

RHEEMARKS

"Frank"ly Speaking...

August 21, 2016

It's here! The first week of school is upon us! The Rheem Team Staff is eagerly anticipating greeting both new and returning students tomorrow morning, August 22. This edition of Rheemarks: "Frank"ly Speaking (a weekly publication for all Rheem parents), is intended to give you all the information for a smooth first week.

This week at Rheem:

- Monday, August 22 – First Day of School!
 - o Start Bell at 8:25 (today and every day!)
 - o *Parent Coffee in Multi-Use Room at 8:30*
 - o Dismissal Times:
 - § K students at 12:02
 - § 1st – 3rd graders at 1:55
 - § 4th & 5th graders at 3:05

- Tuesday, August 23 – 2nd Day of School!
 - o *1st – 5th graders will attend Rules Assemblies today!*
 - o Same dismissal schedule as Monday
 - o Last day to [sign up for Hot Lunch!](#)

- Wednesday, August 24
 - o Wednesday are always a "short day" for 1st – 5th grade students
 - o Dismissal Times

§ K students at 12:02

§ 1st – 5th graders at 1:50 (same every Wednesday)

· Thursday, August 25

- o Same dismissal times as Monday

· Friday, August 26

- o *All students will attend a Welcome-Back Spirit Assembly today!*
- o Same dismissal times as Monday

Emergency Cards will be sent home with your child(ren) on the first day of school and are due back by **Friday, August 26**. We appreciate your attention to this "homework assignment" to insure that we have accessible, updated information for all students.

PTA Newsletter – did you receive your copy (sent Wednesday, August 17)? If not, you might not be completely signed up through PTA's Membership Tool Kit. This is the process by which you register for PTA and sign-up for important programs, like HOT LUNCH and After-School Enrichment Programs (ASEP). Click [HERE](#) to go the MTK site.

3rd grade students will follow an "early bird" schedule for the first three weeks of school this year. Through September 9, third graders will be dismissed at 1:55 (1:50 on Wednesdays) to allow time for third grade teachers to individually assess their students in reading comprehension and fluency. Third grade teachers will contact parents to schedule dates and times for individual student assessments.

Bus Schedules and Routes have undergone a change this year to accommodate the later start time at JM. We'll all need to practice the lifeskills of patience and flexibility as we get used to this change. One certain difference will be a later pick-up at Rheem after the 3:05 dismissal. Rest assured that we will have adequate supervision available for students waiting for the bus and will make adjustments, as needed, as the school year progresses.

Plan Ahead!

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

- **Back to School Night is Thursday, September 1.** 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! K – 2nd presentations will be held from 6:15 – 7:00; 3rd – 5th grade presentation will be held from 7:15 – 8:00.

- **Student Picture Day is Tuesday, September 6th** featuring portraits by Inter-state Studio. Flyers will be sent home with students prior to the date with ordering information. We are currently looking for parent volunteers to help on that day. If interested, please call Linda Wu in the Rheem office at [925-377-4135](tel:925-377-4135).

Did You Know?

"Did you Know?" will be a regular feature in RHEEMARKS, highlighting an important Rheem School procedure.

Medications at School:

- **Students are not allowed to bring or keep any medications with them in the classroom,** — either Over the Counter (OTC) or Prescription (RX). (Even cough drops!)
- A parent/guardian must deliver any type of medication to the school office in the **original package or prescription container with the student's name on it.** This must be accompanied by the appropriate [authorization form](#).
- Medicine cannot be administered without the appropriate form(s) on file in the school office.
- If your child has more severe allergies (such as a peanut allergy) or other medical needs, please contact the school office immediately @ [925-376-4441](tel:925-376-4441).

The Last Word...

There's nothing quite like the first day of school... usually it follows a hard-to-get-to-sleep night, due to that very unique mixture of excitement and nervous anticipation about the year ahead. Before the bell rings in the morning, the blacktop is alive with wide smiles and big hugs that rival the happiest of family reunions. The newness of EVERYTHING! It's a great feeling. Here's to new beginnings, and a wonderful 16-17 school year. And... a better night's sleep on Monday, August 22, after a happy first day!

I love this school!

Ms. Frank

Principal