

RHEEMARKS

"Frank"ly Speaking...

June 4, 2017

This is it! The last week of the 2016-2017 school year...

We will be very busy at Rheem, 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 and to provide final information about summer programs. 'Til then, here's to a happy, celebratory last week of school!

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, June 5

- MSD Cultural Proficiency Committee Meeting
 - 4:00 p.m. in Room 18 at Rheem

Tuesday, June 6

- 5th grade field trip to Boomers (9:15 – 2:30)
- School Board meeting, beginning at 7:00 at JM. Click [HERE](#) for agenda.

Weds., June 7

- 1st grade "Spirit of the Rainforest" program in Multi-Use Room (8:30 – 9:30)
- 5th graders vs. staff Kickball game (10:45 – noon)

Thurs., June 9

- Final Spirit Assembly honoring our graduating 5th graders (10:30 – 11:30)

Friday, June 10

- Last Day to order School Kits for 17-18. Click [HERE](#) for information.
- Last Day! Minimum Day! All students arrive at 8:25. K students are dismissed at 11:50; 1st – 5th graders are dismissed at 12:12

Yearbooks Capture Memories

2016-17 Yearbooks will be distributed this week. 5th graders will receive theirs on Monday and K – 4th graders will receive theirs on Tuesday. Many, many thanks to parent **Leslie Baird** for doing such a fabulous job of collecting, organizing, and formatting pictures to capture the highlights of this school year.

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!

School News and Highlights

5th grader, Max Polk, is "Principal for the Day"

Rheem enjoyed the leadership of a new principal on Wednesday, May 31st. 5th grader "Mr. Polk" took the reins and made quite an impact. He started the day by greeting students as they arrived to school with an enthusiastic wave and encouragement, "Be good! Be kind! Be awesome!" Then, he visited classrooms in the morning, challenging students to learn "not one...*but two, three four five and more*" things that day! Next, he met with the Superintendent and the Principals from the other school sites (both old and young) for a tour (ahem... scavenger hunt) of the district office and team-building/strategic planning activities (ahem... "minute to win-it" competitions). After a power-lunch, he returned to Rheem to host a root beer float party in a 2nd grade classroom. Being a principal is exhausting!

Rheem Students Perform

Congratulations to Rheem students who recently participated in these crowd-pleasing performances:

- **4th & 5th grade strings, band, and choir students for their annual Spring concert on Thursday, June 1st**
- **Ms. Berkman's 3rd graders for their "Holiday on Mars" musical productions on Friday, June 2nd.**

Check out Lost and Found!

Our Lost and Found is overflowing! During this last week, please be sure to check the Lost and Found clothing racks in front of Wing #3 as there are jackets, sweatshirts, hats, spirit wear, and other odds & ends just waiting to be claimed. Most parents are surprised to find items that they didn't even realize were missing!

The current Lost and Found will be on display through Monday, June 12. After that, all unclaimed items will then be donated to a local charity.

Summer Success!

With the end of school just five days away, thoughts turn to summer! With hopes that all Rheem families ENJOY the relaxation and fun that comes with summer vacation, we hope that Rheem families will take advantage of not one, but TWO programs that are designed to keep academic skills fresh over the summer months:

Rheem's Summer Reading Program "Camp Read S'More!" – It's simple! It's easy! It's FUN! Simply read, read, read (a favorite summer activity anyway!) and log what you read on the Summer Reading forms linked [HERE](#). Return this form in the fall to receive acknowledgment at a Spirit Assembly AND a coupon to spend at the annual Book Fair in November.

Rheem ROCKS (Review of Computation Knowledge and Skills) Summer Program – This program is designed to fit each individual child's needs and learning preferences. Once again, the goal is to keep those math facts fresh as well as promote deeper understanding of math concepts. Click [HERE](#) for all the information, including the Recording Sheet to track efforts and return to school in August.

And that's not ALL! Keep in mind that students who have used "Raz-Kids" and "Think Central" programs during the school year will have access over the summer as well. Enjoy!

Summer Fun with Technology, *submitted by Jennifer Johnson, Computer Teacher*

Summer is almost here! It is a perfect time for students to work on typing skills, and to explore new technology.

Typing is a life skill that students should take time to learn correctly--fingers on the homerow keys, with eyes on the screen. Good habits are more important at this age than speed. 2nd-5th grade students can log into their [Typing Club](#) account at home to continue their work in Typing Jungle. Other great, game-base websites (in order of difficulty) that teach typing are:

[Keyboard Zoo](#)

[Keyboard Climber](#)

[Typing Rocket Jr](#)

[Dance Mat Typing](#)

[Typing Race](#)

[Nitro Type](#)

It can be tempting for children to immerse themselves in video games over long summer days. However, they can also use technology to engage with the world around them. Try some of these program and app ideas to get started:

Explore and document wildlife: [Project Noah](#)

Film a lego or clay stop motion movie: [StopMotion Studio app](#)

Produce a movie about summer vacation: [iMovie program or app](#)

Paint a picture: [TuxPaint](#), [ArtLab app](#)

Create an animation: [ABCYa Make an Animation](#)

Learn computer programming: [Code.org](#), [Scratch Jr app](#), [Scratch](#)

Compose a song by drawing: [PaintMusic app](#)

Be a maker: [Makezine Projects](#)

Write a book: [Storybird](#)

Search the sky: [Starwalk app](#)

Last Word...

You've probably heard of "Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder." Well, I've been diagnosed with "Post-Delighted Surprise Disorder." The symptoms are easy to spot, and I have them all:

- Spontaneously breaking out into a wide smile thinking about cool high-school kids waving their arms "high in the sky" while singing the Roadrunner Pride song;
- Unsuccessfully attempting to stifle laughter at the memory of Superintendent Burns demonstrating a one-legged, piano-playing move to replace the Dab;
- Gasping for air in disbelief when realizing that the Multi-Use Room will be renamed, a new sound system will be purchased, and a commissioned mosaic of butterflies will be installed outside of the office;
- Deeply sighing in gratitude for 3rd graders reading persuasive essays, for a best friend asking "How about Love?", for teachers managing the microphone with comedic banter and costume changes, for the Glue Stick Fairy, for parents reading poetry, for kids sitting criss-cross-applesauce on the blacktop, and parents, teachers, family, and friends in lawn chairs;
- Experiencing frequent flash backs of sensory overload resulting from blue and gold streamers and balloons, larger-than-life Halloween reflections, spirit songs, personalized pencils, perfect weather, and cookies, too!
- Vigorous shaking of the head, trying desperately to comprehend the generosity behind a super-sized check to MEF and the overflowing "Big Bag of Travel Fun";
- Frantic worrying about who wasn't seen or hugged or thanked or recognized;
- Constantly rewinding and replaying the line-up of 30 beautiful faces, from a shy 5-year-old kindergartner to a confident 38-year-old orthopedic surgeon, representing the span of a career in education;
- Being frequently overwhelmed by too many happy feelings at once: joy, gratitude, disbelief, surprise, amazement, and awe (just to name a few), and recognizing there are no words to describe how full a heart can be...

I may never recover from this very advanced case of PDSD, but that's a prognosis I must happily endure.

I love this school!

Ms. Frank, principal