

# RHEEMARKS

## "Frank"ly Speaking...

August 28, 2016

It was a terrific first week at Rheem! During the first five days of school, the students, staff and I had many opportunities to review (and renew!) what it means to be a Rheem Team Roadrunner. Read all about the first week festivities [HERE!](#)

### This Week at Rheem:

- **Monday, August 29:**
  - The Hot Lunch Program begins for 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders
- **Tuesday, August 30:**
  - 4<sup>th</sup> graders: Musical Instrument "Petting Zoo" at JM (4 – 7 pm)
    - *This is a chance for students to try out instruments before making a final decision about their music class. The event is open-house style, but please set aside about 40 minutes to try a few instruments*
- **Wednesday, August 31 is an "early release" day.**
  - All 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders are dismissed at 1:50 *on every Wednesday of the school year.* Kindergarten is dismissed at 12:02 every day until early/late sessions begin on Monday, Sept. 14.
- **Thursday, September 1 is a MINIMUM DAY for all students:**
  - K students are dismissed at 11:50
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are dismissed at 12:12
  - **Back-to-School Night is Thursday evening, September 1.** 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 ½ hour presentations, entitled "Rheem School: Some Big Ideas" during which I will provide an overview of some of our overarching themes and practices, including Growth Mindset, Mindfulness, Soul Shoppe strategies, and Common Sense Homework. Please attend (even if you're a veteran "Rheem Teamer" – there is new information for everyone).
  - **The Back to School Night SCHEDULE is below:**
    - 5:30 – 6:00 – Ms. Frank "Some Big Ideas" presentation in Multi-Use
    - 6:15 – 7:00 – K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom presentations
    - 6:30 – 7:00 – Ms. Frank "Some Big Ideas" presentation (same content as 5:30 talk)
    - 7:15 – 8:00 – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom presentations
- **Friday, September 2:**
  - **Summer Reading recording sheets and Rheem ROCKS calendars are due by Friday, September 2** from those students who participated in these programs.
  - **Special K Spirit Assembly** at 8:45 in the Multi-Use Room
- **Monday, September 5 is a school holiday** in celebration of Labor Day.

### 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.
- The **Attendance Line (377-2086)** should be called 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 a 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 in advance.
- Rheem parents who completed the **Volunteer Clearance** procedure in prior years, do NOT have to do it again this year. However, if you're new to Rheem, or new to volunteering, you'll need to complete the process outlined [HERE](#). (P.S. We are very grateful for our volunteers!).

### **Library Visits Start This Week!** *Submitted by Sharon Gillbanks, Rheem Librarian*

Library classes are in full swing this week. You can find your child's library class 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 Rheem Team at the top of the page, then click on "Library." You can also check out the page [HERE!](#)

### **Hello From Roadrunners!** *Submitted by Eleanor Persons, RRC Director*

I want to thank everyone for their patience with our staffing limits that we experienced at the beginning of the school year. I am sorry if it inconvenienced you in any way, but the safety of your children come first for us.

We are up and running with a bang!!!! We have a lot of children which is great because Roadrunner Club provides a perfect play date for all of them. We love our new families and look forward to getting to know them better.

Please remember there is a 48 hour turn around when you register your child. When you make a Drop in reservation; it is permanent for that time period, and also remember schedule changes are **always** due on the 12th of the month, and effective the 20th of the month. You may make schedule changes as often as every month, but only at that time.

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

THANK YOU for taking the time to read all this information! I realize that family life is so busy and full that sometimes it's difficult to fit in "one more thing." Still, I hope that these weekly newsletters will be helpful as we to navigate through another action-packed school year together.

### **I love this school!**

Ms. Frank, Rheem Principal