RHEEMARKS

"Frank"ly Speaking...

September 11, 2016

Hello! As we begin the third week of school, I hope all Rheem Team families are beginning to feel comfortable with the "routine" of school. With the Early/Late schedule starting this week (see below), we have definitely hit our stride!

This Week at Rheem:

• **Monday, Sept. 12:** Early/Late Schedule Begins for K – 2nd graders and Full Day begins for 3rd graders:

Grade Level "Early" Schedule "Late" Schedule Kindergarten 8:25 – 12:02 9:25 – 1:02

Kindergarten 8:25 – 12:02 9:25 – 1:02 1^{st} & 2^{nd} grades 8:25 – 1:55 (M, T, Th, F) 9:35 – 3:05 (M, T, Th, F)

3rd grades ALL 3rd graders attend 8:25 – 3:05 (same as 4th & 5th graders)

Remember: All 1st – 5th graders attend from 8:25 – 1:50 on Wednesdays.

• **Tuesday, Sept. 13:** School Board Meeting at 7:00 in the JM Library. Click <u>HERE</u> for agenda.

School News & Highlights:

Rheem's Volunteer Training on Thursday, Sept. 9 was well-attended and gave parents an overview of expectations and "helpful hints" on how to make the volunteer experience a happy one. If you weren't able to attend, or would like a refresher, click <u>HERE</u> for the basics.

Welcome Josh Sussman, Rheem's New School Psychologist! We are thrilled to have Mr. Sussman (soon to be Dr. Sussman) at Rheem on Tuesdays and Thursdays this year. He has already reached out to staff, parents, and students, and looks forward to supporting our efforts:

I am delighted to be joining the Rheem Team! One of my overarching goals is to support the Rheem community and the ongoing process of adapting the school system to help all students reach their full potential. I am a credentialed California school psychologist and I expect to receive my Ph.D. in educational psychology from University of California, Berkeley in December. I am a California native and I have also lived in New Jersey and upstate New York. Last but not least, I'm a parent of two children, ages 6 and 2.

Did You Know?

Supervision before school does not begin until 8:10 a.m. (for students starting at 8:25 a.m.) or 9:10 a.m. (for students starting at 9:25 a.m.). Students arriving prior to supervised times will be brought to the office and/or sent the Roadrunner Club (which may result in a charge). There is no supervision before 8:10 a.m.

Supervision after school is provided for 15 minutes after the dismissal. Students not picked up within 15 minutes will be brought to the school office. Any student not picked up within 20 minutes after their dismissal will be sent to Roadrunner Club (which may result in a charge).

Thank you for making sure students arrive and are picked-up according to the above supervision schedule to insure their safety.

The Last Word...

I've yet to meet someone who claims to work or behave at his/her best when under stress. The same goes for our children! Oftentimes, misbehavior is a reaction to anxiety or stress, and the better we understand this cause for misbehavior, the better we can respond to it. A recent article published by The Greater Good Science Center is very helpful in this regard, and provides support for our school's inclusion of mindfulness practices. Click HERE to learn "5 Ways to Help Misbehaving Kids," and while you're on the GGSC website, sign-up for their weekly newsletters. Let's keep learning together!

I love this school!

Ms. Frank, Principal