

RHEEMARKS: November 7th

Dear Rheem Team Families,

We have only three school days this week because of Veterans Day on Thursday and no school on Friday. We are also just two weeks away from Thanksgiving Break. I encourage you to give this week's RHEEMARKS a thorough read as I remind everyone of traffic safety protocols and the importance of emergency preparedness.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, November 8:

- Regularly scheduled Monday

Tuesday, November 9:

- Lunchtime Dance Club hosted by Ms. Seli (during recess)
- Governing Board Meeting: 6:00-9:30 - This month's meeting will be in person, however, members of the public may also join via Zoom ([Zoom link](#))

Wednesday, November 10:

- Wednesday Schedule (All K-5th grade students 8:25 – 1:50)
- Lunchtime Garden Club hosted by Ms. Inzeo (during recess)
- Snow Cone Day for students who purchased from Rheem Store

Thursday, November 11:

- NO SCHOOL: VETERANS DAY

Friday, November 12:

- NO SCHOOL

School News and Highlights

Earthquake Preparedness Drill: At Rheem, we practice safety regularly with our emergency preparedness drills (i.e., Fire Drill, Earthquake Drill, Shelter in Place Drill, etc.) This past Thursday, we practiced an Earthquake Drill, where students took shelter under their desks and then exited their rooms to safety. Whenever you notice an emergency drill in Rheemarks, I encourage you to talk with your child and ask them how it went. We always talk about the importance of knowing what to do "just in case" there is an

emergency. It never hurts for you to discuss some of your family's emergency preparedness during this same conversation.

Safety Reminders: Traffic and School Safety

This coming Tuesday marks the third full month of us being back in school, and with time comes familiarity, and often with familiarity comes complacency. All of us need to be diligent in following [school drop-off and pick-up protocols](#) for safety.

Drop-Off for all students

Please wait in line to drop off your child. Do not pass other cars (even if there seems to be room ahead). Once a series of cars has dropped off their charges and moved forward, another line of cars can come forward. The extra few seconds it takes to follow this procedure could prevent a tragic accident. After you drop off your child, you may proceed cautiously around the bus circle. Do not drop students off in the Bus Loop; drop them on Laird Drive by the blue benches.

NOTE: You can greatly assist in an efficient drop-off procedure by ensuring that your child is ready to exit the car with a mask on, snack, backpack, jackets, etc., packed and ready! If your child needs your assistance to exit, please find parking along Laird Drive; please don't get out of the car in the drop-off zone.

If you want to accompany your child onto campus, you must park on Laird and then walk to campus using the crosswalk. Please do not use the staff parking lot for drop-off!

Afternoon Pick-Up for all students

The process works similarly to drop-off. Once a group of cars picks up students along Laird Drive near the blue benches, another group of cars can move forward and do the same. While your child may be lining up in one spot, do not pass other cars (even if there seems to be room ahead). Be sure to place your name placard on the passenger side dashboard.

Mark your November Calendar:

We have a short week this week with Veterans Day on Thursday and no school on Friday, and Thanksgiving Break is only a couple of weeks away. Please be sure to mark your calendar:

- November 11 & 12: Veteran's Day
- November 22 – 26: Thanksgiving Break

The Last Word...

As many of you know, I take this "Last Word" to show respect and share praise for the men and women who serve in the armed forces. From their dedication and sacrifice, we

secure our freedoms. With that said, as parents and educators, it's important we share the real reason for this national holiday. Thursday (and subsequently Friday this year) is not just a day off from school or work; it is a time to give praise and appreciation to all who have dedicated their lives to the protection of our way of life. I have shared this [video](#) before, but I love just the same and think it conveys the spirit of Veterans Day and recognizes all those who made the sacrifice to support and defend the Constitution. We are all safer and stronger thanks to their commitment to freedom.

There's no place like Rheem!

Mr. Sullivan