

# RHEEMARKS

## *"Frank"ly Speaking...*

*May 29, 2017*

I hope this finds all Rheem families enjoying the 3-day weekend in honor of Memorial Day. This coming week, we turn the calendar page to June, and the last days of school are drawing ever closer.

So, in the hopes that it's never too early (or too late) to say THANK YOU, I want to do just that. Please accept my sincere gratitude for all that you do to support Rheem School. If you're reading this, you are keeping informed and aware. Your willingness to be involved, communicate, and problem-solve is what keeps the Rheem Team going strong.

### **This Week at Rheem:**

#### Monday, May 29:

- Memorial Day Holiday – no school!

#### Tuesday, May 30:

- 5<sup>th</sup> grade "Walk Through the American Revolution" in Multi-Use Room
  - Cavallero in a.m.; Greer in p.m.

#### Weds., May 31:

- 5<sup>th</sup> grade "Walk Through the American Revolution" in Multi-Use Room
  - Gubser in a.m.

#### Thurs., June 1:

- 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade Music INFORMances in Room 23 with Ms. Stafford
  - Ralph- 8:25-8:55
  - Berkman 9:00-9:30
  - Webster-9:40-10:10
  - Thomson- 10:20-10:50
  - Guidi- 11:05-11:35
  - Caraska- 11:40-12:10
- 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade Spring Concert in Multi-Use Room (2:00 – 3:00)

#### Friday, June 2:

- 1<sup>st</sup> grade “Rumpus in the Rainforest” plays in classrooms, beginning at 1:00
- Ms. Berkman’s class play in Multi-Use Room (10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.)

## OPEN HOUSE Amazement!

Rheem Team Spirit was certainly shining bright 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, computer lab, library, and even the hallways, were filled to the brim with impressive displays of innovative learning experiences. And, our school garden is looking as beautiful as ever with heathy tomatoes, lettuces, flowers and more growing and blooming. **Many thanks to all our dedicated teachers and hard-working students** for making this inspiring evening possible!

*But, wait... 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, and “Power Half-Hour;” the hands-on science labs that are organized by Ms. Healy; our K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Music programs; the social/emotional support of our Kids’ Connection Program. 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 \$250,000 short of our \$2.2 Million goal. So, just in case you haven’t given yet, please give today at [www.moragaeducation.org](http://www.moragaeducation.org). 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.

## School News and Highlights

- **Recycle Woman** paid Rheem a special lunchtime visit on Wednesday, May 24, to congratulate our school on impressive recycling and composting efforts throughout the year. She also shared information about her new graphic novel coming out soon!
- **Dignitaries from Recycle Smart** attended Friday’s Spirit Assembly to present Rheem with a plaque AND a check for \$1,500 for meeting and exceeding our Wastebuster goals this year. The students were impressed that they earned money for the school simply by “doing the right thing” for the planet – recycling and composting in the lunchroom and in the classrooms. WOW!
- **Mr. Sullivan, Rheem’s new principal this fall**, learned all about an important Rheem tradition by participating in Friday’s Spirit Assemblies. He witnessed the singing of all [four school songs](#) “loud and proud,” the recognition of recent accomplishments (Rotary Field Day, Jump Rope Contest Winners, Recycle Awards, etc.), and the spinning of the wheel. Highlights of his visit included trying to contain the exuberance of a very excited Roadrunner mascot as it anticipated being awarded to the class that brought in the most Box Tops, showing-off his “rockin moves” during the Rheem ROCKS song, and even taking a heroic turn at the mic to announce several gold slip winners! Well done, Mr. Sullivan!
- **Why are the Moraga Police here?** It’s important to know that, sometimes, when you see a Moraga Police car parked at school, it’s just for a friendly visit! For example, on Friday, May 26, Officer Mike came to have lunch with the kids. These visits are an opportunity to say hello and get to know the students a little better. We have enjoyed these casual, friendly visits this year and hope they will continue next year, too.

