

June 2, 2019

Dear Rheem Team Families,

We have a busy week in store, with lots of special year-end events on campus. Some highlights include the **Staff vs 5th grade Kickball Game on Wednesday** and the final **Spirit Assembly honoring 5th graders on Thursday**.

There will be one last RHEEMARKS edition sent out next Sunday to capture the highlights from the last week of school and to provide final information about summer programs. Without further ado, drum roll please...

## **This Week at Rheem:**

### Monday, June 3rd:

- Kindergarten Spirit Assembly from 1:15-1:45 in Ms. Kathan's Room
- 5th graders receive their yearbooks

### Tuesday, June 4th:

- 1st grade Spirit of the Rainforest onsite field trip (8:45-9:45 in the Frank – ALL 1st Graders arrive at 8:25 and are released at 1:55)
- K – 4th grades receive their yearbooks

### Wednesday, June 5th:

- 5th grade vs. Staff Kickball Game (10:45-12:00)

### Thursday, June 6th:

- 5th grade Spirit Assembly (10:30-12:00 in the Frank)
- 5th grade luncheon from 12:00-1:15

### Friday, June 7th:

- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- MINIMUM DAY (ALL students dismissed at 12:12)

### Monday, June 10th:

- NO SCHOOL – SUMMER VACATION

## **School News and Highlights**

- Mrs. Berkman's 3rd grade class held two dynamic performances of "Pirates from Grammar Island." The singing and acting were spectacular (Or as Pearl, the

“Collector of Synonyms” might say amazing, remarkable, outstanding just to name a few.) Kudos to all the actors for their hard work and a special thank you to Mrs. Berkman for bringing the arts to life here at Rheem.

- In the event you have never visited a rainforest, last Friday may have been your best chance to partake in all the beauty and amazement. 1st grade students performed “Rumpus in the Rainforest” in front of hundreds of audience members and were able to take them smack dab to the middle of the Amazon. Congratulations to a job well done and thank you Mrs. O’Connell, Mrs. Strohmeyer and Mrs. Bailey for bringing it all together.
- The 4th and 5th grade Spring Concert was a huge success this past Thursday. Musicians and singers hit their marks with voices and instruments. Thank you, Mr. Jent, Mrs. Arvindan and Mr. Noel for putting together such a fantastic program. The opportunities our music programs provide to each student never ceases to amaze me. Last Thursday is another great reminder how MEF is here for “[Every Student, Every Day.](#)”
- Family Week at Rheem was a lot of fun. I heard from many families and students who took part in the challenge to check off as many boxes as they could from the "Family Week Flier."

## **Parking on Laird This Week**

Starting Tuesday, June 4th, parking on Laird Drive will be extra crowded. The staff parking lot next to the field will be closed for the remainder of the week as storage containers needed for Measure V construction will be delivered. Please be mindful of our neighbors as we will most likely need to park further down the hill. Thank you for support.

## **Ellis Culleton as “Principal for the Day”**

Rheem welcomed its newest principal last Wednesday, May 29th. 4th grader Ellis Culleton, otherwise known as Mr. Culleton to everyone but Serina and Ford, took control of the front office and showed Rheem students and staff he was up for the job. He started his day on Laird Drive with a hot chocolate in one hand while the other opened up a gaggle of car doors welcoming students. He then visited each class to see the students hard at work and let them know how proud it made him to see such great work being done. After his classroom visits he sent out an email commending teachers for their great work. Ellis then had a few working recesses where he patrolled the playground chatting to first and second graders and making sure everyone stayed safe. He then took a respite from his standard basketball game vs. Isabelle, and did the same with the third thru fifth graders. After morning recesses, Ellis made his way to the District Office for a power meeting with Superintendent Burns and then went for lunch with the other Principals for

the Day from each of the elementary schools. Kudos Ellis to a job well done...you're a natural!!!

## **Busy Week for 5th Graders**

5th grade has a busy final week at Rheem. The fun is listed below:

- Monday
  - Wear your Class of 2019 T-Shirts today and all week!
  - Get yearbooks and have lunch with Kindergarten buddies!
- Tuesday
  - 5th grade Field Day
- Wednesday
  - Annual 5th Grade vs. Staff Kickball game!
- Thursday
  - 5th grade Spirit Assembly 10:30-12:00 in the Frank
  - Faculty/5th Grade Luncheon following the assembly
- Friday
  - Minimum Day – 12:12 Dismissal

## **Yearbooks Capture Memories**

2018-19 Yearbooks will be distributed this week. 5th graders receive theirs on Monday and K-4th will receive theirs on Tuesday. A special thank you to Casey Sproul for all her hard work in putting together this year's book of memories.

*Please help your children to understand and respect the uniqueness of a school yearbook. The school staff will remind the students that negative comments and/or crossing out/defacing photographs (even their own!) is inappropriate. Please join the staff in encouraging our students to remember the positive qualities of their friends as they sign each other's yearbooks, and to keep their signatures to areas where they won't obscure the pictures. This way, all our students can enjoy these precious memories for years to come!*

## **Don't Forget to Pack a Snack this Week**

Please remember to pack a snack for your student this week. Even though there will be class parties, luncheons and a minimum day going on this week, every student still needs a snack for their morning boost.

## **Lost and Found Items**

The Rheem Lost and Found racks and bin are full. Please make sure to check for possible clothing, lunch boxes, water bottles, etc. that your child might have “lost” before the end of this week. The racks and bin can be found outside Wing 3.

On Monday, June 10th, all remaining items will be donated to charity.

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

Forty-one weeks ago I sent the year’s first RHEEMARKS. I made reference to the first day of school and the excitement and uncertainty that come with new beginnings. I noted that a new school year is like a renaissance, a rebirth of learning and friendships where our children set out on an adventure to create new memories with old friends and new. Well, we are near the end of this year’s adventure and I’d like to extend a special thank you to every single Rheem family for supporting your student to the fullest and for your help guiding them on this memorable journey.

There’s no place like Rheem,  
Mr. Sullivan