

RHEEMARKS

May 28, 2018

I hope you have all had an enjoyable holiday weekend and are gearing up for the last two weeks of school. There is a lot going on so please be sure to keep reading.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, May 28th:

- Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, May 29th:

- Regularly scheduled Tuesday

Wednesday, May 30th:

- Addie W. is "Principal for the Day"

Thursday, May 31st:

- Spring Concert for 4th and 5th graders in the Frank from 2:00-3:00

Friday, June 1st:

- 1st grade Rainforest play at 1:00
- 5th graders visit JM

School News and Highlights

- Mrs. Ralph and Johnson's 3rd grade classes brought down the house with their Biome play. With great singing and lots of laughs, kudos to our 3rd grade thespians for nailing their lines and bringing smiles to the entire audience.
- **ADDITION TO LAST WEEK'S ROTARY FIELD DAY RESULTS** – While having a lovely conversation with a few 5th grade parents last week, I realized that I forget to mention that Rheem was the high point winner at this year's Field Day. Congratulations to all of our Roadrunners who participated and for bringing home the top prize.
- 5th graders will be taking buses to JM this coming Friday to visit campus and receive tours from JM's student council members. Friday is a great opportunity for students to see what middle school looks like up close and personal.
- Friday's Spirit Assembly had plenty of songs and lots of opportunities to celebrate Gold Slip winners and class Box Top winners.
- **Gold Slip Winners were:**
 - K: Paige K, Henry H, Alexander P, Leyla N, Steven L, Ben F
 - 1st: Hope A, Patrick S, Beatrice N, Major J, Ayla Z, Rachael S
 - 2nd: Max K, Jake S, Linn A, Pearl N, Sebastian F, Sawyer C
 - 3rd: Whitney K, Charlie R-G, Molly H, Dylan F, Eloise G, Michelle R
 - 4th: Addison S, Mia T, Becca T, Matilda H, Isabella K, Michael
 - 5th: Max R, Audrey B, Olivia W, Carly R, Brooke M, Abby R-G
- **Box Top Winners: And the Roadrunner goes to...**
 - Ms. Inzeo's Class
 - Mr. Greer's Class

Family Week at Rheem

This week (June 28th – June 1st) is “Family Week” at Rheem. Families are encouraged to click on the [Family Week flier](#) and join in a week of family fun. In her research on family dynamics and relationships, Dr. Ann Buysse said, “feelings of closeness and high levels of time spent together are three times as likely to produce similar values as are parental emphasis on those values.” I guess you can say the more time we spend with our children the more they see what we consider important...it’s not what we say, it’s what we do to model our value system. What better way than to check all nine boxes on the Family Week activity flier.

Ms. Gala to Retire this year

Maureen Gala, Rheem’s Learning Center Specialist, is set to retire at the end of this school year. Ms. Gala has worked in the classroom for nearly three decades and has been the leader of Rheem’s special education department for the past 21 years. Maureen’s professionalism, quick wit and compassion has endeared her to staff and students alike. A day doesn’t go by without staff bending Maureen’s ear on better ways to serve all of our students. She is a wealth of knowledge who’s kindness is the only thing able to match her intellect.

Thank you, Ms. Gala, for your dedication and spirit in making Rheem a better place for the last 21 years. We wish you the all the best.

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. The forms will be on the Rheem Website and in each child’s folders the last week of school. Have your child return their completed form in the Fall to their classroom teacher, by September 1st, to receive an acknowledgment at the Spirit Assembly and a special prize. You can find the Summer Reading Forms at the link [Summer Reading Log 5-14-18.docx](#). Happy reading!

Moraga Library Presents *Summer Reading for All Ages. June 4- August 4, 2018. All Contra Costa County Libraries*: Adventure awaits with Contra Costa County Library’s Summer Reading program. This year “Reading Takes You Everywhere” is the theme and runs from June 4 to August 4. Readers of all ages can visit ccclib.org/summer for activities and challenges to feed the imagination and explore new skills. Visit any of the 26 Contra Costa County library locations for free and fun happenings all summer. Every completed entry is eligible for a free book and a raffle entry to win prizes. Contact: Geneva Moss, Community Library Manager, Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary’s Road, Moraga, CA 94556, gmoss@ccclib.org, [925.376.6852](tel:925.376.6852)

Polling Station at Rheem on Tuesday, June 5th

Rheem will be an official polling station for the upcoming June election. Polls open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm. We are fortunate to be able to experience democracy at work and I look forward to seeing you at the polls.

The Last Word

I hope you have enjoyed your Memorial Day weekend and have had the opportunity to spend some extra time with your family.

I did not grow up in a military family and have but a few ancestors and relatives who served in it. However, I do have an infinite amount of respect and appreciation for the men, women and families who have sacrificed so much to make our nation the greatest on earth. I saw a video recently that showed the amazing emotion of servicemen and women reuniting with their families. What strikes me as so profound

is the screeching of happiness almost instantly followed by tears. I am typically moved to tears myself when I see such reunions. Needless to say, if you have a few minutes please click [HERE](#) to see an inspiring video of the love children share with their military parents and siblings.

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