

RHEEMARKS: January 23rd

Dear Rheem Team Families,

We have a busy week on tap with the entire school participating in the Great Kindness Challenge, 3rd-5th grade taking part in the spelling bee, and families and students taking part in the read-a-thon. So, without further ado, please dive into the rest of this week's Rheemarks.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, January 24:

- The Great Kindness Challenge Week
 - "Be kind to yourself."

Tuesday, January 25:

- The Great Kindness Challenge Week
 - "Be kind to family members."
- Lunchtime Dance Club hosted by Ms. Seli (during recess)

Wednesday, January 26:

- The Great Kindness Challenge Week
 - "Be kind to classmates."
 - 5th graders welcome younger students to campus (8:10-8:25)
- Spelling Bee
- Lunchtime Garden Club hosted by Ms. Inzeo (during recess)

Thursday, January 27:

- The Great Kindness Challenge Week
 - "Be kind to your friends."

Friday, January 28:

- The Great Kindness Challenge Week
 - "Be kind to your neighbors."

School News and Highlights

Spirit Assembly: All students participated in a virtual spirit assembly kicking off the Read-a-Thon last Tuesday. Students found out about our goals and rewards that come with participating. We also introduced what it looks like to be helpful. Students learned that we are helpful when we: share, pick up after ourselves, encourage others, lend a hand to classmates and teachers in need. We wrapped up the assembly with gold slips being pulled and 36 students getting a chance to spin the prize wheel and an amazing rendition of "Roadrunner Pride."

Spelling Bee this Wednesday

After a one-year hiatus, Rheem will be resuming our school spelling bee this Wednesday. Third, fourth, and fifth-grade classes held a classroom bee and came up with their champions and runners-up. There will be nine contestants participating in the schoolwide bee.

Good luck to the nine, and may the words be with you.

Read-a-Thon Up and Running

This past Tuesday, we kicked off the read-a-thon with a spirit assembly, and families received information from teachers regarding how to log hours, as well as an email from 99pledges laying out how to register for donations and sponsors. The Read-a-Thon is an excellent opportunity to help reinforce the love of reading at home and a fundraiser for the school.

Please look to record your child's reading each week. Starting this coming Monday (1/24), you can enter your child's "AT HOME" reading on [this google form](#). (Please click this same link and fill it out each Monday until the Read-a-Thon ends in mid-February 15).

2021-22 MEF Family Survey

Please complete the MEF survey - it'll take less than 3 minutes! [You can find it here](#).

Thank you for supporting our school by supporting MEF. MEF donations are critical to our school's success. If you haven't made your donation this year, please donate at a level that is right for your family at moragaeducation.org.

There are additional ways you can help too! If you have an item or service to donate to the MEF auction, you can turn it into funds for our school! Donate an item to the auction at mefauction.com.

Also, this year, each school is putting together a basket to include in the auction. Please consider donating an item valued at between \$10 and \$40 to fill our basket. The theme for Rheem's basket is Camping & the Great Outdoors. You can get more information and donate an item [here](#).

The Last Word...

This week, the entire school will participate in the Great Kindness Challenge. Kindness is the one life skill that never goes away. From January 24-28, students will focus on a new area of kindness each day:

- Monday – Be kind to yourself
- Tuesday – Be kind to your family
- Wednesday – Be kind to classmates
- Thursday – Be kind to your friends
- Friday – Be kind to your neighbors

Did you know that practicing kindness is the best way of building lasting self-esteem in children? Acts of kindness have a way of solidifying how children feel about themselves. By being kind to others, a child learns that the world is a better place (and it's that way because of their actions). If you have a moment, please read this great little article from HealthyPlace.com, "[Random Acts of Kindness Boost Your Self-Esteem](#)." It talks about how doing random acts of kindness reinforces your self-worth and solidifies one's value. So, with that said, I encourage everyone to join in and make for a better school, home, and community.

There's no place like Rheem,
Mr. Sullivan