \$10 fee for incomplete sign outs as defined in the MSD Childcare Handbook. Although we have been lenient in the past, given the frequency that this is currently occurring, the fees will be added to your bills at the end of each month. If you do not know how to successfully and consistently sign out, please ask your Leader when picking up your child/children.

More pro-active security measures are being implemented on school campuses all over the United States. The Moraga School District has introduced a security measure named the Raptor Program. This measure requires all parents to acknowledge their presence on our campus. You will sign in at the office between the hours of 7:30am and 4:00pm before you pick up your child at Roadrunner Club. They will give you a sticker which indicates you have checked in and are on campus. When you pick your child up from Roadrunner you will want to return to the office to sign out of the Raptor Program as you leave Roadrunner. Please get in the habit of complying with this important security measure before you pick up your child at Roadrunner Club.

Thank you,
Eleanor

Parent Ed Opportunity

Parents of English Learner Students – Technology Parent Education

Parents of English Learner students are invited to a night of learning on Tuesday, March 19th. The program begins at 6:00 PM in the JM Computer Lab (Rooms 11 & 12) and will focus on all the technology Moraga School District students utilize on a daily basis. Please

RSVP with Sally McLaughlin at smclaughlin@moraga.k12.ca.us (Be sure to bring your students login info)

Moraga iKind Presents: "A Brave Heart"

JMIS Theater, March 20, 2019: 7:00-8:30 PM

A BRAVE HEART: THE LIZZIE VELASQUEZ STORY introduces viewers to a friendly Texas girl with a big smile, big hair, and an enormous heart. Born with an extremely rare congenital condition that makes it impossible for her to gain weight (among other ongoing health issues), Lizzie has never looked like anyone else -- but thanks to loving parents and what sounds like an extremely supportive community, she managed to have a somewhat normal childhood and girlhood, despite some giggles, stares, and teasing. But then she found the video someone posted on YouTube with the title "The World's Ugliest Woman" -- and it was her. The hundreds of cruel comments ("Kill it with fire!" "Shoot yourself!") could have ensured that she never left the house again, but instead, Lizzie found the strength and courage to stand up and fight back.

This film is appropriate for parents and Middle School Students (Age 12+). Parents, students and all community members are invited to attend. The movie will be followed by a Student Discussion Panel and free Ice Cream.

Please RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-brave-heart-the-lizzie-velasquez-story-tickets-54086987636>

More Information at: www.moragaikind.org/movies

Lamorinda School Bus Program: Moraga Parent Workshop

On Thursday, March 21st at 7:00PM in the JM Library, the Lamorinda School Bus Program will be holding a workshop to provide more information about upcoming changes for next year, please click [HERE](#) for more background on the LSBP.

NEW – The Lamorinda School Bus Program now has e-notification for board meetings. This service is provided via the City of Lafayette website at www.lovelafayette.org. Click [here](#) for a direct link.

Questions? Please call us at 925-299-3216 or visit www.lamorindaschoolbus.org

The Last Word...

On any given day at Rheem you will find children working together on a number of things. Whether it's in the classroom, the playground or in the cafeteria, your student(s) has the

opportunity to collaborate more than ever before. Research shows that when children are able to engage their peers in conversation to show their understanding, they not only help themselves, but their classmates as well.

One of the great ways we collaborate here at Rheem is to provide opportunities for older students to take on leadership roles. For example:

- 5th graders have the opportunity to take part in student council, where they help plan school events
- 5th graders also make up the SWAT Team (Students Working Against Trash), where they help students in the lunchroom make sure they are composting and recycling.
- 4th graders have the opportunity to be a peer tutor, where they push in to K-2nd classrooms to help teachers and students with a variety of support.
- 3rd graders are partnered with 2nd grade buddies to form friendships and build bonds with a younger student. (4th and 5th graders also have this opportunity).

The reason for all these opportunities is several folds. For starters there is no greater way to connect with others than to be given an opportunity to help them. Secondly, studies have shown that a child's self-esteem grows more when they help support the needs of others. And lastly, it makes our students feel good.

When you take the time to get to know someone else, you develop a greater appreciation for them and are able to connect on a deeper level. And in today's day and age, this is becoming a little bit of a lost art. How many times have you seen someone standing in the midst of others just staring at their phone? With the increased access to technology at an earlier age, it is our responsibility to teach and provide our students the opportunity to build their interpersonal skills and allow them to engage others in meaningful relationships.

Kudos to all the students at Rheem for helping each other and developing the tools that will make the world a better place.

There is no place like Rheem,
Mr. Sullivan