

RHEEMARKS

March 4, 2018

Time sure does fly when you're having fun! Can you believe this Friday marks the end of the 2nd trimester? With the end of the trimester comes a flurry of notices (end of winter hot lunch; spring hot lunch orders due; no school next Monday, March 12th; and more).

For more up to date info on Rheem keep reading.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, March 5th:

- Seed Secrets – 1st grade onsite field trip presented by Arlene Heather Farms
- Walk Through the American Revolution – 5th grade (Greer and Gubser)
- Picnic Day

Tuesday, March 6th:

- Spring Hot Lunch Orders due (please click [here](#) and scroll down to the hot lunch icon and follow the prompts)

Wednesday, March 7th:

- Coordinating Council meeting – from 3:30-5:00 at CP

Thursday, March 8th:

- Regularly Scheduled Thursday

Friday, March 9th:

- End of 2nd Trimester
- Last Day of Winter Hot Lunch
- Auditions for the Rheem Variety Show (3:30-5:30 in The Frank)

Monday, March 12th:

- NO SCHOOL – Staff Development Day

School News and Highlights.

- Soul Shoppe was on campus again this past Friday to impart with our students the importance of sportsmanship. The workshop was designed to help students develop emotional self-management, social awareness, and relationship skills. Students took part in some fun games and skits that showed them the power of encouragement vs. discouragement. Be sure to ask you Roadrunner(s) how the workshop went and if they can tell you all about a Soul Shoppe “Time Out.”
- The excitement level at 7:45AM last Tuesday was palpable as our 4th grade students boarded buses to Sacramento. They visited Old Town, the Capitol, the Railroad Museum, and Sutter's Fort. A jam packed day to say the least and the kids couldn't say enough about all the fun they had! Thank you to all of our parent chaperones who joined in the fun and kudos to Ms. McMullen, Ms. Drury and Ms. Culleton for organizing such a memorable trip.
- This week Arlene from Heather Farms will be visiting all of our 1st graders and teaching them about the secrets of seeds.
- Mr. Greer and Ms. Gubser’s classes will be taking a “Walk Through the American Revolution” this week. The students will be performing roles, (while dressed up as founding fathers and other key players), as they learn about our nations quest for independence.

School Climate Survey Results:

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

92.5% respondents agreed with the statement “My child has caring and supportive friends.”

Actual breakdown: 38% strongly agree; 54.5% agree; 5.0% disagree; 0% strongly disagree, 2.5% don't know.

Hello from Roadrunner – *submitted by Eleanor Parsons*

We have had a lot of fun talking and doing projects related to the Olympics. We have done art projects and had discussions about sportsmanship and are sad to see them end.

Just a couple of administrative notes; On Fridays, your child is allowed to bring one toy to Roadrunner Club from home. We have had a problem with children bringing more than one toy to Roadrunner on Friday. This creates a problem with other children, therefore, please limit your child to **one** toy on Fridays.

If you are signing your child up for an after-school enrichment class, please discuss it with them first. We have had a problem with children not wanting to attend the ASEP class they were signed up for. That puts us in an uncomfortable situation where we are the go between with the ASEP instructor and the child. We at Roadrunner will **not force** any child to attend a class.

We are encouraging all parents to use the e-mail system when making a drop-in and/or cancelling a reservation for their child. Please remember that you should make a drop-in reservation the night before to ensure that we get the information and that we are not full that day. Drop-in reservations are for occasional use or emergencies.

Thanks,

Eleanor

Pictures for the Yearbook Need to be Submitted by This Friday, 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.

The Last Word

My wife recently informed me I wasn't doing enough to help my son in math. The first thought to enter my head was, “don't you mean WE” but after years of missteps I decided to think before speaking and asked, “What specifically do we need to work on?” I thought for sure this would stymie her for a moment or two, but to my good fortune :) she handed me a note from his teacher with the instructions I was looking for on what I could do to help. And so began a new math routine at the Sullivan home.

I share this story with you not to mention how smart much smarter my wife is than me, but rather to reinforce the importance of communication. As the second trimester comes to an end, and report cards begin to formulate, and make their way home near the end of the month, I think of a quote I recently heard, "For any relationship to be successful, there needs to be open communication, appreciation and understanding." With that said, I encourage you to reach out to us with questions on how you can support your child with any challenges they may be facing at school.

Thank you for all that you do for your child(ren), and here's to a great end to the 2nd trimester as well as plans for continued success for the rest of the year.

There's no place like Rheem,

Mr. Sullivan