

August 9, 2020

Dear Rheem Team Families,

WELCOME BACK!! I hope you and your family are enjoying the weekend and soaking up the last few days of summer break. Come this Wednesday we get a chance to welcome your children back to school in a whole new way. Although it will be vastly different than any other first day of school, the beginning of a school year always brings an excitement and expectation of good things to come. I am happy to report we are excited to begin this new journey with each and every one of you as classes begin Wednesday (8/12) morning.

This edition of RHEEMARKS (a weekly publication for all Rheem families), is intended to give you all the information you'll need for a smooth first week.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, August 10th:

- Kindergarten "Back to School Night" 4:00-4:45
 - Zoom link will be provided by your student's teacher
- 1st Grade "Back to School Night" 6:00-6:45
 - Zoom link will be provided by your student's teacher

Tuesday, August 11th:

- Student Materials/Technology/Supply Kits Pick Up (**see schedule below**)
- Virtual Roadrunner Day
- 2nd Grade "Back to School Night" 4:00-4:45
 - Zoom link will be provided by your student's teacher
- 4th Grade "Back to School Night" 7:00-7:45
 - Zoom link will be provided by your student's teacher
- MSD Governing School Board Meeting from 7:00-10:00 PM (Zoom Link Option 1: Join Zoom Webinar using a computer and enter <https://zoom.us/j/98834748675?pwd=OTNLNGpVcnp5MXJxUjZLTEl5VU5sQT09>, Option 2: Call in using a normal telephone; dial 1 669 900 6833 US; Webinar ID:988 3474 8675)

Wednesday, August 12th:

- First Day of School
- 3rd Grade "Back to School Night" 7:00-7:45
 - Zoom links have been sent to you by your child's teacher
- Week 1: Daily schedule
 - 8:25 – 10:30 live interaction and instruction with teacher
 - § 10:30–3:00 - 10-minute "getting to know you" meetings scheduled with teacher (teachers will reach out with more info)

Thursday, August 13th:

- Week 1: Daily schedule
 - 8:25 – 10:30 Live interaction and instruction with teacher
 - § 10:30–3:00 - 10-minute “getting to know you” meetings scheduled with teacher (teachers will reach out with more info)

Friday, August 14th:

- Week 1: Daily schedule
 - 8:25 – 10:30 Live interaction and instruction with teacher
 - § 10:30–3:00 - 10-minute “getting to know you” meetings scheduled with teacher (teachers will reach out with more info)

Student Materials/Supplies/Technology Pick Up - Tuesday, August 11th

This coming Tuesday between 12:00-3:00 families will want to come to Rheem and gather their student’s materials for Distance Learning (**schedule listed below**). Teachers are sending home curriculum books and supplies (i.e. math books, science, social studies, phonics, as well as other necessary supplies) that will support students in Distance Learning.

There will also be an opportunity for families to pick up a device (iPad Kindergartners/ 1st – 5th Chromebooks) to access Distance Learning. We have a limited number of devices to loan but if you need one please be sure to fill out the following forms so we are ready when you come to gather your books and supplies.

- Fill in this [online request form so we know to expect you.](#)
- [Complete and print this LOANER form in advance.](#)

And lastly, families who purchased Sydney Paige supply kits last spring will be able to pick them up at the times listed below.

Here are the pick-up times, and if you have more than one student at Rheem, you are welcome to gather multiple student belongings at the same time.

- **Kindergarten:** 12:00 – 12:30
- **1st Grade:** 12:30 – 1:00
- **2nd Grade:** 1:00 – 1:30
- **3rd Grade:** 1:30 – 2:00
- **4th Grade:** 2:00 – 2:30
- **5th Grade:** 2:30 – 3:00

Back to School Night Schedules

With the school year beginning in such a non-traditional way, we have altered how we will do Back to School Night. Starting tomorrow, Monday the 10th, grade levels and teachers will be hosting Back to School night at different times. Teachers will share a Zoom link to these in the coming days. The grade level schedule is below:

- Monday, August 10th:
 - *Kindergarten (4:00 – 4:45)*
 - *1st Grade (6:00 – 6:45)*
- Tuesday, August 11th:
 - *2nd Grade (4:00 – 4:45)*
 - *4th Grade (7:00 – 7:45)*
- Wednesday, August 12th:
 - *3rd Grade (7:00 – 7:45)*
- Monday, August 17th:
 - *5th Grade (4:00 – 4:45)*

Aeries Parent Portal Please be sure to go online and update your Aeries Parent Portal Account (link [HERE](#)). It is imperative for us to have everyone complete this before the first day of school. In the event you have more than one student attending Rheem this year, please be sure to update information for all students.

Rheem PTA – Roadrunner Day

Traditionally Rheem’s PTA hosts our annual Roadrunner Day, where students come to school to find out who their teacher will be for the year, while enjoying a popsicle and each other’s company. This year we will not be able to host Roadrunner Day but I do encourage you to keep an eye out for PTA’s biweekly newsletter that will keep you abreast of all the great things they are doing.

For more on Rheem’s PTA, as well as membership information please click [HERE](#).

The Last Word...

As returning families already know (and new families will soon discover), Rheem Elementary is a very special place that takes advantage of a “team” approach – teachers, students, and families all joining together to promote a dynamic learning environment in which all students thrive. Although the setting will be different to begin the school year, the

same team approach will ring true. You will often hear people reference Rheem stakeholders as a part of the Rheem Team (there's even a [song that commemorates our spirit](#)), and the old adage "many hands, makes the load lighter" is something we live each and every day here at Rheem. Thank you in advance for your efforts and please remember we're here for you.

In the words of ancient philosopher Lao Tzu, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

There's no place like Rheem!

Mr. Sullivan