

August 18, 2019

Dear Rheem Team Families,

If this first week is any indicator of the 41 to come, we are all in for an amazing year. During the first four days of school, the students, staff and I had many opportunities to review (and renew) what it means to be a Rheem Team Roadrunner. Please take a read to discover the happenings at Rheem this week.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, August 19th:

- Picnic Day
- Hot Lunch begins (click [HERE](#) for more information on this year's hot lunch)
- Regularly scheduled day

(3rd grade will follow the 4th and 5th schedule on September 3rd)

- K-3rd 8:25-1:55
- 4th-5th 8:25-3:05

Tuesday, August 20th:

- **Minimum Day: All students start at 8:25 and get out of school at 12:12 PM**
- Back to School Night from 5:30-8:00 (see schedule below)

Wednesday, August 21st:

- Early dismissal for K-5th grade is 1:50 every Wednesday of the school year.

Thursday, August 22nd:

- 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 23rd:

- School wide Spirit Assembly from 8:35-9:20 in the Frank
- Regularly scheduled day

(3rd grade will follow the 4th and 5th schedule on September 3rd)

- K-3rd 8:25-1:55
- 4th-5th 8:25-3:05

Back to School Night is this Tuesday, August 20th

This is a PARENT ONLY event, and is an important opportunity to hear from the classroom teacher about specific goals, practices, and procedures for a great year! In addition, I will be giving two 1/2 – hour presentations, during which I will provide an overview of some of our overarching themes and practices, as well as new protocols. Please attend (even if you're a veteran "Rheem Teamer" – there is new information for everyone).

- 5:30-6:00 – Mr. Sullivan presentation in the Frank
- 6:15-7:00 – 3rd-5th grade classroom presentations

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- 7:15-8:00 – 1st and 2nd grade classroom presentations

Library Visits Start This Week!

Library classes are in full swing this week. You can find your child's library visit, day and time, book check-out policies, and what's happening in the library by going to the Rheem website homepage, then clicking on the pull-down menu for the Department Pages, and click on "Library."

Did You Know?

As we all get back into the school routine, here are a few important school procedures to review"

- **TRAFFIC AND PARKING** can seem a bit confusing at the beginning of the year, but soon we'll all be used to the routine. Click [HERE](#) to review the system we use at Rheem to get our 400+ students to and from school as safely and efficiently as possible.
 - (Please remember that only teachers and staff are to use the school parking lots. With limited spaces available to begin with, it's important we are mindful of making room for staff)
- The **ATTENDANCE LINE** (377-2086) should be called, or email Mrs. Fitzinger (lfitzinger@moraga.k12.ca.us), if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason. Children absent, but not accounted for on the attendance line, **MUST** be verified via phone call from our office to the child's home or parent's work. This is to insure the child's safety. Please help us avoid this interruption by calling the attendance line or emailing in advance.

Message from our PTA President

Welcome back, Rheem!!!

We are getting off to a smoking hot start this year :). I hope that your kids came home from school the first few days excited after seeing their buddies, meeting their teachers and perhaps even taking a picture with our very own large, blue mascot! While everyone is adjusting a bit to the construction, the changes supported by Measure V are already apparent throughout campus.

The PTA is excited to adjust this year, too. Some changes to note for the school year are:

- Meeting times are being moved to 8:30 AM (after drop off) or 7:00 PM (so parents/guardians have more time to get home from work).
- Educational speakers will be added to meetings, when possible. Let us know if you have topics or speakers that interest you!

- We have added a Rheem Family Multicultural Night and expanded the Special Assemblies offerings for the school year.
- ASEP is being held off campus and run by the [Moraga Parks and Recreation Department](#).
- The Spring Fling this year will have a different feel and set up than in previous years, more details coming!

Thank you for your continued support of our school, families and students. We are so lucky to be Roadrunners!

Rebecca Eirich
PTA President

Rheem PTA: Thank you to Huckleberry Kitchen

A huge thank you to the PTA for sponsoring the Back to School luncheon for the teachers as they readied their classrooms before school started and the morning coffee for parents on the first day of school.

The luncheon was catered by the teachers' favorite – Huckleberry Kitchen in Lafayette. If you are ever looking for fresh, tasty breakfast of luncheon trays, Huckleberry Kitchen provides delicious food and superb service. Huckleberry Kitchen is a local company that creates job opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities. Rheem PTA proudly supports this business and hopes you will too.

The Last Word...

THANK YOU for taking the time to read all the way through the RHEEMARKS! I know weekends are typically earmarked for family life and can be busy and so full that sometimes it's difficult to fit in "one more thing." Still, I hope these weekly newsletters will be helpful to all of you as we navigate through another action-packed school year together.

I look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night.

There's no place like Rheem!

Mr. Sullivan