

# RHEEMARKS

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

*May 7, 2017*

The sunshine made its seasonal debut this past week in full force! In addition to experiencing the unusually hot weather, we also celebrated **Teacher Appreciation Week** with Rheem Team spirit and aplomb! Thanks to Rheem PTA, Room Parents, and EVERYONE who treated teachers and staff to cards, flowers, lunch, and other goodies throughout the week.

We are anticipating another busy week at Rheem. **CAASPP testing** continues through Friday for all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders, and we are also looking forward to **Rotary Field Day on Wednesday**. All students will participate in **Soul Shoppe workshops on Friday**, and then we hope to see everyone back at school for Rheem's Annual **Spring Picnic and Art Show** on Friday evening. See articles below for all the details.

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

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#### Tuesday, May 9:

- Kindergarten "Museum of Children's Art" presentations in classrooms
  - Kathan (8:30 – 10:00); Inzeo (10 – 11:30); Lorie (11:30 – 1:00)
  - All of Ms. Kathan's students are Early birds today & all of Mrs. Lorie's students are Late birds!
- School Board Meeting, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at JM. Click [HERE](#) for agenda.

#### Weds., May 10:

- 1<sup>st</sup> grade "Stand Up, Be Safe" lessons in classrooms:
  - McKinnon (8:45 – 9:15); Bailey (9:45 – 10:15); Strohmeyer (11:00 – 11:30)
- Rotary Field Day! Beginning at 3:00 p.m. at JM (see article below for details)

#### Thurs., May 11:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (Caraska & Ralph) "Biome" play in Multi-Use Room (10:30 – 11:15)

#### Friday, May 12:

- Soul Shoppe "True Friendship" Workshops
  - 4th Grade 8:30 - 9:15
  - 3rd Grade 9:20 - 10:05
  - 2nd Grade 10:10 - 10:50
  - Kindergarten 11:00 - 11:30
  - 1st Grade 1:15 - 1:50
  - 5th Grade 2:00 - 3:00
- Annual Spring Picnic and Art Show (4:30 – 7:00 p.m.)

## **Rotary Field Day is THIS week!**

**Rotary Field Day will be held afterschool THIS Wednesday, May 10** at the JM field. All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 each event listed below:

### **Shuttle Relay**

### **Standing Long Jump/Running Long Jump**

### **Softball Throw/Football Throw**

### **50 Yard Dash**

### **Sack Race**

See you there! Go Rheem Team!

## **Spring Picnic & Art Show**

**Rheem's annual Spring Picnic and Art Show is this coming Friday, May 12.** 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 Friday 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. What fun!

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

### ***Parent Members Needed for 2017-18 Committee***

Rheem's School Site Council (SSC) is looking for parents to represent the school community on this important curricular committee for the 2017-2018 school year. This is an exciting opportunity to work with Rheem teachers and our new 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, Sally Salay, Rebecca Kelvin, Susan Padnick and Krista Cain. Staff members included Sekai Greer, Amanda Lorie, Angie Guidi and Virginia Drury.

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 Principal Frank!

## **Soul Shoppe: True Friendship**

This Friday, May 12, all Rheem students will participate in the final Soul Shoppe workshop of the year: "True Friendship." During this workshop, students will practice using their skills to make new friends, strengthen existing friendships, and address challenges with their friends. Students will focus on three things they can do to develop true friendships:

- **Make a Friend** - Sometimes it can be hard to make new friends. It helps if you can check your assumptions and judgements, reach out to someone new, and make space for them in your day and your existing friend group.
- **Be a Friend** - How will you be the best friend you can be? Practice empathy, try new things, open up, and share your gifts.
- **Keep a Friend** - Sometimes challenges arise in friendships. That's okay! Instead of ignoring problems, gossiping, or deciding that a friendship must be over, use the tools you've learned all year long to help work through problems.

This final workshop will bring together skills learned throughout the year, with a special focus on developing self-awareness, social awareness, and relationship skills. Most of all, students will learn that EVERYONE is worthy and deserving of true friendships!

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

*In honor of "Teacher Appreciation Week"*

I was only 5 years old when I heard the most beautiful singing voice I had ever experienced before or have since. It belonged to Mrs. Chapin, my kindergarten teacher, and she taught us simple and fun songs with the clearest sounding voice I could imagine. Singing together was pure magic!

In 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Mrs. Roberson let me explore the keys on the old piano in her classroom. As the story goes, that year I begged my parents to let me take piano lessons until they finally relented. (On a completely unrelated note, Mrs. Roberson had a strong southern accent from being born and raised in Oklahoma, and for the extent of that school year, so did I)

My favorite memory of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade was baking bread. Learning about living yeast organisms and chemical reactions were undoubtedly part of the lesson, but what I remember most is the compliments I got from my family that evening as we ate the mini-loaf I brought home. To this day, nothing pleases me more than having friends and family eat and enjoy something I've baked.

In 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Mrs. Taylor let me accompany 3 of my friends on the piano (did every classroom have a piano in those days?) as we unabashedly sang "The Look of Love" for the whole class. We were stars!

My 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Davis, left school early that year to have a baby. Before she left, she took me aside and said that she depended on me to be a special helper to the substitute, because she thought I could be a teacher someday.

5<sup>th</sup> grade was the year my teacher, Mrs. White, noticed that I squinted when I looked at the board. She told my parents I might need glasses. She was right.

Our teachers influence us in big and small ways, with lessons planned and unplanned. By watching, noticing, and encouraging, they shape our world and how we see ourselves in it. And, no doubt about it, their impact lasts a lifetime.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the dedicated teachers at Rheem, who are making important contributions to the lives of all the students entrusted in their care. It matters. And, for a long, long (really long) time!

**I love this school!**

Ms. Frank, principal