

August 23, 2020

Dear Rheem Team Families,

I hope you and your families are all safe from the impact of the surrounding fires. With the air quality index skyrocketing I encourage everyone to limit outdoor activities and do your best to stay safe inside.

With that said, please dive into the rest of the week's Rheemarks.

## **This Week at Rheem:**

### Monday, August 24th:

- Week 3 Daily Schedule:
  - 8:25 – 11:00 am classroom teacher instruction via Zoom

### Tuesday, August 25th:

- Week 3 Daily Schedule:
  - 8:25 – 11:00 AM classroom teacher instruction via Zoom

### Wednesday, August 26th:

- Week 3 Daily Schedule:
  - 8:25 – 11:00 AM classroom teacher instruction via Zoom
- Parent Education: Supporting Executive Functioning Growth During Distance Learning
  - 6:00-7:00pm via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/97327800181?pwd=YWh3eW9kd3FSZFJCbTdjN0ZDVjBJQT09>

### Thursday, August 27th:

- Week 3 Daily Schedule:
  - 8:25 – 11:00 AM classroom teacher instruction via Zoom

### Friday, August 28th:

- Week 3 Daily Schedule:
  - 8:25 – 11:00 AM classroom teacher instruction via Zoom

## **Rheem Picture Days: September 22nd and October 15th**

Rheem is excited to announce iClickStudios has a plan in place for school pictures – even with distance learning! COVID-19 guidelines require that photography is done outside, which – luckily – is the kind of portraiture their studio specializes in.

This year's school pictures will have families [Register Their Students Online](#) for individual photo sessions. To maintain social distancing, they will be scheduling a limited number of students per 5-minute time slots. The best part? Families can sign up for the time that works best for them! As an added bonus, they're offering sibling photos!

Pictures will be taken on the Hacienda de las Flores grounds, (located at 2100 Donald Drive just down the street from Rheem). With this new photo plan, they can ensure the safety of all involved.

They can't wait to get this fall rolling with their unique brand of school pictures, so please [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

## **PG&E Power Outages Remain a Possibility**

We've gone from a heatwave to fires raging in Northern California as a reason for PG&E to reduce power throughout the region with rolling outages. As I described last week, in the event, there is a power outage, and your teacher is not able to connect to the internet, the school will contact you via email alerting you to the situation. As soon as your teacher(s) is able to log back on prior to 11:00 AM they will email you to have your student(s) reconnect via Zoom. In the event your power goes out, and you have cell service, please call Rheem's attendance line at 925-377-2086, or email Mrs. Fitzinger at [lfitzinger@moraga.k12.ca.us](mailto:lfitzinger@moraga.k12.ca.us).

## **Back to School Parent Education: Distance Learning Edition**

This Wednesday, August 26th MSD will provide its third installment of parent education opportunities for "Distance Learning." This week's presentation will focus on executive functioning and how to support students with these most essential skills.

- Supporting Executive Functioning Growth During Distance Learning:

Wednesday, August 26th from 6:00-7:00pm

<https://zoom.us/j/97327800181?pwd=YWh3eW9kd3FSZFJCbTdjN0ZDVjBJQT09>

## **The Last Word...**

Last October I wrote in Rheemarks about the Sullivan Family evacuating during a brush fire near our home here in Moraga. It was a harrowing experience to wake up in the middle of the night being asked to evacuate our home. Thankfully nobody was injured and no structures were damaged in the fire but it did shed light on our emergency preparedness. Seeing fire season and rolling power outages are starting even earlier this year, I wanted to re-share some helpful hints I learned from my experience last year:

- Keep a phone by your bed that is charged and powered on
- Communication during an emergency can be spotty. Take the information you know and do what is safest for your family
- During "Red Flag Warning" times be more aware and check on your "Go Bags" and even duffle bags for each child

- In the event of an evacuation be sure to mark an “X” on your front door to let emergency personnel and neighbors know you have left
- In the event there is a scheduled power outage be sure to get some extra cash from your bank’s ATM

Here are some good emergency preparedness links to help you form a plan in these ever changing times.

[Make a plan/ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov)

[Make a plan/Red Cross](https://www.redcross.org)

I know it can be unsettling to think of danger that may loom around the corner, but it’s important we do what we can, when we can to be better prepared. And to quote American Statesman Benjamin Franklin, “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”

Thank you for indulging me with the weekly Rheemarks and please don’t hesitate to reach out if we can be of any assistance to you and your family.

**There’s no place like Rheem!**

Mr. Sullivan