

RHEEMARKS AUGUST 26, 2018

Dear Rheem Team Families,

It was a terrific first week at Rheem! 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 27th:

- Hot Lunch begins - (click [HERE](#) for more information on this year's hot lunch)
- Regularly scheduled day
 - K-3rd 8:25-1:55 (3rd grade will follow the 4th and 5th schedule on September 10th)
 - 4th-5th 8:25-3:05

Tuesday, August 28th:

- **MINIMUM DAY – All students get out of school at 12:12 PM**
- Back to School Night from 5:30 – 8:00 (see schedule below)

Wednesday, August 29th:

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

Thursday, August 30th:

- Regularly scheduled day
 - K-3rd 8:25-1:55 (3rd grade will follow the 4th and 5th schedule on September 10th)
 - 4th-5th 8:25-3:05
- Annual 4th grade music instrument orientation from 6:00-7:00 at JM: All 4th and 5th graders and parents are invited to JM for the annual instrument orientation where students may try out the instruments available to learn in our 4th grade music program. Every child will be in the music program, but if your child is unsure of his/her interest in an instrument, this is the opportunity to try it out before committing!

Friday, August 31st:

- Regularly scheduled day
 - K-3rd 8:25-1:55 (3rd grade will follow the 4th and 5th schedule on September 10th)
 - 4th-5th 8:25-3:05

Monday, September 3rd:

- Labor Day – NO SCHOOL

Welcome Back Spirit Assembly

A fun-filled “**Welcome Back Spirit Assembly**” was held on Friday, August 24th for all students (K – 5). Students and staff were all smiles and in exceptionally good moods as they sang the “**Rheem Team Song**” to welcome our kindergarten and new student guests, and wrapped the assembly up by singing “**Rheem Rocks.**” Other highlights of the assembly included teachers and staff introducing themselves and telling the students an interesting fact about themselves. (did you know?...Ms. Gessling attended Rheem as a student...Mrs. Strohmeyer and Mrs. Ralph taught her...Mr. Thomson is sleep deprived...and Mr. Greer likes to eat). As a traditional highlight, one student's name is chosen from each class to spin the wheel for a prize. And we

found “homes” for the Roadrunner mascots who are now happily residing in the kindergarten classrooms (as a way of welcoming in our newest Roadrunners). A good time was had by all.

Spirit Assemblies will be held periodically throughout the year as a way of coming together to introduce and review school-wide programs, to celebrate our accomplishments, and simply to have some fun together as a community of learners. Parents are always welcome at these fun-filled events! The next **Spirit Assembly is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 28 at 9:00 a.m. (3rd – 5th) and 10:00 a.m. (K – 2nd).**

Back to School Night is this Tuesday, August 28th

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 – K-2nd grade classroom presentations
- 6:30-7:00 - Mr. Sullivan presentation in the Frank (same content as 5:30 talk)
- 7:15-8:00 – 3rd-5th grade classroom presentations

Library Visits Start This Week!

Submitted by Sharon Gillbanks, Rheem Librarian

Library classes will be in full swing this week. You can find your child's library class 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." You can also check out the page [HERE!](#)

Picture Day Parent Volunteers Needed

Rheem School's Picture Day will be held Tuesday, September 4th. We are looking for parent volunteers to help on that day. There are two scheduled shifts going from:

- 8:20am – 12:00pm
- 1:00pm – 3:00pm

We need two parent helpers during each **entire shift**. The photography company is offering parent volunteers one complimentary photo package of your choice for one child. If you are available, please contact: Erica Smith in the Rheem Office at [925-377-4135](tel:925-377-4135) or email esmith@moraga.k12.ca.us.

Parent Ed Opportunity – “Child Disrupted”

Child Disrupted is a documentary film coming to the Rheem Theater as a part of the CAIFF (California Independent Film Festival) on Thursday, August 30th at 7:30 PM. *Child, Disrupted* features interviews with experts in the fields of neuroscience, occupational therapy,

addiction, psychology, and sociology, in order to uncover the reality behind fears about the effects of screen time on children. Please click [HERE](#) to see a trailer of the documentary.

The Last Word...

THANK YOU for taking the time to read all the way thru the RHEEMARKS! I'm well aware that family life (particularly on weekends) 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