

September 24, 2017

Dear Rheem Team Families,

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable weekend and been able to spend some quality time with family and friends. Take a read to see what Rheem has in store this week.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, September 25th:

- Regularly scheduled day

Tuesday, September 26th:

- Regularly scheduled day

Wednesday, September 27th:

- Native American Days – Mrs. Johnson's class

Thursday, September 28th:

- Native American Days – Mrs. Ralph's class

Friday, September 29th:

- Spirit Assembly
- Native American Days – Mrs. Berkman's class

School News and Highlights:

Readers' Workshop: Over the past year our students here in Moraga have been involved in Readers' Workshop. I have been able to witness your children doing amazing work, and to see the way our staff deliver these lessons makes me proud to be the principal. Parents are invited to learn more about this curriculum at an upcoming Parent Education Presentation – "Helping Readers Soar Through a Reading Workshop Approach" on October 19th from 6:30 – 8:00 at the JM library. See [here](#) for more information.

Box Tops are being collected in each of the classrooms and this Friday we will see which class has brought in the most to date. The top class will be rewarded at this Friday's Spirit Assembly with the coveted Roadrunner (to be displayed in their classroom with pride). Remember, every time you clip a Box

Top and turn it in to the school we earn money so please continue to clip away. And for anyone with a Smartphone, please click [here](#) to see how the Box Top app can earn even more money for our school.

Student and Traffic Safety:

Getting over 400 students to and from school can be a daunting task, and to do it successfully here at Rheem it takes families following the [safety procedures](#) we have in place.

Please remember that Rheem's **parking lots** are reserved for staff during school hours and/or volunteers/visitors who are on campus for an extended period of time. ***Parking lots should not be used for drop-off or pick up of students.***

It is also essential to be sure children and parents stay on the sidewalk and within the crosswalk when walking to and from school. ***Please do not walk across the bus circle or through the parking lots.***

ELL Family Night Potluck:

A welcome, and welcome back to all of our English Language Learner families. Please come join in the fun this Thursday, September 28th for a potluck dinner and fun family games. The party will be held at Los Perales E.S. from 5:30-7:00 in room 4. For more information please see [here](#).

Attendance Counts:

Did you know September is "Attendance Awareness Month"? with nearly 20% of our school year in the books it is important to remember that learning takes place when our children are in school and engaged in their studies. A recent study on student attendance showed that absences in elementary school has more of an impact on children, and their learning than any other time in their academic careers. The study stated that it is during these developmental years (elementary school) where foundational skills are introduced, practiced

and mastered. So please continue to do everything you can to ensure your child makes their way to school rested and ready.

Roadrunner Club:

If you notice a fan blowing as you walk into Roadrunners Club, we had new fly fans installed over the summer that keep out all flying things from entering our room.

Please, if your child is taking an After-School Enrichment Program (ASEP) class you **MUST** complete an Activity Release Form for each class. You may want to review your Permanent Reservation to make sure it reflects the correct time your child is attending Roadrunner. We just ended our billing cycle; bills should be in the mail after September 27th. All billing questions should be directed to Eleanor at Roadrunner Club.

Just as a gentle reminder, the 3:00pm snack is for children who are staying at Roadrunner until 3:15pm or later, and the 5pm snack is for children who are staying at Roadrunner through 5pm.

Please be patient with our staffing situation. We are still experiencing days that we cannot take DROP INS, especially Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Thankyou

Eleanor

The Last Word:

One of my favorite quotes regarding the past is from Confucius, he said, “study the past if you would define the future.” This week our 3rd graders will be taking part in the “Native American Days.” These lessons were created to help students appreciate and understand the impact Native Americans have had on all of us. It is essential our children learn to recognize the past, and learn from those who have come before us. Kudos to our third-grade teachers for sharing these lessons and shining a light on the influence of our state’s ancestors. And with that in mind, a wonderful way to teach your kids valuable

life lessons is to share with them some of your own experiences. (i.e. tell them a childhood story, look through a photo album, etc.). They will be captivated with whatever you choose to share.

RHEEM ROCKS!!!

Mr. Sullivan