

September 13, 2020

Dear Rheem Team Families,

As we begin our 6th week of school, I hope everyone has settled in to the “routine” of the new year. I’ve made mention again below of volunteers needed for Rheem and District committees. Thank you to Eliza Becker (Coordinating Council Committee), Bree Sanchez and Anjuli Cargain (Cultural Proficiency Committee), and Karen Chiarucci (School Site Council). If you are interested in helping with this impactful work, please find out more info below and reach out to me via email.

Thank you and please settle in and take a read to see what’s going on at Rheem this week

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, September 14th:

- Distance Learning Daily Schedule:
 - 8:25 – 12:05 Kindergarten classroom teacher instruction via Zoom
 - 8:25 – 12:15 1st – 3rd classroom teacher instruction via Zoom
 - 8:25 – 12:20 4th – 5th classroom teacher instruction via Zoom
 - Specialty classes
- Art & Kindness Club: Join Zoom Meeting <https://moraga-k12-ca-us.zoom.us/j/86065633957> Meeting ID: 860 6563 3957
- Cultural Proficiency Committee 3:30-5:00 (via Zoom)

Tuesday, September 15th:

- Regularly Scheduled Tuesday

Wednesday, September 16th:

- Storytime Club: 12:30-1:00 (Join Zoom Meeting <https://moraga-k12-ca-us.zoom.us/j/86462128251> Meeting ID: 864 6212 8251)

Thursday, September 17th:

- Regularly Scheduled Thursday

Friday, September 18th:

- Fun Fridays Club 12:30-1:00 (Join Zoom Meeting <https://moraga-k12-ca-us.zoom.us/j/83401278557> Meeting ID: 834 0127 8557)

Rheem Library Books Available for Check Out

Beginning this Friday, Rheem Librarian Mrs. Gillbanks will be checking out books that go home in “Friday Folders.” To check out a book you will want to submit your request using this [FORM](#) by Wednesday. To view Rheem’s Library Catalog please click [HERE](#). If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Gillbanks (sgillbanks@moraga.k12.ca.us).

Parent Volunteers Needed to Complete 2020-21 Committees

Rheem Site Council Wants YOU!!

We're in need of parent members for this year's School Site Council.

The purpose of Rheem School's Site Council (SSC) is to develop, support, and monitor our school goals. In recent years, the council's work has focused on supporting the district's Strategic Plan by developing and monitoring actions steps to implement the Common Core standards and the Writers' Workshop program. Last year, specific goals were established in Mathematics and Language Arts based on CAASPP data as well as student engagement. Traditionally, our council also develops a "School Climate" goal to promote and maintain a positive learning environment for all students.

Coordinating Council

And last but not least, Rheem is in search of a volunteer who is willing to participate on the district's Coordinating Council, comprised of parents, teachers, classified staff, administrators, Governing Board members, and the superintendent. The council meets at least four times a year to review and update the District's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). Meetings begin at 3:30 PM and will be held via Zoom. 2020-21 meeting dates: September 16, November 4, January 27, February 24, March 24 and April 21. Meetings are open to the public.

To increase coordination and improve efficiencies among committees, the former Wellness Committee and Student Safety Committee are sub-committees of the Coordinating Council.

If interested in any of these worthwhile committees, please contact me at (bsullivan@moraga.k12.ca.us).

Summer Reading: Camp Read S'More

70 students participated this past summer, with 211,142 pages read, and 4808 books read. The classroom with the most pages read is Mrs. Ralph's with 37,187 pages.

The students with the most pages read in K-2: Savannah Pierce with 22,123 and 3rd-5th: Anna Ginestro with 16,015.

Honorable mention Justin Rosiak (3rd grade): 14,100, Sadie Ginestro (4th grade): 12,290 and Brahm Balazs (4th grade): 10,355.

The three winners will receive Bell & Bunna Gift Certificates in their Friday folders (two student winners and teacher). Also, all those who participated will receive a "Read S'More" bookmark in their Friday folder and a \$5 credit for the book fair.

After School Spanish Program

Viva el Español - Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is now open!

DAILY LIVE, ON-LINE SPANISH CLASSES VIA ZOOM FOR STUDENTS AT DONALD RHEEM SCHOOL. Join Viva el Español to learn Spanish through games, songs, stories, and art projects. This full-immersion approach is offered before and/or after school every school day/3 - 5 times a week which assists in reinforcing lessons learned. Students will learn vocabulary related to a variety of everyday themes, practice using it within sentences, and master many useful phrases. They will also learn about various traditions of different Spanish speaking countries. We have had great success teaching Spanish via Zoom. We provide a workbook and a kit for use at home that contains all the materials needed for in-class activities, customized for your child's Spanish level. You may pick the kit up at our office and not incur shipping charges, or you can elect to pay for shipping and we will ship it to your home.

- 1ST - 2ND Grade New Students AM, Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 8:15 AM. Classes start 9/21 and end on 06/04/21
- TK Spanish Level, Tuesday through Friday from 1:30 to 2:15 PM. Classes start 9/29 and end on 5/21/21
- Kindergarten Spanish, Tuesday through Friday from 2:30 to 3:15 PM. Classes start 9/29 and end on 5/21/21
- 1ST - 2ND Grade New Students PM, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 5:30 to 6:15 PM. Classes start 9/21 and end on 06/04/21

Click here to register:

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/LamorindaSpanishIncdbaVivaelEspanol?season=2873804&sessionType=1391309>

For more information please visit www.vivaelespanol.org or call 925-962-9177.

The Last Word...

Last Saturday (Labor Day Weekend) I drove my wife and kids to Seattle for them to check in with family, and get away from the smoke. After arriving in the Seattle area wildfires in

Oregon and Washington erupted and they went from one smoke filled region to another...the equivalent of moving from Krakatoa, Indonesia to Mt. Vesuvius, Italy to get away from the volcanoes. After dropping them off I took a flight home and spent the week at Rheem before heading back up Friday night to spend a day on Whidbey Island before driving everyone home today (Sunday).

Rarely do people find me at a loss for words but as I write to you on I-5 that appears to be the case. So, if you haven't had a family road trip in recent memory I recommend you get something on the calendar. Where else can you spend uninterrupted time with loved ones enjoying conversation, games, music, movies and more...in full disclosure the drive up was a little on the painful side with constant inquiries into how much longer till we get there, along with a gaggle of bathroom breaks. My wife and I felt every bit of the 14+ hour drive. However, the drive home is going swimmingly with an estimated trip of 12.5 hours door to door.

There's no place like Rheem!

Mr. Sullivan