

May 27, 2019

Dear Rheem Team Families,

I hope this RHEEMARKS finds all Rheem families enjoying the 3-day weekend in honor of Memorial Day. With two weeks to go in school, there is still plenty to do here at Rheem. Enjoy the following read.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, May 27th:

- NO SCHOOL – MEMORIAL DAY

Tuesday, May 28th:

- Regularly scheduled Tuesday

Wednesday, May 29th:

- Ellis C.: Principal for the Day

Thursday, May 30th:

- 4th – 5th grade Spring Concert in the Frank from 2:00-3:00

Friday, May 31st:

- Mrs. Berkman's class: Biome Play
 - Morning performance 10:30-11:30
 - Evening performance 6:30-7:30
- 1st grade "Rumpus in the Rainforest" play at 1:00 (each play in their respective classrooms)

School News and Highlights

Last week I was mesmerized by our 5th graders who took part in the "Walk Through the American Revolution." From the signing of the Declaration of Independence, to Washington capturing Trenton, the students did a fantastic job playing the parts of our founders. Jefferson, Washington, Betsy Ross, Benedict Arnold, and many more never sounded, or looked, so good.

Open House Incredible!

Rheem Team Spirit was on full display at last Thursday's Open House! It's always a great feeling to watch excited children and proud teachers share a year's worth of memories

with parents, siblings, and extended families. On Thursday, the classrooms, library, and even the hallways, were filled to the brim with impressive displays of innovative learning experiences. Many thanks to all our amazing teachers and hard-working students for making this inspiring evening possible.

With that said, there's MORE...

What you didn't see on Thursday is equally important and deserves recognition: our teaching assistants who support our teachers and students on a daily basis; intervention programs such as Reading Tutor, "Great Leaps" and "Do the Math," the hands-on science labs that are organized by Ms. Healy; our K – 5th grade Music and Art programs; the social/emotional support of our Kids' Connection Program and School Counselor. The list goes on and on. Most of this "behind the scenes" support is funded by generous donations from our community to the Moraga Education Foundation. As of this weekend, we are still a little more than \$125,000 short of our \$2.5 Million goal. So, just in case you haven't given yet, please give today at www.moragaeducation.org. Give because you can, give because you loved Open House; give because you are grateful your child has access to the arts and technology; give because you are aware that MEF supports every student, and every teacher, every day. It's not too late, and every dollar counts as we get ready to fund next year's critical programs.

Family Week at Rheem

This week, May 27 – May 31, is Family Week. The week is dedicated to spending quality family time with your children. Please click on the [Family Week flier](#) and join in a week of family fun. (for a hard copy of the flier, check your student's weekly folder) Have a great week and in the words of Angela Schwindt, "While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about."

The Last Word...

I hope you are enjoying your Memorial Day Weekend and have had to opportunity to get Family Week started off on the right foot.

Last night I saw an amazing segment on ESPN about a Marine by the name of Micah Herndon called [Roll Call](#). It shared his story as a Marine in Afghanistan and his mission to honor three of his fellow servicemen who lost their lives. I have profound respect for those who serve our country and put themselves in harms way, (in some instances giving "the last full measure of devotion") if you have a few minutes (7 in total) I recommend you watch this [inspirational story](#).

A special thank you to all the servicemen and women for their dedication and commitment to each and every one of us.

There's no place like Rheem,
Mr. Sullivan