

# RHEEMARKS

March 18, 2018

Another wet week is in the forecast so please remember to have your student dress accordingly and look to leave a little earlier than normal so as to manage the traffic on Laird.

For more info on Rheem please keep reading.

## **This Week at Rheem:**

### Monday, March 19th:

- JM Music Tour – 9:15-10:00 in the Frank (for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students)

### Tuesday, March 20th:

- Regularly Scheduled Tuesday

### Wednesday, March 21st:

- Walk Through the American Revolution (Cavallero's class)
- Moraga's Governing School Board visits Rheem

### Thursday, March 22nd:

- Regularly Scheduled Thursday

### Friday, March 23rd:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip to AT&T Park in S.F.
- Kindergarten Spirit Assembly – (Kinders only)
- Rheem's Annual Variety Show – from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Frank

## **School News and Highlights.**

- This Friday our Kindergartners will be participating in a special Kinder Only Spirit Assembly. Every kindergartner gets a chance to spin the wheel at Rheem and this week we are going to be celebrating several students from each class who have their lucky "Gold Slip" drawn.

- Over the last couple of weeks our 1<sup>st</sup> graders have been learning about seeds and the impact they have on our environment. A special thank you to the volunteers from Heather Farms who did a marvelous job sharing with our students the mystery, and magic, of seeds.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be traveling to San Francisco this Friday to get a first-hand look at AT&T Park. Baseball season is right around the corner and what better way to learn more about America's Pastime than to visit the stadium where the Giants call home.

## **Rheem's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Variety Show – Friday 3/23**

Bring the whole family to Rheem Friday night for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Variety Show. There will be singing and dancing, as well as jokes and skits to liven your evening and brighten your spirits. The show runs from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Frank. I look forward to seeing you there!

## **School Climate Survey Results:**

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

88.5% respondents agreed with the statement "School adults consistently model respectful behavior that creates a positive climate for learning."

Actual breakdown: 51.6% strongly agree; 36.9% agree; 4.9% disagree; 0% strongly disagree, 6.6% don't know.

## **Hello from Roadrunner Club**

We have gone above and beyond even for Roadrunner Club standards with our fun art projects and fabulous recreational activities. Deborah taught us how to make bouncy balls using borax, glue and cornstarch and they really, really bounced. What a blast!!! We did fresh vegetable paint stamps, and

learned about different vegetables while having fun at the same time. In the meantime, our fabulous Don is organizing 30 children at a time for fun activities like: kick ball, baseball, soccer, and hockey. Don is teaching valuable life skills such as respect, sportsmanship and the importance of team work. We here at Roadrunner are so very fortunate to have the wonderful staff that cares and nurtures your children.

Have a great week,

Eleanor

## Every School Day Counts

Friday, March 9th marked the end of the 2nd trimester. Below is the year over year attendance rates. It is important to remember that every school day counts.

	2017-18	2016-17
Attendance/Absences	97.3%	97.4%
Truancy/Unexcused Absences	327	314
Tardies	849	605

Did you know:

- Missing 10% of school can make it harder to learn to read
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves! It's important to build the habit of regular on-time attendance early. The impact will last a lifetime. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

(adapted from Attendance Works)

## **The Last Word**

This past Wednesday a few dozen Rheem 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> students gathered in the Garden during morning recess (10:05-10:25) to listen and share their concerns about recent school violence and the impact it has on everyone. Several 5<sup>th</sup> grade students organized the get together and discussed with me a place where they could hold it. It was decided the garden would be an ideal fit, as it would be away from the loud noises and excitement of recess, while also providing a peaceful setting that was safe and easily accessible.

There were 35 students who voluntarily came to the garden. Over half of the group respectively shared their thoughts and perspectives. I have to say it was amazing to see how each of them listened intently and allowed everyone to share their thoughts without interruption.

I cannot begin to express how impressed and proud I was with each student who participated in the event, and how our students were able to come together to talk about important issues in an open and respectful manner. What was most impressive was how this was purely student driven. It is moments like these that give me great confidence in the way our Roadrunners are growing as students and citizens.

Another great example of why there's no place like Rheem,

Mr. Sullivan