## **Gold Slip Winners**

At the May 26 Spirit Assembly, the following students had their gold slips chosen to spin the wheel for a prize! Congratulations to:

**Kindergarten: Sophia S., Lander C., Erik E., Henry G., Julia S., Ari U.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Addison D., Matthew M., Caroline G., Jake S., Lola SB., Aaron W.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Jet W., Eli L., Nikko W., Sophia P., Drew K., Ellie C.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: River N., Grace C., Sophia G., Venus S., Evey U., Zach S.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Sofia G., Cooper C., Jack L., Abby R., Emma A., Natalie R., .**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Emily S., Nicolo D., Callen B., Jason R., Vivy L., Henry F.**

## **Where is the Roadrunner Now?**

At the May 26 Spirit Assembly, the Roadrunner mascots were awarded to the classrooms that turned-in the most BOX TOPS for our last collection of the year. Below are the impressive results:

### **K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade:**

**WINNER:** Ms. Guidi's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class with 504 Box Tops

**2<sup>nd</sup> place:** Ms. O'Connell's 1<sup>st</sup> grade with 243 Box Tops

**3<sup>rd</sup> place:** Ms. Strohmeier's with 1<sup>st</sup> grade class 233 Box Tops

### **3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade:**

**WINNER:** Ms. Culleton's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class with 230 Box Tops

**2<sup>nd</sup> place:** Ms. Berkman's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class with 213 Box Tops

**3<sup>rd</sup> place:** Ms. Gubser's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class with 185 Box Tops

## **Hello from Roadrunner Club**

### **IMPORTANT UPDATE: PLEASE READ**

Registration for Roadrunner Club for the 2017 - 2018 school year will NOT begin on June 1, 2017 as originally planned. Please check the [Roadrunner Club webpage](#) for regular updates. Registration should begin no later than July 1, 2017.

### **Jennifer Johnson will be Rheem's new 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher!**

We are excited to announce that Ms. Jennifer Johnson will join Rheem's full-time staff for the 2017-18 school year as the new 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher in Room 10. Currently, Ms. Johnson works with all K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, seeing them weekly in the Computer Lab. She is well-known for her innovative technology lessons that encourage problem-solving and innovative thinking. Now, with her teaching credential in hand, she is looking forward to expanding her skills to support the full curriculum.

### **Plenty of Summer Reading Programs to Enjoy!**

All Contra Costa County Libraries are offering Summer Reading programs! From June 5 to August 5, all ages can visit [ccclib.org/summer](http://ccclib.org/summer) for brain-training activities and challenges to keep those minds fit. Visit the Moraga Library for free and fun happenings all summer long. All finishers will take home a free book and a raffle entry to win amazing prizes.

And, once again, Rheem will be offering its own Summer Reading Program: Camp Read S'More! Students should submit completed Camp Read S'More forms to their teacher or to the office when they return to school in the fall. Be on the lookout for more information coming in the next edition of Rheemarks.

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

As you might imagine, it's the season of "the lasts" for me. The last Spring Picnic, the last PTA meeting, the last Open House. On Friday, I held my "last Spirit Assembly with gold slips" and to mark the occasion, I pulled out an extra-large gold slip – the largest gold slip ever seen in Rheem Team history. Made out to "The Rheem Team," the students and staff assembled were told that they had earned this special prize for their amazing efforts to keep our school safe and happy, their supportive friendships of one another, and their positive attitude, flexibility, and cooperation when working together to accomplish goals.

Since it was an "extra-large" gold slip, I commented that it must be an "extra-large" prize, and that I needed someone "extra tall" to help me with it. Students eagerly pointed to Mr. Sullivan, who stretched himself even taller to prove he was up to the task. Together Mr. Sullivan and I unveiled a 6' x 6' quilt that I had made from Rheem Spirit Wear I've collected over the past 20 years of being your principal.

Without a doubt, designing and sewing this quilt has been a labor of love for me. I hope that it will be enjoyed by past, current, and future Rheem Teamers as they come into the Multi-Use Room for various events and celebrations for years to come. To me, it represents the way we've all come together to create something special and beautiful here at Rheem.

Click on the embedded links below to see a photos of the finished quilt and its label.

### **I love this school!**

Ms. Frank, Principal

[Rheem Quilt.jpg](#)

[Quilt label.jpg](#)