

RHEEMARKS: November 14

Dear Rheem Team Families,

I hope you enjoyed your weekend. Not sure about you, but mine seemed like a warm-up for Thanksgiving Break, as I got a chance to spend a few more days than usual with my children. We will have five days of school this week with several things on the calendar, so please be sure to dive into the rest of this week's edition.

(I will not be sending home a Rheemarks next Sunday since there is no school the following week, but I will resume my weekly communication the following Sunday. Please be sure to stay safe, and I hope you can spend time with your loved ones.)

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, November 15:

- Cultural Proficiency Committee meeting 3:30-5:00 at LP in Room 4

Tuesday, November 16:

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

Wednesday, November 17:

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

Thursday, November 18:

- Regularly scheduled Thursday

Friday, November 19:

- Report cards go home

Monday - Friday, November 22-26:

- Thanksgiving Break

World's Biggest Day of Generosity

Did you know that Tuesday, November 30, is called the "World's Biggest Day of Generosity"? The day was spearheaded by "Giving Tuesday," a global generosity movement that started in 2012. It is a day that encourages people to give back in whatever ways they can.

Rheem is looking to participate in this year's event by collecting donations of lightly used shoes. There is a large box set up outside the office for children and adult shoes. The lightly used shoes will be donated to the "American Cancer Society Discovery Shop," and the proceeds will be used to fund cancer research. Donations will be collected till Tuesday, 11/30.

Cultural Proficiency Committee Meeting - 11/15

Please join us this Monday (11/15) from 3:30-5:00 in Room 4 at Los Perales Elementary for the monthly Cultural Proficiency Committee (CPC) meeting. CPC is contributing to the district's work around race, identity, equity and inclusion. The 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.

Mark your Calendar: Thanksgiving Break the week of November 22

This year's Thanksgiving Break is from November 20 – November 28. There will be no school from November 22 – 26.

The Last Word...

A couple of weeks back, you had a parent/teacher conference to discuss your child's progress and hear how they are doing. It is always great to hear directly from teachers to understand the work taking place in class and how your student is doing. This Friday, your child will be bringing home their first-trimester report card. The report card is a benchmark to show how they are doing academically through the first 1/3 of the year. They will receive marks in reading, writing, math, science, and social studies and will also receive marks in art, music, and P.E. To help prepare for the event, you will want to know that a "3" means your child is meeting benchmark. A "2" means they are approaching benchmark,

and a “1” means they are below benchmark. These numbers have replaced the letter grades we all grew up with (and when I say "we," I realize in a few years, I'll probably need to say "I").

If your kids are anything like mine by chance, you may see a handful of 2's or maybe even a couple 1's scattered about the report card. I encourage you to take this information in stride and understand that it is not an end-all-be-all data point that puts your child behind the 8-ball. It is a snapshot of where they currently are and shares with us what areas we can celebrate and what areas we can help our kids improve.

Like most things parenting, the grades our children get are a part of the long game. We can choose to hyper-focus on the grade or take it as an opportunity to promote growth. And please remember above everything, no matter what their report card marks may be, they all are lucky to have you in their corner.

There's no place like Rheem!

Mr. Sullivan