

RHEEMARKS

August 20, 2017

Dear Rheem Team Families,
WELCOME BACK!! I hope this finds you and your family enjoying the last day 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 Monday (8/21) morning. It will be a first day of school like no other, as the children will experience an eclipse to go along with their new classrooms, and teachers.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, August 21st:

- School begins at 8:25
- Dismissal for K-3rd grade is at 1:55 (for the first three weeks of school all Kindergarten - 3rd graders will be dismissed at 1:55)
 - o ***Please note that all 3rd graders will be a part of early dismissal for the first three weeks of school this year***
- Dismissal for 4th-5th grade is at 3:05
- Back-to-School Parent Coffee at 8:30 in the Elaine Frank Roadrunner Hall (formerly known as the Multi-Use Room)
- 10:00 to 10:30 School wide eclipse activities

Tuesday, August 22nd:

- School begins at 8:25
- Rules assembly
 - o 8:45 1st and 2nd grades
 - o 9:30 3rd - 5th grades
- Dismissal for K-3rd grade is at 1:55 (for the first three weeks of school all Kindergarten - 3rd graders will be dismissed at 1:55)
- Dismissal for 4th-5th grade is at 3:05

Wednesday, August 23rd:

- PTA meeting 9:30-11:30 in Frank Hall (MUR)
- School begins at 8:25
- Dismissal for K-5th grade is 1:50

Thursday, August 24th:

- Minimum day
 - o School begins at 8:25
 - o Early dismissal for everyone at 12:12 (*there is no lunch at school on Thursday*)

- Back to School Night
 - o 5:30-6:00 pm or 6:30-7:00 pm presentations with Mr. Sullivan in Frank Hall (MUR)
 - § 6:15-7:00 3rd - 5th grade families visit classrooms for teacher presentations
 - § 7:15-8:00 Kindergarten - 2nd grade families visit classrooms for teacher presentations

Friday, August 25th:

- School starts at 8:25
- School wide Spirit Assembly 8:35-9:20
- Dismissal for K-3rd grade is at 1:55 (for the first three weeks of school all Kindergarten - 3rd graders will be dismissed at 1:55)
- Dismissal for 4th-5th grade is at 3:05

Welcome our newest additions to the Rheem staff:

- Jennifer Johnson is moving into 3rd grade from her role as Site Tech Coordinator
- Debbi Collins-Babb is our new school psychologist
- Hilary Gambetta is our new speech pathologist
- Shannon Ross is our new Site Tech Coordinator
- Jyotika Malhotra is our new Teaching Assistant in the Learning Center
- Max Jent is the new TK-3 Music teacher and 4th/5th strings teacher
- Lauren Arvindan is the new choir teacher

Roadrunner Club

Please click [here](#) for more information about our amazing after school center and the care it provides.

Moraga Education Foundation

Every Student Every Day

MEF is the foundation that supports all of our students by providing programs that are no longer funded by the state of California. The money raised by MEF funds PE, art, music, computers, library, teacher aides, and much more. These are critical programs and staffing that truly make the Moraga School District one of the top districts in the state. MEF affects "Every Student Every Day" and enriches learning. I hope you will help MEF meet their goal for 2017-2018. *Please make*

your pledge at www.moragaeducation.org, to make your donation in full or set up a payment plan for the year.

PTA (Parent Teacher Association):

I encourage you to join the PTA and become active in the school community. We really have a great group of parents who help out at the school in all different ways. Association meetings are held at Rheem four times a year, twice in the morning and twice in the evening. Even if you can't make the meetings, there are many ways that you can get involved. The kids love to see their parents on campus helping out! And for those of you who can't be on campus, there are plenty of jobs that need to be done from home. If you are interested in getting more involved, let Jill Balazs jillbalazs@gmail.com know, and she can help you find a job that works for you!

The PTA does some small fundraisers at school separate from MEF, such as hot lunch, Fun(d) Run, Read-a-thon etc. The money raised for the PTA benefits Rheem and provides financial support such as teacher supplies and equipment needed at Rheem. Recently, some of the big items the PTA funded were the new Kindergarten playground, Chrome Books for use in the classrooms, a renovated teacher's lounge, and the new audio-visual system in the MUR.

Closing Thoughts...

The start of the school year presents so many opportunities for our children to grow. Having three children of my own, I know what it sounds like to hear the thrill in their voice when they get the teacher they were hoping for, or maybe the disappointment of not having their best friend in this year's class. Either way, come this Monday all of our children will embark on a new journey, a journey that will surely have its ups and downs, but with all of our support, (family, administration, faculty and staff) they will thrive and grow more than ever. As their principal I look forward to this year's journey.

I'm gonna love this school!

Mr. Sullivan