

RHEEMARKS

April 15, 2018

We have an exciting week on tap at Rheem. Our 5th graders are off to Science Camp, and we are meeting and greeting next year's Kindergartners at the "Getting to Know You" events. In addition, we are looking forward to celebrating Earth Day(s) this Friday and next Monday.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, April 16th:

- 5th grade Science Camp – Marin Headlands
- Kindergarten "Getting to Know You" (from 8:30-11:30)

Tuesday, April 17th:

- 5th grade Science Camp – Marin Headlands
- Kindergarten "Getting to Know You" (from 8:30-11:30)
- Art Ambassador Exhibit – Orinda Public Library from 4:00-6:00

Wednesday, April 18th:

- Safety Committee meeting at CP in Room 7 from 3:30-5:00

Thursday, April 19th:

- Regularly scheduled Thursday

Friday, April 20th:

- Kindergarten onsite field trip – Lawrence Hall of Science presents "Motion Commotion" (All of Ms. Inzeo's class, and only Ms. Inzeo's class, will be Early Birds)
- Earth Day celebration and activities

School News and Highlights.

- This year's Kindergarten Parent Orientation, held on Thursday, April 12 was very well-attended with close to 75 parents present. Many thanks to K teacher, Bess Inzeo; PTA President, Lynette Galarza;

Roadrunner Club Director, Eleanor Persons; and MEF president Heather Davis who joined Mr. Sullivan in providing an overview of the Kindergarten Program specifically and Rheem School in general.

- To celebrate “Earth Day,” Rheem students will be working with their buddy classes for a “Campus Clean- Up and Garden Day.”
- This Tuesday, April 17th at the Orinda Public Library from 4:00-6:00 there will be 70 pieces of elementary and middle school art created this year at our four schools. Come out to see some Roadrunner masterpieces.

MEF’s *Bubbles to Burgundy*

MEF’s annual Auction, was held on Saturday night at the Moraga Country Club, and was a great success! It was wonderful to see such overwhelming support for our students. It is definitely safe to say that the Moraga community continues to be very committed to supporting our schools now and into the future. Thank you [Moraga Education Foundation!](#)

School Climate Survey Results:

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

91.8% respondents agreed with the statement “The school’s behavioral expectations are clear, consistent, and conducive to learning.”

Actual breakdown: 52.5% strongly agree; 39.3% agree; 2.5% disagree; 1.6% strongly disagree, 4.1% don’t know.

Hello from Roadrunner Club

What a great time we have had at Roadrunner Club!!! We had a Roadrunner Olympics on the day before Spring Break to celebrate Deborah's last day. We had relay races with eggs and balloons and we had popsicles for prizes. We are now following Ms. Deborah adventures in Oregon. Ms. Deborah has a family of eagles that lives on her property. We talked about eagles and helped name them and had an eagle drawing contest. So, as you can see, we try to tie in current events with our art projects.

As you all know, security measures are increasing. We are advising all of our parents that we will begin enforcing the existing policy that anyone picking up a child from any of our Child Care clubs must first sign in and out at the school office. They will then receive a visitor pass. All 4 schools will be using the RAPTOR system, which scans their Driver's License and provides the visitor pass. This will be occurring very soon so please be prepared. We here at Roadrunner Club will **ENFORCE** this rule.

Also, a heads up: Roadrunner Club Registration will begin **June 1st** through **August 5th** at the **\$35** dollar rate. After August 5th, the rate is **\$50**. Also, please remember we **DO NOT** take Drop- ins the first two weeks of school. Please do not wait until the last minute to register your child; we will most likely be full.

Thank you,

Eleanor

Parent Preview of Instructional Materials

- ***English Language Arts and Spanish***

Moraga School District parents, students, teachers, administrators and other community members are invited to preview new instructional materials considered for District adoption from April 16, 2018 through May 2, 2018. Materials available for preview include a 6th-8th grade English language arts program, a K-2nd grade supplemental phonics program, a

3rd-5th grade supplemental grammar program and a 7th-8th grade Spanish program.

The public preview for these instructional materials will be held at the Joaquin Moraga Library. Individuals interested in previewing these materials may review them between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. If interested, please contact Alberta Falcone, District Textbook Coordinator, at [\(925\) 377-4255](tel:9253774255) or afalcone@moraga.k12.ca.us to schedule an appointment. The materials will not be available for check out.

If you have questions about this public preview please contact Carolyn Parker, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, at [\(925\) 376-5943](tel:9253765943) or cparker@moraga.k12.ca.us

The Last Word

This Friday we will be celebrating Earth Day at Rheem, and what better way to show how much we care for the planet than cleaning the grounds and working in the garden.

In the event you have not been to Rheem's Garden before, let me tell you it is amazing! Each grade level has a garden bed where they are able to plant whichever vegetable, flower, or plant they so choose. The garden has a mini fruit orchard with: apple, pear, fig, lemon and orange trees bearing delicious treats. There is a forge garden where you can enjoy blackberries and strawberries. The 4th grade has a hillside dedicated to native plants specific to California. And last but not least the greenhouse is overflowing with scrumptious tomatoes this time of year. The garden is a thing of beauty where children are able to literally bear the fruits of their labor.

I mention the garden in this week's RHEEMARKS for two reasons: 1) we are celebrating Earth Day this Friday and it's important you know another element of your student's school experience, and 2) this year the garden path was in

need of serious repair. The path that students use to access all parts of the garden was crumbling and not suitable for children to walk on, but with the generosity and support of the Ortland Family (Wayne, Ragen, 5th grader Addy and 2nd grader Hudson), workers from Mr. Ortland's Bay Area Drainage Inc. were able to not just repair the path but replace it with a new gravel trail that is 100 times better more suitable than the previous one.

Thank you Wayne and Ragen for helping to enrich the lives of every Rheem student through your generosity and kindness.

Happy Earth Day,

Mr. Sullivan