

# RHEEMARKS

September 4, 2017

Dear Rheem Team Families,

I hope everyone has had a relaxing 3-day weekend and was able to stay cool...or at least not scorching hot. Growing up in the East Bay during the 70's and 80's gave me an opportunity to experience heat waves without air conditioning...I'm not sure how I survived : )

## **This Week at Rheem:**

### Monday, September 4th:

- Labor Day – No School

### Tuesday, September 5th:

- Picture Day
- Regularly scheduled day  
K-3<sup>rd</sup> 8:25-1:55  
(3<sup>rd</sup> grade will follow the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> schedule on September 11<sup>th</sup>)  
4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 8:25-3:05

### Wednesday, September 6th:

- Kindergarten parent volunteer presentation from 8:30-9:30 in Frank Hall
- Early dismissal for K-5<sup>th</sup> grade is 1:50 every Wednesday of the school year.

### Thursday, September 7th:

- Regularly scheduled day  
K-3<sup>rd</sup> 8:25-1:55  
(3<sup>rd</sup> grade will follow the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> schedule on September 11<sup>th</sup>)  
4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 8:25-3:05

### Friday, September 8th:

- Summer Reading recording sheets are due Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>
- Regularly scheduled day  
K-3<sup>rd</sup> 8:25-1:55  
(3<sup>rd</sup> grade will follow the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> schedule on September 11<sup>th</sup>)  
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**Picture Day is tomorrow!! Tuesday, September 5th:**

Please be sure to pack your children's order form and be to school on time. It will be a packed day of pictures with our first class striking a pose at 8:30.

## Attention Volunteers!

This Wednesday's Parent Volunteer Presentation is especially designed for Kindergarten parents; however, parents of new students at any grade level, or parents who would simply like a refresher on how to make the volunteer experience as rewarding as possible, are encouraged to attend. Kindergarten teacher Bess Inzeo, parent Becky Maher, and myself will be there to present information. Remember, if you are new to Rheem or did not complete the Volunteer Clearance Process in prior years, please make sure you do. Click [HERE](#) for instructions.

## Did You Know?

As we all get back into the school routine, [here are a few important school procedures to review](#):

- **Traffic and Parking** can seem a bit confusing at the beginning of the year, but soon we'll all be used to the routine. Please remember to be patient and use caution to get our 400+ students to and from school as safely and efficiently as possible.
- The **Attendance Line (377-2086)** should be called if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason. Children absent, but not accounted for on the attendance line, **MUST** be verified via a phone call from our office to the child's home or parent's work. This is to insure the child's safety. Please help us avoid this interruption by calling the attendance line in advance.
- Rheem parents who completed the **Volunteer Clearance** procedure in prior years, do **NOT** have to do it again this year. However, if you're new to Rheem, or new to volunteering, you'll need to complete the process outlined [HERE](#). (P.S. We are very grateful for our volunteers!).

## Hello from Roadrunner!!!

It's good to be back for all of us. We have a full house at Roadrunner Club and we started the year with a bang! We have changed our program this year to fit the new kinder schedule and we now have Kinders in a separate room for the first hour to give them a little one on one time.

We have had some fun activities already this year. We did water balloons to celebrate the heat on Tuesday, we made self-portraits today, and as usual, our snacks are the highlight of everybody's day.

Please remember ASEP classes start September 25th. We need an Activity Release form for every class (one form per child per class). Also remember that early/late starts on September 11th.

I am sorry for any inconvenience our scheduling has caused this year. Staffing is very difficult at the beginning of the year and we have tried to be as accommodating as possible. Please, Please, Please remember that the children should have their water bottles with them at all times (especially in this warm weather)!

We look forward to another great year!~!!

## **The Last Word...**

### **Labor Day**

The United States Department of Labor has this to say about Labor Day:

*“Labor Day is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.”*

Growing up the son of an electrician and secretary, my parents worked very hard to raise their three children in a nice neighborhood with good schools. Their hard work was nothing they ever spoke of but instead just modeled day in and day out. I'm not sure I ever wished my parents a "Happy Labor Day," but heaven knows they deserved it, so in the event someone has not wished you one today: Happy Labor Day and thank you for all your hard work and all that you do to provide for your children.

I love this school!

Mr. Sullivan