

RHEEMARKS

May 6, 2018

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](#) continues 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, April 30th:

- Regularly scheduled Monday

Tuesday, May 1st:

- JM students visit Rheem 5th grade classrooms
 - (9:20 Ms. Gubser; 9:40 Mr. Greer; 10:30 Ms. Cavallero)
- MSD School Board meeting from 7:00-10:00 in the JM Library

Wednesday, May 2nd:

- 3rd grade Moraga History Tour
- Walk Through California – Ms. McMullen's class
- Rotary Field Day for 3rd-5th graders at JM from 3:00-5:30

Thursday, May 3rd:

- Tile painting for 3rd graders

Friday, May 4th:

- Ms. Drury's 4th grade class to the Oakland Museum
- Kindergarten field trip to Smith Farms
- Rheem Spring Picnic and Art Show from 4:30-7:00

School News and Highlights

- Last week four classes had field trips at Rheem. Ms. McMullen and Mrs. Culleton's classes visited the Oakland Museum for a walk down memory lane to California's past. 1st grade visited the Oakland Zoo and learned all about the animals and their habitat. And 2nd grade had an on-site field trip where the Marine Mammal Center presented the magical world of life beneath the sea. *Thank you, PTA and families, for your generous support of our field trip programs. Without it we wouldn't be able to share such wonderful experiences with our students.*
- JM students will be visiting Rheem this week to talk to our 5th graders about what to expect next year and how to better prepare for the transition to middle school.

Spring Picnic and Art Show

Rheem's annual Spring Picnic and Art Show is this coming Friday, May 11. The Multi-Use Room 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 wristbands and raffle tickets went home in the backpacks on last week or you can purchase them 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/805054AA8AB2CA13-rheem>

Rotary Field Day this Wednesday, May 9th at JM

Rotary Field Day will be held after school THIS Wednesday, May 9th at the JM field. 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. Students have been preparing for Rotary Field Day during PE classes. 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 2018-19 Committee

Rheem's School Site Council (SSC) is looking for parents to represent the school community on this important curricular committee for the 2018-2019 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, Elaine Cable, and Eliza Becker. Staff members included Angie Guidi, 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!

The Last Word

Can you name all the teachers you had during your school years? (I'm pretty sure I could name all mine save one or two) In honor of teacher appreciation week it would be great for you to sit with your child and share with them all the teachers you had when you were in school. You can tell them what you remember most about your teachers and how thankful you are to have had so many caring adults help you through your most formidable years.

Each night at bedtime I lay down on my 2nd grade twins floor and sing them "You Are My Sunshine" with a few changes to the lyrics that help celebrate/highlight their day. At the end of the song my youngest daughter will ask me to tell a quick story about when I was younger. On a recent night she requested I tell her, and her brother, what was the nicest compliment a coach ever paid me. Sometimes when she asks me to tell a story with a particular topic I have to mull through my memories, but on this occasion, I knew exactly what I wanted to share. I told them of the time I saw a former coach, whom I had not seen in many years, at a USF men's basketball game in the late 90s. I remember vividly speaking with him and exchanging pleasantries as well as sharing what I had been up to (teaching and coaching high school basketball). Interestingly enough he was sitting next to his high school coach and he introduced me as a former player. When we finished our conversation, I walked back toward my seat and realized I had gone the wrong way, so I turned and walked by my old coach who was in midst of telling his old coach, "That kid we were just talking to played hard. I mean real hard." When I finished the story, my daughter said "That's nice dad, but why is that your favorite compliment?" I told her that's a great question, and that I think it's because he didn't talk about any particular talent I may have had but rather about the effort I gave to my teammates and to the game, and that the only thing we can truly control is the effort we put into sports, or school, or even our friendships.

And so it is with the teachers at Rheem. Every day they come to school and work hard, I mean real hard, and give our students their very best. Rheem teachers, thank you for all that you do and for making Rheem such an amazing place.

There's no place like Rheem,

Mr. Sullivan