

RHEEMARKS: January 30

Good Evening Rheem Team Families,

I hope you enjoyed time with your family and the beautiful weather this weekend. As we say goodbye to January and welcome February into the fold, with it, comes Black History Month, Valentine's class parties, Presidents Weekend, the wrap-up of the read-a-thon, the start of the Science Fair, and the end of the 2nd trimester.

As busy as it will be, please be sure to see what else is happening this week at Rheem.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, January 31:

- Regularly scheduled Monday

Tuesday, February 1:

- Black History Month
- Lunchtime Dance Club hosted by Ms. Seli (during recess)

Wednesday, February 2:

- Rheem Store Open
- Coordinating Council (3:30-5:00 JM Library)
- Lunchtime Garden Club hosted by Ms. Inzeo (during recess)

Thursday, February 3:

- Snow Cone Day
- Kindergarten Registration

Friday, February 4:

- Science Fair Grade Level Presentations to 3rd-5th graders
- Kindergarten Registration

School News and Highlights

Spelling Bee: This past Thursday, Rheem 3rd-5th graders took to the blacktop to watch in amazement as 9 of their peers participated in this year's spelling bee. It was a thrilling competition as students went 15 rounds before Lucas X. was crowned the champion. Congratulations to all of our Spelling Bee contestants for sharing their incredible talent and thrilling the crowd with their knowledge of the written word. Here is a list of this year's participants:

5th graders: Eddie C., Charlotte H., Audrey K.

4th graders: Anna G., Heyab O., Lucas X.

3rd graders: Grady T., Beckett W., Chloe W.

Great Kindness Challenge: A big thank you to school counselor Bess Inzeo and the amazing counseling support staff for organizing this year's "Great Kindness Challenge" week. Students were able to participate in various classroom and schoolwide activities to spread kindness. Thank you, Ms. Inzeo, Mrs. Herbert, and Ms. Seli, for proving once again that "no act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Read-a-thon Update

We've had a solid start to the 2022 Rheem Read-a-thon! Thank you for all your support of this program. We'd also like to thank Jen Blau for her incredible design work on this year's bookmark and to our read-a-thon Chairs Karen Jaworski and Julia Herrington for all their hard work.

With **Crazy Hair Day** on the line, please be sure to add your students' hours through the [ONLINE FORM](#). **Ninety percent student participation** is required to earn this fun day. Don't worry about it if you forgot to enter last week's hours! Select which week's hours you are submitting when you fill out the form.

Any questions? Don't hesitate to get in touch with the Read-a-thon chairs: Karen Jaworski (karen@kjaworski.com) | Julia Herrington (juliawherrington@gmail.com)

Update: Parent Volunteers

Starting this week, we will be allowing fully vaccinated volunteers back on campus. If you are volunteering, please remember to check in at the office and bring your vaccination card and driver's license. We appreciate your volunteer support!

The Last Word...

With the read-a-thon going full steam, I thought it would be a good idea to send a few helpful tips for helping your child with reading. Literacy expert Dr. Timothy Shanahan from University Chicago has [11 great suggestions](#) to help parents support their child's literacy. From reading with your child to asking them questions about what they are reading, the consistent message evolves around making reading an important part of your family's routine and letting them know that reading is an essential part of their day.

Thank you for your continued support of all things Rheem.

There's no place like Rheem,
Mr. Sullivan