

RHEEMARKS

"Frank"ly Speaking...

April 23, 2017

Ready. Set. Here we go! It's another busy week at Rheem...

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, April 24:

- Cultural Proficiency Committee Meeting
 - 4:00 in Room 18 at Rheem

Wednesday, April 26:

- 3rd grade Moraga History Field Trip (8:30 – 1:30)
- 4th & 5th grade Science Fair Presentations in Multi-Use Room
 - 5th grade (8:30 – 9:15)
 - 4th grade (10:25 – 11:15)

Thursday, April 27:

- 3rd grade Science Fair Presentations in Multi-Use Room
 - 9:30 – 10:00 in Multi-Use Room
- Science Fair in the Multi-Use Room (5:30 – 7:00)
 - *See article below for details!*

Friday, April 28:

- Science Fair Walk-Through (8:30 – 10:30)
- 5th graders visit JM (9:00 – 11:15)

Don't Miss this Thursday's Science Fair

All Families Invited!

The 30th Annual Rheem Science Fair is scheduled for THIS Thursday, April 27 from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm. In addition to the 3rd – 5th grade projects on display, there will be booths, displays and demos by Little Medical School, PG&E, and Spectrum of Science.

Better still, plan on having dinner at the Science Fair! 5th graders will raise funds by selling pizza, beverages, and other goodies. Picnic tables will be set up outside so that families can enjoy dinner al fresco! It promises to be a fun and educational event for all ages. See you there!

Many, many thanks to our Science Fair coordinators *Svetlana Kuzmichenko, Bret Levenfeld, Esmeralda Sanchez, Doris Chen, and Ivan Cazares*

Any questions? Please email rheemsf@gmail.com.

Panoramic "Rheem Rainbow" Photos

Panoramic Rheem Rainbow photos have arrived, and they are beautiful! Photos and were sent home last week with students who had pre-ordered. If you missed the pre-order, and would still like to get one of these keepsake photos, you may order one by calling Dorian Customer Service at [\(800-826-3535\)](tel:800-826-3535).

Rheem Family Work Day a Success!

Almost 70 Rheem Teamers showed up to show Rheem School some LOVE on Saturday, April 22. What a great way to celebrate Earth Day. Many thanks to retired teacher Alice Noyes for taking the lead on this work day. Plants were planted, weeds were pulled, and many hands made light (and enjoyable) work. Ms. Noyes was joined by Principal Frank, 3rd grade teacher Ms. Ralph, and the following:

The Carra-Hernandez Family (always the first to arrive and the last to leave!)

Claire and Conner Flynn

Alessandro Paolieri

Anjuli and Leela Cargain

Joe and Cohen Pearse

The Balzas Family

The Zawadzki Family

The DaSilva Family

The Zwakman Family

The Ortland Family

The Dontchev Family

The Chiarucci Family

The Souto Barona Family

The Ricca Family

The Mohr Family

The Malboubi Family

The Pertel Family
The Devinger Family

The Ginestro Family

The Obsitnik Family

Heather and Addison Davis

Stuart and Racheal Schonfeld

Coming Soon...to a Classroom Near You... CAASPP Testing!

Beginning next week, all MSD 3rd – 5th graders will participate in the state's academic testing program, known as CAASPP (CALifornia Assessment of Student Performance and Progress). The two-week testing window to take both the English/Language Arts and Mathematics portions of will begin Monday, May 1 and continue through Friday, May 12. Details about the testing program were sent via email to all 3rd – 5th grade parents last week. Click [HERE](#) for a copy of that information.

Students have been preparing for CAASPP tests by taking Interim Assessment Blocks (IAB's) throughout the year. These are short practice assessments focusing on related content in English Language Arts and mathematics. IAB's are a great opportunity for our students and teachers to become more familiar with the testing interface and for teachers to monitor student progress. This year our Rheem 3rd-5th grade teachers have administered IAB's focused on number sense, fractions, geometry, literary text, informational text, and speaking and listening. Teachers receive very general feedback regarding student performance with the IAB assessments (Above Standard," "At/Near Standard," and "Below Standard"), and they use this information as another tool to support student learning in their classrooms.

Ideas of how parents can help students prepare for standardized tests can be found [HERE](#).

Thinking About Next Year

As May quickly approaches, thoughts turn to the upcoming school year. Here are some "quick links" with helpful information to be prepared:

Click [HERE](#) to access (and print!) next year's school calendar. Please reference this when planning family vacations to avoid unnecessary absences.

Click [HERE](#) to read about the process we use to create balanced classes at Rheem.

Stay tuned for information coming soon about ordering School Kits for the 2017-18 school year!

Hello from Roadrunner Club, *submitted by Eleanor Persons, RRC Director*

Just a gentle reminder when you are completing a new blue Permanent Reservation Form, please complete the ENTIRE form; including ALL reservation information, not just the changes.

We have had a terrific week. We are learning about our environment and how to keep it clean and safe. We did a wonderful science project; we observed the reaction between a base and a carbon dioxide. Oil and water don't mix, but if you add a bicarbonate (alka seltzer), they do!

The Last Word...

There are lessons to be learned everywhere. At Rheem's Family Work Day, I busied myself working in the front planters while I greeted families and sent them up to the School Garden to join the others hard at work. One 1st grader joined me in front to weed and rake, and even though I sent her up to the garden a few times (thinking that she would have much more fun with the many kids up there), she kept finding her way back down to me. So, we happily worked side-by-side. At one point she turned to me and asked, "Ms. Frank, are you trying to make the school pretty for the next principal?" I stopped and thought. "Well, yes, I suppose so!" We continued working together. Later, as I was spreading some chips up behind a larger bush in one of the planters, my little friend said, "Ms. Frank, I don't think the new principal will see that." Again, I thought for a while. "Yes, but we'll know it looks nice, won't we?" She smiled.

I love this school!

Ms. Frank, principal