

December 1, 2019

Dear Rheem Team Families,

Welcome back!! I hope you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving Break and were able to spend time with family and friends for the holiday...and catch up on some rest if possible.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, December 2nd:

- School back in session – regularly scheduled Monday
- Be on the lookout for “Rheem Cares” information coming home in student backpacks

Tuesday, December 3rd:

- PBIS Store open

Wednesday, December 4th:

- Members of Rheem Faculty participate in Museum of Tolerance Workshops

Thursday, December 5th:

- 2nd Grade Field Trip to ARF (all 2nd graders are Early Friends)
- 5th Grade participates in “Speak Up Be Safe” (SUBS) program
- Members of Rheem Faculty participate in Museum of Tolerance Workshops

Friday, December 6th:

- 4th Grade Field Trip to Mission San Jose

Winter/Spring ASEP Sign Ups – Opens Tomorrow (12/2) at 9:00AM

Sign-ups for Winter/Spring ASEP classes run through the Town of Moraga opens tomorrow at 9:00AM. Please be sure to mark your calendars, as some of the classes fill up fast. Click [HERE](#) to access the Town’s ASEP webpage.

National Geographic Bee Coming to Rheem!

Submitted by Principal Emeritus Elaine Frank

Calling all Rheem 4th & 5th graders! **Rheem’s Annual National Geographic Bee** will be taking place this winter, and ALL 4th and 5th graders are invited to participate. This is a fun and exciting way to learn more about geography.

There will be two separate school competitions. The first will be a preliminary written quiz, consisting of 35 questions about the United States and the world. This quiz will be given to all interested students during their **regularly-scheduled library time after the Thanksgiving Break.**

Note: All students who participate in the preliminary competition will have their names included in a drawing to win a fun “Where in the World?” geography game (a \$30 value!), so everyone who tries out has a chance to be a winner!

The students with the highest scores on the Preliminary Quiz will be announced as Geo Bee finalists before the Winter Break, which will give them plenty of time to study before the **School-Wide Final Competition on Monday, January 13 at 9:00 a.m.** in Roadrunner Hall. This final competition will be similar to a spelling bee where the finalists orally answer questions about geography until one champion is selected to represent the school! The school champion and the runner-up will also win an all-expense paid trip to Starbucks (and a few other surprises). It’s a very exciting event, and all 3rd – 5th graders are invited to attend and watch the competition.

Students wanting to study for the preliminary quiz can click [HERE](#) and check out the study resources! There’s even an app you can download. And, by the way, these games and study resources can be “fun for the whole family”!

Enjoy!

Ms. Frank

Rheem Cares Program

The long-standing tradition of Rheem caring for and supporting those less fortunate during the Fall/Winter holiday season continues this year with the “**Rheem Cares Program.**” Be on the lookout for information coming home in backpacks or through teacher e-newsletters in the coming week(s) so that your family can get involved and experience the joy of helping out.

Spirit Assembly

Our Spirit Assembly on the Friday before break was a lot of fun. Students were treated to some great Rheem music, a video, and Gold Slip winners. We discussed the importance of this month’s life skill “gratitude.” Congratulations to the following students on getting their Gold Slips pulled they were all very gracious winners :)

K: Willie, Olivia, Colton, Ava, Alexandra, and Michael

1st: Max, Aubrey, Skye, Cameron, Johnny, and Payton

2nd: Anna, Madeline, Jay, Yuval, Nathan, and Alessia

3rd: Aggie, Olivia, Jace, Fatima, Megan, and Sophia

4th: Haley, Ethan, Estella, Addison, Niko, and Abigail

5th: Angad, Jenna, Vinushi, Oscar, Ella, and Emma

Speak Up Be Safe (SUBS)

This week our 5th grade students will be participating in a very important program called Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe (SUBS) that teaches about personal safety. This child abuse and bullying prevention program is being offered through a partnership between the Moraga School District and the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Contra Costa County (CAPC).

Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe lessons are led by a trained facilitator from CAPC who will teach your child how to communicate about these very serious issues. The lessons are specifically designed to be age-appropriate and are based on the following 5 safety rules: 1) It's MY body; 2) Ask an adult if I am safe; 3) I have choices; 4) Tell someone; and 5) It's NEVER my fault.

The Last Word...

I hope you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and were able to spend a lot of quality time with your loved ones. At our Spirit Assembly before break we focused on gratitude and what it means to be grateful. We learned that we are grateful when we:

- Say a kind word.
- Include others in our plans.
- Listen intently.
- Ask if there is anything we can do to help.

I encourage you to remind your child(ren) of these 4 simple strategies to help them practice being grateful. [HERE](#) is an award-winning short film we watched at the assembly that helped reinforce the message. If you have a chance, please enjoy it with your splendid family. (We should all be so lucky to find a stranger to brighten our day...and night)

There's no place like Rheem!

Mr. Sullivan