

August 11, 2019

Dear Rheem Team Families,

WELCOME BACK!! I hope this finds you and your family enjoying the last days of summer vacation and ready for the excitement that comes with the first day of school. I am happy to report that we are excited and ready to welcome your children Tuesday (8/13) morning. This edition of RHEEMARKS (a weekly publication for all Rheem families), is intended to give you all the information for a smooth first week.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, August 12th:

- Roadrunner Day in Frank Hall from 4:00-5:30
- Kindergarten Back to School Night from 5:30-6:15 in Frank Hall and Kinder classrooms

Tuesday, August 13th:

- First Day of School!
- Regularly scheduled day
 - K-3rd 8:25-1:55
(3rd grade will follow the 4th and 5th schedule on September 3rd)
 - 4th-5th 8:25-3:05
- PTA Welcome Back Coffee
- In Frank Hall, coffee from 8:30-9:00
- MSD Governing School Board Meeting from 7:00-10:00 PM (JM Library)

Wednesday, August 14th:

- Early dismissal for K-5th grade is 1:50 every Wednesday of the school year.
- Rules Assembly for K-5th graders in the Frank
- K-2nd 8:45-9:15 • 3rd-5th 9:30-10:00

Thursday, August 15th:

- Regularly scheduled day
 - K-3rd 8:25-1:55
(3rd grade will follow the 4th and 5th schedule on September 3rd)
 - 4th-5th 8:25-3:05

Friday, August 16th:

- School wide Spirit Assembly from 8:35-9:20 in the Frank
- Turn in Summer Reading recording sheets
- Regularly scheduled day
 - K-3rd 8:25-1:55
(3rd grade will follow the 4th and 5th schedule on September 3rd)
 - 4th-5th 8:25-3:05

Welcome our newest additions to the Rheem staff:

- Shanna Dennis – Third Grade teacher
- Constance Russell – Learning Specialist
- Laura Arvindan – Full Time Music Teacher (was K-5 choir teacher)
- Viola Bueno – Teaching Assistant

Roadrunner Day is tomorrow, August 12th

Be sure to come to Rheem tomorrow for Roadrunner Day. Families will be able to gather their pre-ordered school supply kits, sign up for Hot Lunch, learn more about this year's ASEP classes to be held at the Hacienda, purchase Rheem Spirit Wear, learn more about all the wonderful work of PTA, and most exciting...check out the newly refurbished Frank Hall (All while enjoying popsicles and the company of good friends) There will be a host of PTA volunteers providing refreshments and lots of great information. The fun begins at 4:00 PM and goes till 5:30 PM.

Kindergarten Back to School Night is tomorrow, August 12th

Kindergarten parents and guardians are invited to our inaugural "Kindergarten Back to School Night." The program goes from 5:30-6:15. We will begin at 5:30 in Frank Hall, where Mr. Sullivan will address all families and then each family will make their way to their students' assigned classroom for a presentation by your student's teacher. *(This is a parent only presentation so please be sure to make childcare arrangements)*

Aeries Parent Portal Please be sure to go online and update your Aeries Parent Portal Account (link [HERE](#)). It is imperative for us to have everyone complete this before the first day of school. In the event you have more than one student attending Rheem this year, please be sure to update information for all your students.

Measure V Construction. For those of you who may have made your way to campus already you have seen the bright new colors that welcome everyone to Rheem. Over the course of the summer Measure V construction was hard at work on Laird Drive. Renovations and updates were made to Wings 1 and 4 (the rooms and hallways look amazing). With that said, Rheem will continue to be under construction until July of 2020. Wing 3 (Rooms 9-16) remains under construction until December, and in January of 2020 Wing 2 will take the plunge and go under the knife...I mean hammer. As we continue

to work through this process I will keep you informed and updated on progress.

Third grade students. For the past several years in Moraga Schools, 3rd grade students have followed an “early bird” schedule for the first three weeks of school, and this year will be no different. Through August 30th, third graders will be dismissed at 1:55 (1:50 on Wednesdays) to allow time for their teachers to individually assess students in reading comprehension and fluency. Third grade teachers will contact parents to schedule dates and times for individual student assessments.

Plan Ahead!

You'll want to be sure to have the upcoming dates marked on your calendars:

- **1st thru 5th Grade Back to School Night is Tuesday, August 20.** This parent-only event is an important opportunity to hear from your child's teacher about specific goals, practices, and procedures for a great year! 3rd-5th grade presentations will be held from 6:15-7:00; 1st-2nd grade presentations will be from 7:15-8:00.
- **Student Picture Day is Thursday, September 5th.** Flyers will be sent home with students prior to the date with ordering information.

The Last Word...

As returning families already know (and new families will soon discover), Rheem Elementary is a very special place that takes advantage of a “team” approach – teachers, students, and families all joining together to promote a dynamic learning environment in which all students thrive. You will often hear people reference all Rheem stakeholders as members of the Rheem Team (there's even a [song that commemorates our spirit](#)). The old adage “many hands make the load lighter” rings true here at Rheem and I strongly urge you to become an active participant in our efforts. Working together, we can accomplish great things!!!

Here's to a great 2019-20 school year.

There's no place like Rheem!

Mr. Sullivan