

May 31, 2020

Dear Rheem Team Families,

From math lessons to car parades this past one was week like no other. And with the conclusion of the week comes the onset of summer break...not to be confused with the past ten weeks.

A few quick announcements to start: Campus will be closed after tomorrow morning's pick up of belongings for the completion of construction. (*Please remember tomorrow is for parents/guardians only to pick up belongings*). The distance learning site will remain up over summer break and in the event you are looking for additional enrichment activities for your student to participate in this summer please visit the MSD DL "[Summer Learning Resources](#)" page.

Although there is no school next week there are a few important announcements in this week's RHEEMARKS, so please read on.

This Week in the Community:

Monday, June 1st:

- K - 4th grade pick up of belongings and return of school materials (i.e. library books, classroom supplies, etc.)
- 5th graders pick up of yearbooks (for those who purchased a copy)
- Summer Break

Wednesday, June 3rd:

- MSD Board Meeting: 5:00-8:00pm (via Zoom)

Tuesday, June 9th:

- MSD Board Meeting 5:00-8:00 (via Zoom)

5th Grade Celebration

Friday was a very special day for our 5th graders and their families as we celebrated them in our first ever "belongings pick-up" parade. In true Rheem fashion the teachers and staff came out in force to cheer on our 5th grade heroes, with 31 present and former staff members joining in the celebration. Thank you, teachers and staff, for always showing your love, and a special thanks to Liz Colhoun and Casey Sproul for manning the photo station, where each departing 5th grader got a picture of themselves and a cardboard

cutout of their teacher ([here's](#) a sample picture of Mrs. Cav and Isabelle rocking the runway...or bus loop)

There were highlights everywhere from teachers waving and holding signs to the Roadrunner making an appearance as well. Not to be outdone by a five-foot bird, the “Magical” Ms. Frank showed up, and showed out by tickling the ivories to favorites like: The Rheem Team Song, Roadrunner Pride and Hills of Moraga.

To sum up the event, it was very Rheem...with caring as our motto and respect all the rest...Go Team!!

End of Year Car Parade

Last Friday Rheem hosted our first ever end of year car parade. Hundreds of families and staff were able to participate by decorating their cars and making signs to celebrate the end of a most memorable school year ever. It was the perfect way to cheer for each other and say goodbye for the summer. Thank you Rheem teachers, staff, PTA and families for putting on such a memorable experience.

Rheem Team Forever!!!

Thank you Rheem PTA

I would like to take a moment to once again thank Rheem’s PTA for all that they do to improve our school and provide opportunities for learning and fun. This year our PTA:

- Donated \$10,000 for class field trips
 - Due to the cancellation of the 5th grade science camp, PTA donated the \$10,000 5th grade field trip donation to MEF in honor of our 5th graders.
- Hosted Rheem’s legendary Fall Carnival
- Hosted Rheem’s inaugural Math Night and Multicultural Night
- Put on the Fun(d) Run, and Read-a-thon
- Published our yearbook
- Hosted our Parent Social at the Hacienda
- Put on the Reflections writing and art contest
- Hosted Roadrunner Day and distributed student supply kits
- Provided \$3,600 for classroom bookshelves
- Provided student incentives/prizes for Spirit Assemblies and the Rheem Store
- Provided emergency supply kits for every classroom

- Provided a hot lunch program

Along with these programs and events came the thousands of volunteer hours by the PTA Executive Board, committee chairpersons and other volunteers. It is safe to say that Rheem would not look the same without all of their time and effort.

Please keep your eye out for PTA news that will come later in the summer and we look forward to seeing everyone on Roadrunner Day (Monday, August 10th).

Yearbook Acknowledgement

Thank you Molly Devinger

A special thank you to Molly Devinger for all her hard work putting this year's yearbook together. Not only did she bring all the pieces together, but spent many days following up with the printers to monitor how progress was going and push for an on-time delivery. Thank you, Molly, for making this year's book one we'll never forget!!!

Pick up Student Belongings on June 1st

Tomorrow morning (June 1st) will be our pick-up day for parents and guardians to come to Rheem and gather all their students' belongings (including yearbooks for those who purchased one), as well as return any school items that have been at home during the campus closure. 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, please hold onto it until we return in August.***

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

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.

<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/1emReCQxr7qtOQuwaWCm14ieyVWbbK1nbZVJ3ld2fNA/edit>

Happy Reading!

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 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.

The ordering window has been extended to Monday, June 15th, 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.

School Board Meeting – Wednesday, June 3rd

June's first of two School Board meetings will be held this Wednesday from 5:00-8:00PM via Zoom.

(Zoom Webinar link <https://zoom.us/j/92828295973>;

Webinar ID: 928 2829 5973 or Dial by your location +1 669 900 6833 US

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.

The Last Word...

It was a challenging school year for all of us. From wildfires and rolling blackouts, to a global pandemic and distance learning, to say we've been through a lot is a gross understatement. However, with all that has happened our response has far outweighed the challenge. From teachers, to students, to families the way we responded to adversity is something to be very proud of. Aristotle once said. "education is an ornament in prosperity, and a refuge in adversity." I think all of us showed that this year.

I want to thank all of you for your support and commitment to Rheem. Rheem has always been a place where children grow not only as students but as people, and through all that went on this year we are forever indebted to all that you do to enrich the lives of your children.

I wish all of you a safe and happy summer, and look forward to seeing you in August.

There is no place like Rheem,

Mr. Sullivan