

May 19, 2019

Dear Rheem Team Families,

Rheem's Open House is this week. On Thursday, May 23rd all classrooms will open at 7:00 for families to see student work on display. Don't forget to visit the Rheem Garden, and the Library, in addition to your children's classrooms.

Please keep in mind that Open House is not an appropriate time for an impromptu parent conference or to interview a potential teacher about his/her educational philosophy. Teachers will be focused on helping their current students celebrate their accomplishments. Thank you for your understanding!

For your convenience, and as a way to avoid traffic and parking congestion, a shuttle bus will run to and from the Rheem Shopping Center (by Starbucks), beginning at 6:45 through 8:30.

Please remember that Open House Day will be a minimum day for all students. Students will be dismissed at 12:12. (There is no lunch served on minimum days)

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, May 20th:

- Cultural Proficiency Committee meeting at LP from 3:30-5:00
- [FORE Our Schools Fundraiser](#) at MCC

Tuesday, May 21st:

- Picnic Day at Rheem
- Mrs. Gubser's class onsite field trip – "Walk Through the American Revolution" from 9:00-11:30 in the Frank
- Mrs. Cavallero's class onsite field trip - "Walk Through the American Revolution" from 12:00-2:30 in the Frank

Wednesday, May 22nd:

- Mr. Greer's class onsite field trip – "Walk Through the American Revolution" from 9:00-11:30 in the Frank
- CAASPP testing continues (5th grade science test)
- PTA Association meeting from 6:30-8:30PM in the Frank

Thursday, May 23rd:

- Minimum Day (8:25 – 12:12 for everyone)
- Open House all classrooms open from 7:00-8:00 pm
- CAASPP testing finishes (5th grade science test)

Friday, May 24th:

- Open house classroom tours – classes travel the campus checking out their peers work

School News and Highlights

Last week at our Spirit Assembly we were visited by Anjie Riley from Wastebusters. She presented Rheem with a check for \$500 for its continued excellence in reducing landfill. Rheem recycles, or composts, 80% of all cafeteria waste. Thank you, students and families, for your diligence in packing lunches that do not consist of landfill waste. Together we're helping Rheem, and our planet, stay GREEN.

Rotary Field Day Results

The results are in, and we are very proud of the 82 Rheem 3rd – 5th graders who participated in the annual track and field event on Wednesday, May 8th. It was a great day for this high energy event, and all students demonstrated great sportsmanship. Here are some of the highlights:

- A total of 266 students from 4 area schools participated
- Rheem's Chase Nickens won High-Point boy!! (3rd grade in Mrs. Johnson's class)
Way to go Chase!!
- Rheem was 2nd with 42 total medals won.

Congratulations to our friends at Camino Pablo and Los Perales:

- CP – had high point girl, highest participation and high point total
- LP – had two of the top five classes for point total

Thank you to the Moraga Rotary Club (especially Field Day Chairman and Rheem grandpa to graduating Adison, Tony Schoemehl) for organizing this exciting, fun-filled tradition, and thanks to the St. Mary's coaches and athletes who helped judge the various events!

COMING SOON: Family Week at Rheem

Mark your calendar as the week of May 27 – May 31, Rheem families are encouraged to take part in Family Week. The week is dedicated to spending quality family time with your children. A Family Week flier will be going home this week in your child's folder, or shared

in the classroom newsletter, letting you know all the particulars. Sage words from a wise woman, “Love begins by taking care of the closest ones – the ones at home.”

CAASPP Testing finishes up this week

[CAASPP Testing](#) will come to a conclusion this week as 5th graders finish up with the science test. As a reminder, please keep in mind that the best at-home preparations for these tests are a good night’s sleep, a healthy breakfast, and a good attitude.

Preparing for the 2019-20 School Year

Please read the articles below for information and news about the 2019-20 school year!

Measure V Construction at Rheem

Beginning June 10th 2019 Rheem school will officially be under construction. [Measure V projects](#) will have the entire Rheem campus closed for the summer, with work being performed on almost every building, Rheem will be one busy place. Wing 1 and Wing 4 will have their classrooms and library renovated during the summer and ready for move in upon students return to school in August.

However, when we return from summer break, All Wing 3 classes will be relocated to the portables. That means all 1st, 2nd, and two 3rd grade classrooms will reside in the portables until December 2019. In January, Wing 3 will reopen and the excited teachers and students will move into their new digs.

The first Three weeks of School for K – 3rd

All Moraga School District Kindergarten through 3rd grade students will follow an 8:25 AM to 1:55 PM instructional schedule for the first three weeks of school, August 13 through September 3.

This three-week early release period provides teachers time to individually assess their student’s reading and math levels. Teachers use the assessment information to provide differentiated learning experiences for all students, as well as to identify students who may be eligible for additional support.

K – 3rd grade teachers will contact parents to schedule dates and times for individual student assessment appointments. We thank you in advance for your understanding and flexibility regarding this “early friend” schedule.

Order Your 2019-20 School Supply Kits Now

Rheem families can order their school supplies for next year! To purchase online please visit www.sydneypaige.org/rheem and follow the easy steps.

The kits will be available for pick-up at Roadrunner Day, Monday, August 12th (the day before school begins). Picking up kits on Roadrunner Day is OPTIONAL. Kits not picked-up will be delivered directly to your child's class for the first day.

Ordering window closes Friday, June 7th, so don't delay, order yours today! For more detailed information about the Sydney Paige Company, please click [HERE](#).

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! The kits will be available for pickup at Roadrunner Day prior to the start of next school year. If they are not picked up, they will be delivered to your child's classroom the first day of school.

The Last Word...

There have been many shifts in education in the past. The days of teachers lecturing and students sitting quietly absorbing a lesson are long gone. They've been replaced with differentiated instruction that allows for interactive learning and children being leaders in the classroom and in the learning process.

Currently we are in the midst of a shift in Science curriculum called Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). NGSS calls for three dimensions of learning. 3D Learning consists of Practices, Crosscutting Concepts and Disciplinary Core Ideas.

- Practices emphasize engaging in scientific investigation that requires not only skill but also knowledge that is specific to each practice.
- Crosscutting concepts emphasizes that scientific concepts need to be made explicit for students so that they can be interrelating and help form a scientifically based view of the world.
- Disciplinary core ideas have the power to focus K-8 science curriculum, instruction and assessments on the most important aspects of science.

Moraga School District has recently adopted FOSS Next Generation K-8 Science for our new curriculum. The curriculum will have students learning:

	<i>Physical</i>	<i>Earth</i>	<i>Life</i>
Kindergarten	Materials in motion	Trees and Weather	Animals two by two
1st grade	Sound and Light	Air and Weather	Plants and Animals
2nd grade	Solids and Liquids	Pebbles, Sand and Silt	Insects and Plants
3rd grade	Motion and Matter	Water and Climate	Structures of Life
4th grade	Energy	Soils,Rocks,Landforms	Environments
5th grade	Mixtures & Solutions	Earth and Sun	Living Systems

These crosscutting concepts allow for much more continuity in student learning and no longer rely on one grade level introducing and implementing all of the physical, earth or life science standards by themselves. As we roll out this new curriculum next year, I encourage you to ask your students how science is going and have them explain to you the most recent interactive experiments they took part in, and how these new opportunities stoked their imagination and allowed them to share in new ideas.

In the words of Albert Einstein, "To raise new questions, new possibilities, to regard old problems from a new angle, requires creative imagination and marks real advance in science."

There's no place like Rheem,
Mr. Sullivan