

May 5, 2019

Dear Rheem Team Families,

We've got a busy week in store at Rheem. It is Teacher Appreciation Week. The day itself is on Tuesday but PTA and parents have plans throughout the week to celebrate our teachers and show them how much we appreciate their efforts. Rotary Field Day is Wednesday at JM. Spring Picnic and Art Show is this Friday and more.

[CAASPP Testing](#) begins this week for 3rd–5th graders. Please remember, the best at-home preparations for these tests are a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast, and a good attitude.

Keep reading to see what else is happening at Rheem this week.

## **This Week at Rheem:**

### Monday, May 6th:

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- CAASPP testing begins

### Tuesday, May 7th:

- Regularly scheduled Tuesday

### Wednesday, May 8th:

- Rotary Field Day for 3rd – 5th graders at JM from 3:00-5:30
- 2nd grade takes part in the Marine Mammal Center's onsite field trip
- Picnic Day – students enjoy lunch outside with classmates and friends

### Thursday, May 9th:

- Mrs. Drury's class visits the Oakland Museum
- Bike to Work Day

### Friday, May 10th:

- Mrs. Culleton's class and Ms. Mullen's class visit the Oakland Museum
- 3rd grade Moraga History Tour field trip
- Rheem Spring Picnic and Art Show from 4:30 – 7:00

## **School News and Highlights**

Wednesday's BMX Wheels of Freestyle was a ton of fun and everyone had a "wheelie" good time. Riders Danny and Mitch not only wowed the crowd with amazing tricks and stunts but also had a great message of:

- Take care of your body: A clean mind, and clean body = no limits
- Set goals for yourself and be willing to work hard toward them. Success is a direct result of working hard.
- Respect others: Being kind to everyone you meet opens doors for you everywhere you go.
- Stay in school: Being a lifelong learner starts now and carries us through the rest of lives.

A special thank you to Kim Pertel for getting this super fun assembly set up. Thank you for your support of PTA which made this all possible and made Rheem the place to be last Wednesday.

## **Spring Picnic and Art Show**

Rheem's annual Spring Picnic and Art Show is this coming Friday, May 10. The Art Room (Room 24) will be overflowing with the artwork of Rheem students, and outside you can enjoy special events and games, great food, and the announcement of the raffle prize winners! Order forms for raffle tickets went home in the backpacks last week. If you would like to purchase wristbands you can do so via the PTA website [HERE](#). And, don't forget to bring CASH to take advantage of the food trucks and to enjoy other goodies. So much fun!

## **SPRING PICNIC HELP NEEDED!!!**

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP BY CLICKING THE LINK BELOW!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094aaea723a6fe3-rheem>

## **Rotary Field Day this Wednesday, May 8th at JM**

Rotary Field Day will be held after school THIS Wednesday. All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are encouraged to participate and represent Rheem School at this free (and extremely fun) recreational event. Registration opens at 3:00 p.m.

Rheem students have earned a wonderful reputation of consistently demonstrating great teamwork and sportsmanship at this event. We are looking forward to that famous Rheem

Team Spirit shining bright again this year. Medals will be awarded to the top three competitors in five different events.

Hope to see you there!

Go Rheem Team!

## **School Site Council wants YOU!**

### ***Parent Members Needed for 2019-20 Committee***

Rheem's School Site Council (SSC) is looking for parents to represent the school community on this important curricular committee for the 2019-2020 school year. This is an exciting opportunity to work with Rheem teachers and our principal, Brian Sullivan, to develop goals for continuous school improvement -- next year and beyond!

Special thanks to this year's SSC members who worked together to develop and monitor our current school plan. Parent members included Kim Pertel, Jill Austin, A.J. Brown, Jon Nickens, and Eliza Becker. Staff members included Jen Strohmeier, Gillian O'Connell, Jen Johnson and Tanja Gubser.

Rheem's current School Improvement Plan can be found in the "Quick Links" section on our school's website. If interested in joining Rheem's School Site Council for next year, please contact Mr. Sullivan!

## **Are You Moving?**

We are planning for next year and making our best guess on enrollment for the 2019/2020 school year. If you are moving and will not be living in the Moraga School District boundaries or the Rheem boundaries next school year please contact Mrs. Fitzinger ([lfitzinger@moraga.k12.ca.us](mailto:lfitzinger@moraga.k12.ca.us)) to let us know ASAP.

## **PTA Survey**

PTA would like your insight and feedback as they plan for next year. Please take a minute or two to fill out this quick and easy survey (for those who had trouble accessing the link earlier, the issue has been resolved).

<https://forms.gle/Mh2sWgkj7gc2oJ13A>

## Parent Education and Family Events

***Practical Tools and Strategies for Self-Regulation.*** This Wednesday, May 8th from 7:00-8:30 PM in the LP Library come see speech pathologist and renowned author Elizabeth Sautter discuss how to lay the foundation for self-regulation. She will provide the tools and strategies needed for everyday use. (Please contact Sally McLaughlin at [smclaughlin@moraga.k12.ca.us](mailto:smclaughlin@moraga.k12.ca.us) to set up free child care at the event).

***We Are All in This Together:*** An evening to discuss how parents, school and law enforcement partner to reduce underage substance use and keep kids safe. Tuesday, May 7th from 7:00-8:30 at the Lafayette Library.

***Moraga Community Faire and Car Show:*** Saturday, May 11th at the Rheem Valley Shopping Center from 11:00-3:00. Click [HERE](#) for more info.

## The Last Word...

Who was your favorite teacher growing up? I polled my family today that very question and here's what they had to say: My wife Kelly said, "Mr. Cashman, my high school business skills teacher. He was firm, fair and funny. He made everyone in class feel welcome and you always felt like he had your best interests at heart." My 12-year old daughter Avery was napping. My youngest daughter Annabelle said, "I don't have a favorite, I love all my teachers." When asked why she responded, "because they make learning fun." When I finally got to my son Charlie he said, "That's easy. Mrs. Myers from kindergarten." When prodded why, "Duh, dad. She didn't give us any homework."

No matter what the reason, we all have a soft spot in our heart for that special teacher(s). As we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, look to take a moment to reflect on that special person(s) and share a story, or two, with your child about what made that teacher so special. I bet your child will be able to tell you a thing or two about their teacher this year and in the very least you'll be able to share in a smile.

P.S. My favorite teacher was Mr. Redding. He was my junior high social studies teacher who lit a flame inside me that has never stopped burning to know more about history. (Second place was Mr. Nelson, my high school P.E. teacher. He always had an encouraging word for each of his students...and he never gave homework.)

There's no place like Rheem,  
Mr. Sullivan