

RHEEMARKS: May 16th

Good Evening Rheem Team Families,

I hope you were able to spend some quality time with the family this weekend. This week students in Kindergarten, second and fifth grades will have their vision screening done, and each of the grade levels will have a chance to spend their hard-earned Rheem Bucks at the Rheem Store and participate in grade-level spirit assemblies.

With just nine school days remaining, we are but a stone's throw from summer break. It's hard to believe school is letting out in just a couple of weeks. In a school year that seemed like it would never start (and end for that matter), I can't thank you enough for your unwavering support and all your hard work in making this year one we will not soon forget.

Please dive into the rest of this week's Rheemarks.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, May 17:

Classified Employee Appreciation Week

Regularly scheduled In-person learning for whole cohorts

Regularly scheduled Full Distance Learning Students

Cultural Proficiency Committee meeting (3:30-5:00 via [Zoom](#))

Tuesday, May 18:

Regularly scheduled In-person learning for whole cohorts

Regularly scheduled Full Distance Learning Students

Rheem Store Open

Wednesday, May 19:

All K-5th students (8:25-1:50)

Full Distance Learning Students with their teacher on Zoom (8:25-1:50)

Vision screening for Kindergarten, 2nd, and 5th-grade students

Class Spirit Assemblies: Kindergarten; 1st and 2nd grades

Thursday, May 20:

Regularly scheduled In-person learning for whole cohorts

Regularly scheduled Full Distance Learning Students

Class Spirit Assemblies: 3rd grade

JM Students visit Rheem 5th grade

Friday, May 21:

Regularly scheduled In-person learning for whole cohorts

Regularly scheduled Full Distance Learning Students

Vision screening for Kindergarten, 2nd, and 5th-grade students

Class Spirit Assemblies: 4th and 5th grades

Moraga/Orinda Fire Department visits kindergarten classes in the bus loop.

Classified Employee Appreciation Week

This week marks classified employee appreciation week. A big thank you to our school secretaries, custodians, teaching assistants, intensive aides, reading tutors, foundations tutor, child care workers and more for all they do for our students, staff and families. Rheem could not function without you!!

Lamorinda School Bus Program

The Lamorinda School Bus has been a valued partner of the Moraga School District for decades, and they are excited to announce they've opened school bus registration for the 2021-22 school year! Please visit their website at www.lamorindaschoolbus.org and reserve your spot today.

We look forward to seeing the First Student buses back on Laird and helping parents get their most precious cargo to and from school. If you have any questions, please email wsimon@ci.lafayette.ca.us.

Science Fair YouTube Link

If you have a few moments, please be sure to watch this year's Science Fair presentations via video (videos can be found [HERE](#)). Congratulations again to our 20 Rheem students

who participated in this year's Science Fair. Your amazing experiments were outdone only by your expertise of the scientific method...Francis Bacon would be proud.

For more information on the Rheem Science Fair or if you would like to help at next year's Fair, please contact the committee at rheemsf@gmail.com.

Volunteers for Afternoon Dismissal Still Needed

Please consider signing up [HERE](#) to help with afternoon dismissal. Below are the number of volunteers we still need for this week:

- Monday: 2:30 release NO volunteers needed
- Tuesday: 2:30 release 2 volunteers needed
- Wednesday: 1:50 release NO volunteers needed (all students out at 1:50)
- Thursday: 2:30 release 4 volunteers needed
- Friday: NO volunteers needed

Thank you to everyone who has had a chance to volunteer so far. We could not make this happen without your support.

Supply Kits Now Available for 2021-22 School Year

Order Your 2021-22 School Supply Kits Now

Rheem families can order their school supplies for next year! To purchase online, please visit <https://www.sydney Paige inc.com/collections/rheemkits> and follow the easy steps.

We plan for kits to be made available for pick-up at Roadrunner Day, Monday, August 9 (the day before school begins). Picking up kits on Roadrunner Day is OPTIONAL. Kits, not picked up, will be delivered directly to your student for the first day.

The ordering window closes Sunday, May 30, so don't delay, order yours today! For more detailed information about the Sydney Paige Company, please click [HERE](#).

Summer Reading Opportunities

Camp Read S'More is Rheem's annual Summer Reading program.

Simply read, read, read all summer long, and have your child log

what they read on the Camp Read S'More forms. In August, when school starts, please enter your student's reading amounts via our Summer Reading Google form to receive an acknowledgment at a Spirit Assembly, a bookmark, and a special prize for our most avid readers!

<https://dres-msd-ca.schoolloop.com/summerreading>

In the Fall, you will enter in your student's number of pages (or books) on this Google form.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLXYWKBVGI_mtoSWtrtC6ZpD_S-3muhqhh_oZHLhyhtGMY0XQ/viewform?gxids=7628

Happy Reading!

MSD Summer School Program

Kingsley Frazier and Bess Inzeo will be Co-Principals.

Moraga School District's summer school programs will run from June 7 through July 2 at Camino Pablo Elementary School for grades K-8. The summer programs will be structured interventions that will use the Teachers College Summer Reading Program, Marilyn Burns *Do the Math* Intervention Program, English Language Development Program, and the Extended School Year Program.

We are still currently waiting for RSVPs and adding students to the summer program based on EasyCBM data. Class sizes will be small--most 12 or fewer students.

If anyone would like the opportunity to be a substitute teacher, please contact Lisa Crouch at (lcrouch@moraga.k12.ca.us).

The Last Word...

Earlier this week, I read a short article called "[The Oldest Productivity Trick Around](#)." It talked about the simple power of a check mark and how checking off a task you set for yourself is empowering and, more importantly, habit-forming. The article's author, Amitava

Kumar, is a professor of English at Vassar College, and he challenges his students to write and exercise every day and make a note of it by recording it and checking it off in a journal.

Professor Kumar discussed how doing this daily activity reinforced who he is...a writer. I thought to myself, how would I define myself? Jobs I've held in my life: babysitter, mowed lawns and pulled weeds in the neighborhood, camp counselor, camp director, salesman, teacher, coach, and principal. I cannot remember a time in my life from the age of eleven that I was not doing one of those things (or more) to keep myself busy or make ends meet. However, when I look at this list, I would not necessarily consider myself any one of these things more than another, for as Professor Kumar defined himself as a writer, I'm not sure one thing defines me in that same way.

So as I pondered what type of task I should assign myself each day to remind me of who I am, I realized it would have to be a dad. No matter what the day or the occasion, I am a father to three very special children. They are mine and my wife Kelly's pride and joy, and to be a better dad can only make me a better person as a whole. So, I've decided to try and do one of the following things each day to try and be a better father:

- 1.Spend one on one time with each of my children
- 2.Read to my kids
- 3.Eat together as a family, at the table
- 4.Discipline in a calm and fair manner
- 5.Respect my wife – mutual respect provides a secure environment for children
- 6.Practice patience

I look forward to bringing the power of the check mark to my most important job and encourage anyone else who would like to incorporate some better habits around parenting to follow suit. As Professor Kumar concluded his thoughts on the matter, he leaves us with a powerful reminder. "The check mark is more important than whatever comes of the daily work whose completion you're marking. The first represents actual living; the second, merely a life."

There's no place like Rheem,

Mr. Sullivan