

May 24, 2020

Dear Rheem Team Families,

We have a busy week in store, with a couple of special year-end events happening this Friday. 5th graders will be celebrated as they come to campus to gather their belongings between 11:00-1:00. And all Rheem families (K-5th) will have an opportunity to participate in a car parade between 2:30-3:10. (more info below)

There will be one last RHEEMARKS edition sent out next Sunday to capture the highlights from the last week of school and to provide final information about summer programs. Without further ado, the rest of this week's RHEEMARKS.

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

### Monday, May 25th:

- Memorial Day: NO DISTANCE LEARNING SCHEDULED

### Tuesday, May 26th:

- [Tuesday through Friday Distance Learning Lessons](#)
- Special School Board Meeting: Student Wellness 5:00pm (via Zoom)

### Wednesday, May 27th:

- Kindness Club: Join in via FlipGrid (password KindnessClub)

### Thursday, May 28th:

- Regularly scheduled Thursday

### Friday, May 29th:

- 5th Grade Celebration: 11:00am – 1:00pm
- Rheem family car parade: 2:30-3:10pm
- Spirit Friday: Team Day
  - Join in via FlipGrid (password SpiritFridays)

### Monday, June 1st:

- K - 4th grade pick up of belongings and return of school materials (i.e. library books, classroom supplies, etc.)

**Mr. Dave and Mr. Palmer to Retire this year**

Custodians Dave Cossey and Palmer Craig are set to retire at the end of this school year. Mr. Dave has worked in Moraga School District for 39 years (he is currently the longest tenured employee in the district), and Palmer has worked for 17. I truly appreciate all the work they have done and admire them for providing our students and faculty a safer and cleaner home on Laird.

Thank you, Dave and Palmer, for your dedication in making Rheem a better place for the last 30+ years. We wish you all the best.

## **School Board Meeting – Tuesday, May 26th**

Special School Board meeting will be held this Tuesday starting at 5:00pm via Zoom. The meeting will be centered on student wellness: what are the issues students are dealing with during Covid 19, how are we addressing them, and what are we doing to prepare for after.

(Zoom Webinar link <https://zoom.us/j/91299642484>; Webinar ID: 912 996 42484 or Dial by your location +1 669 900 6833US

If you are looking to make public comment during the Governing Board please follow one of these two options:

- Individuals are requested to complete and submit this [Public Comment Form](#) to provide public comment on items not on the agenda and items on the agenda. Comments must be submitted before the item is to be considered by the Board. Submitted comments will be read aloud during the meeting. Submit a separate form for each public comment item.

## **PTA: Rheem Car Parade – Friday, May 29th**

Join us for a reverse car parade to RHEEM school's circle to celebrate the last day of school for all students!

Drive up Laird Dr. and around the circle with your family and wave to the teachers and staff from 2:30-3:10 pm. Teachers and staff will be stationed along the parade route to wish you a happy summer and cheer you on!

Feel free to decorate your car and make signs. Wear your school colors and bring your RHEEM team spirit!

*(Please note: all families will be required to stay in their car. Students and families won't be able to walk up to campus to participate in the parade so as to ensure we are practicing social distancing)*

Can't wait to see you on *Laird!*

## **Summer Reading Opportunities - Camp Read S'More**

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.

<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/1emReCQxrk7qtOQuwaWCm14ieyVWbbK1nbZVJ3ld2fNA/edit>

Happy Reading!

## **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 (including medication) 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 students/families will be picking up their belongings on Friday, May 29th.*

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

Rheem families can order their school supplies for next year! 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](#).

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...**

This weekend marks Memorial Day. One where we are asked to remember the brave men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice to ensure our freedom. Several years ago, I shared a video and message to commemorate Memorial Day and thought I would share part of it again today:

*I saw a video recently that showed the amazing emotion of servicemen and women reuniting with their family. What strikes me as so profound is that the screeching of happiness is followed almost instantly with tears of joy. I must admit I've never been met with tears, but then again nobody has ever said goodbye to me thinking it may be for the last time. Needless to say, if you have a few minutes please click [HERE](#) to see a pretty inspiring video of the love children share with their military parents.*

As we struggle with many of our own problems in today's world it is a good reminder to know there are other families who have endured as much, and more, and are making it through.

There is no place like Rheem,

Mr. Sullivan