

September 30, 2018

Dear Rheem Team Families,

Can you believe October arrives tomorrow? Fall goes into full swing in the coming month so please take a moment and see what Fall activities are happening this week at Rheem as well as catch up on some of the highlights from last week.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, October 1st:

- Regularly scheduled Monday

Tuesday, October 2nd:

- Regularly scheduled Tuesday

Wednesday, October 3rd:

- Fun(d) Run

Thursday, October 4th:

- Regularly scheduled Thursday

Friday, October 5th:

- Regularly scheduled Friday

School News and Highlights

Life at Sea 5th graders spent Wednesday preparing themselves for the high seas (this year's overnight trip is on the C.A. Thayer – a 19th century lumber schooner) by learning how to: prepare and cook vegetable stew in the makeshift galley; sing sea chanties; tell bell time; tie different types of sailors' knots; raise and lower a dory using rigging; and practice their ship vocabulary. John Paul Jones would be proud of their efforts.

Native American Days: 3rd graders were busy this week taking part in the Native American Days. Thank you, Mrs. Ralph, Mrs. Berkman, Mrs. Johnson, and the many parent volunteers for guiding our 3rd graders through a fun filled day of Native American culture.

Second grade's – Apple Day Last Wednesday was a busy day at Rheem and 2nd graders were able to celebrate Johnny Appleseed's birthday with some great STEM activities. Classes spent an hour and half in stations: observing apples in the garden; taking part in apple tasting; measuring the

circumference and weight of apples, hypothesizing if an apple will sink or swim; building apple towers with toothpicks; balancing apples using clothes pins as counter weights; estimating how many seeds are in each apple; and last but not least baking apple pizzas. Thank you to Ms. Guidi, Mrs. Webster, Mr. Thomson and all the family volunteers for making Johnny's birthday a memorable one.

MEF's Day of Giving was held on Wednesday, September 26th. To help celebrate, over 20 enthusiastic Rheem students greeted cars on Laird Dr and in the bus circle that morning, by holding signs and waving to those arriving. If you didn't get a chance to donate yet, it's not too late; just click [HERE](#).

Fun(d) Run – this Wednesday 10/3

Takes place this Wednesday, October 3rd. Be sure to send your student with the proper shoes and running attire.

Did you Know?

Excused vs. Unexcused Absences

Did you know that ALL absences are noted as “excused” or “unexcused” for auditing purposes. According to MSD board policy, absences are considered “excused” for the following reasons:

- Illness
- Family emergencies
- Justifiable personal reasons (such as funeral attendance)
- Religious holidays

Absences are considered “unexcused” if they do not meet one of the above-mentioned criteria. For example, missing school for vacations or “extra holidays” are unexcused. By definition of California Education Code, “a student who has an unexcused absence of more than 30 minutes on three different days, or more, is considered truant.”

Thank you for your diligence in avoiding extended trips when school is in session.

Spirit Assembly Highlights

Spirit Assemblies bring the entire Rheem Team together to celebrate accomplishments, focus on school-wide goals, and simply enjoy singing and laughing together. The highlights of the Spirit Assembly held on Friday, September 28th included:

- Highlighting and practicing our Start with Hello themes: greeting each other, sharing a smile, sharing compliments, mixing it up and random acts of kindness. (students got a chance to watch the following [VIDEO](#) showing the effects random acts of kindness can have)
- Celebrating students who participated in the Summer Reading and Math programs. Each were given certificates and prizes.
- Picking gold slips for a chance to spin the wheel for a prize. The lucky winners were:
 - Kindergarten: Anya L, Jordan B, Garin L, Mila L, Jackson P, Savannah P,
 - 1st Grade: Ava R, Abigail M, Meirabella B, Oliver N, Mayjore J, Payton T,
 - 2nd Grade: Rachael S, Iffy , Theodore R, Ava S, Rylan G, Aiden C
 - 3rd Grade: Avie S, Annabelle I, Tong Q, Sophia S-H, Niko D, Millie W, Tyler S
 - 4th Grade: Adam S, Ander P, Kaitlyn Y, Whitney K, Sean M, Marley T
 - 5th Grade: Becca T, Madison C, Lauren M, Will M, Sivani M, Maneli M
- Singing our school songs: “Rheem Team,” “Rheem ROCKS,” and “Roadrunner Pride!”

Rheem Site Council Wants YOU!!

We're still in need of another parent member 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. Traditionally, our council also develops a “School Climate” goal to promote and maintain a positive learning environment for all students.

If interested in this worthwhile volunteer opportunity, please contact me at (376-4441) for more information.

Coming Soon – Rheem’s Fall Carnival

Friday, October 12th, 4:30pm – 7:00pm

Step right up and get your tickets for Rheem's Fall Carnival and Cake Walk! Games, prizes, inflatable fun, a rock-climbing wall, raffle, food trucks and ice cream awaits at this annual fundraiser for our school, and the whole family is welcome!

Get your tickets at <https://rheempta.membershiptoolkit.com/>

Don't miss out on this super fun celebration and Rheem tradition!

News from Roadrunner

Dear Parents,

We are back in the swing of things, and having a great time with all of our Roadrunners. We are enjoying our art projects, food projects and outside play.

The After-School Enrichment Program (ASEP) begins Monday, October 1st. [Activity Release](#) forms are required for each child for each class. The release that you complete for the class is **NOT** the same one that Roadrunner Club requires. Click [HERE](#) for the Activity Release form or you may pick one up at Roadrunner Club. The Activity Release form gives us permission to send your child to class and it alerts us that your child is in class before they attend Roadrunner Club. We will not allow a child to attend an after-school class without an Activity Release form on file.

All schedule changes are now done online by parents. Common mistakes people make when going online to change their schedule are: they use the wrong pin # (Personal Identification Number), they use a different name (nickname), and they don't include both start time and end times. If you make a mistake it will not record your schedule change. Please be careful, and double check your entry, when entering information.

We are noticing that many of the parents are not completing the sign out process when they pick up their child. If you do not press the final DONE (hit enter 3 times) it doesn't register that you picked up your child. At the end of the evening when we reconcile the day, we end up re-creating when you

picked up your child. Therefore, we will begin charging a \$10 fee for no sign outs. (see the Roadrunner handbook which explains this fee).

Thank you,

Eleanor

The Last Word...

In this week's ***School News and Highlights*** you got a chance to read about some of the great onsite field trips our students get to take part in here at Rheem. It never ceases to amaze me how many learning opportunities are provided to our students and how, through the generosity of PTA and families such as yourself, our students get to experience education by taking part in so many hands on learning activities.

We are so fortunate to be part of a community that values education in such an esteemed manner. For 24 years I worked in schools that did not provide the same opportunities and experiences, and I would like to take a moment and say thank you for sacrificing so much of your talents and treasure to help every student in our school reap the rewards of your generosity and commitment to education.

Have a great week!

There's no place like Rheem!

Mr. Sullivan