

RHEEMARKS: October 17th

Dear Rheem Team Families,

Happy Sunday!! We have another busy week on tap with the Fun(d) Run taking place on Wednesday, an earthquake preparedness drill on Thursday, and can you believe it...rain in the forecast? (We'll talk a bit about more what rainy day drop off, and pickup look like in "The Last Word.")

Rain or shine, we look forward to seeing everybody bright and early tomorrow morning.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, October 18:

- Cultural Proficiency Committee Meeting (6:30-8:00 PM via [Zoom](#))

Tuesday, October 19:

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

Wednesday, October 20:

- Fun(d) Run
- Wednesday Schedule (All K-5th grade students 8:25 – 1:50)
- Lunchtime Garden Club hosted by Ms. Inzeo (during recess)

Thursday, October 21:

- Earthquake Preparedness Drill: "Great California Shakeout"

Friday, October 22:

- Regularly scheduled Friday

School News and Highlights

Fourth Graders at the Governing School Board: Colin B, Logan C, Mary-Kate E, Ben E, Avery Z, Teagan D, and Alessia P from Mrs. Johnson's class did a marvelous job presenting at last Tuesday's Governing Board meeting, where they shared all about "Tinker Time" (a STEAM project where students are building putt-putt golf courses out of

cardboard). They were all very well-spoken and prepared. Kudos to seven of Rheem's finest engineers in training.

Safety First:

Especially during Halloween...

Rheem's Halloween Parade is right around the corner, and the following guidelines are designed to ensure that all our students enjoy a safe and happy Halloween at school:

- "Accessories" resembling weapons such as guns, knives, swords, etc., are inappropriate and never allowed at school (CA Ed Code. 48915). Such items will be removed from students and returned to parents at a later time.
- Students will not be allowed to skateboard or rollerblade during the parade (feet power only, please!).
- We also appreciate students being considerate of those who get easily frightened by keeping "blood and gore" to a minimum.

Keep in mind that Halloween can be confusing to some children -- why would anybody do something scary on purpose? Therefore, frightening masks, elaborate face paint, and creepy costumes and sounds can terrify some children; no matter how quickly removed the scary masks reveal friendly, familiar faces. On Halloween at Rheem, our goal is to provide our students with fun, not fear and anxiety. I appreciate your understanding

Fun(d) Run this Wednesday, October 20

Excitement is running high with anticipation for this year's Fun(d) Run. A couple of quick reminders to keep in mind:

- Be sure to send your student with the proper shoes and running attire
- Have your child bring a reusable water bottle to stay hydrated
- Volunteers will need to check-in at the office before heading out to the field
(Please remember to bring your driver's license and vaccination verification)

Cultural Proficiency Committee Meeting

Monday, October 18 from 6:30-8:00 PM via Zoom

Please join this Monday's virtual meeting to learn more and be a part of our district's important work around race, identity, equity, and inclusion. CPC meetings are a great way to become involved with other community members who embrace the importance of every student and family feeling a sense of belonging. I hope to see you there.

To join, please click the following link, or participate by using ID975 6837 1749

<https://zoom.us/j/97568371749>

The Last Word...

With the possibility of rain in the forecast, it's important to be sure and dress your children accordingly. A raincoat is always important, but please be mindful that rain boots, although very chic, can be pretty uncomfortable footwear for an entire day. If it is raining, the afternoon will look different with students being picked up in the bus circle. Drop off will be the same with students getting out on Laird and making their way straight to their classrooms (there is no early recess 8:10-8:25).

It may take students a little while to get used to this routine, but we certainly need the rain.

There's no place like Rheem!

Mr. Sullivan