

May 17, 2020

Dear Rheem Team Families,

I hope you had a nice weekend and found the sun and rain a pleasant combination. There are several happenings at Rheem and in the district this week with the MEF Online Auction, Incoming Kindergarten Orientation, and PTA Association meeting on the calendar. There is also a change in the schedule noted below regarding free lunches being served at Campolindo H.S. You will also find info regarding school supplies for next year.

So without further ado, dive into this week's RHEEMARKS.

## **This Week in the Community:**

### Monday, May 18th:

- [Distance Learning Monday Lessons and Activities](#)
- Mrs. Gillbanks Library [Read alouds](#)
- Free breakfast and lunch available for children ages 18 and younger for pick at Campolindo HS from 11:30-1:00 (**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: Double meals provided each day**)

### Tuesday, May 19th:

- [Tuesday through Friday Distance Learning Lessons](#)
- Regularly scheduled Tuesday

### Wednesday, May 20th:

- Incoming Kindergarten Orientation at 3:00PM
  - ([Zoom link](#); Meeting ID: 925 2661 8113; Password: 758738)
- PTA Association Meeting at 8:00PM
  - ([Zoom link](#); Meeting ID: 972 8653 9491; Password: 073258)
- Kindness Club: Join in via FlipGrid (password KindnessClub)

### Thursday, May 21st:

- Regularly scheduled Thursday

### Friday, May 22nd:

- Spirit Friday: Team Day
  - Join in via FlipGrid (password SpiritFridays)

### Monday, May 25th:

- Memorial Day: NO DISTANCE LEARNING SCHEDULED

**Going Once, Going Twice...Going Online**

## *MEF Online Auction closes tonight at 10:00PM*

There is something for everyone... including vacation homes, wine, photography, and a virtual "Fund the Need" which will replace our traditional auction paddle raise. Click [HERE](#) to get started!

The online auction has been going all week and ends promptly tonight at 10:00 PM. It's open to everyone - friends, family, and neighbors - so please encourage anyone who believes in the power of public education to participate. And be sure to watch [this](#) introductory video!

## **Pick up Student Belongings on June 1st**

On Monday, June 1st parents and guardians are invited to Rheem and will be able to pick up their students' belongings as well as return any school items that have been at home during the campus closure. We will be staggering access to campus (schedule below) to ensure social distancing is being followed. Please note if you have multiple students attending Rheem you will be allowed to gather all of their belongings on one visit.

Items you will want to return:

- Library books
- Classroom books (i.e. textbooks, classroom reading books, etc)
- Classroom supplies you may have (writer's workshop folders, reader's workshop folders, scissors, etc...)

*(If you checked out a district Chromebook, I will be reaching out at a later date with additional information on a time, date and location for return.)*

Monday, June 1st pick up schedule:

- 9:00-10:00 Kathan, Lorie, Bailey, McMullen
- 10:00-11:00 Dennis, Strohmeyer, Gessling, Webster
- 11:00-12:00 Culleton, O'Connell, Johnson, Guidi
- 12:00-1:00 Drury, Thomson, Ralph

*Note: 5th grade families will be picking up their belongings on Friday, May 29th.*

## **Incoming Kindergarten Orientation – Class of 2026**

*Wednesday, May 20th at 3:00PM*

This Wednesday incoming kindergarten families are invited to attend Rheem's first ever virtual orientation meeting. The meeting kicks off at 3:00PM and will end when the last questions are answered. ([Zoom link](#); Meeting ID: 925 2661 8113; Password: 758738)

## **Measure V Construction at Rheem**

Measure V Construction continues at Rheem in our absence, and steady progress is being made on Wing 2 with work expected to be completed by the end of July. In addition to seismic upgrades throughout the building, both kindergarten classrooms will see new restrooms, wall coverings, interactive boards, and more. While the main office will have a new configuration that has 180-degree views of the Laird entrance/bus loop, both parking lots and the playground. Mrs. Fitzinger and Smith will both have new spaces to enjoy. I look forward to moving back into my old office with new energy efficient windows and a fresh coat of paint.

The finishing touches on the current project will see the playground and parking lots repaved and new striping occur on the fresh new surfaces.

For more info please visit [Measure V projects](#).

## **Order Your 2020-21 School Supply Kits Now**

Rheem has once again partnered with Sydney Paige for our classroom school supply kits. For every kit purchased a kit will be donated to a school in need, and we will be receiving some kits for our kids in need at Rheem as well!

To purchase online please visit [www.sydneypaige.org/rheem](http://www.sydneypaige.org/rheem) and follow the easy steps.

We are planning for kits to be made available for pick-up at Roadrunner Day, Monday, August 10th (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.

Ordering window closes Sunday, May 31st, so don't delay, order yours today! For more detailed information about the Sydney Paige Company, please click [HERE](#).

## **The Last Word...**

How many of you remember the first book(s) that were introduced to you? I remember several: The Cat in the Hat, The Giving Tree, and Where the Wild Things Are just to name a few. Another one of the books I remember from my early childhood is the "The Little

Engine That Could.” It’s message of optimism, perseverance and hard work were inspiring to its young readers and audience. “I think I can, I think I can” was the train’s mantra as it pulled the heavier train up the steep grade. The little train’s determination and unwavering optimism allowed it to get through its most challenging time.

These days it can be a challenge to be like that little engine and remain steadfast and optimistic about where we are all going, but today my wife shared with me a video from Kelly Corrigan called, “[A humble opinion on a successful post-pandemic world.](#)” This short video illustrates the silver linings that adversity can bring us and suggests how our attitude can rewrite the future when we are outmatched by what’s in front of us.

I found her final words to be very inspiring and had me thinking about The Little Engine one more time. We are facing some mountains, that is a certainty, but I think WE can overcome them together.

There is no place like Rheem,

Mr. Sullivan