

RHEEMARKS: February 13th

Good Evening Rheem Team Families,

I hope you are enjoying Super Bowl Sunday. With no rooting interest in either team, I'm hoping for a good game...and great commercials.

There is a lot on tap this week with Valentine's Day tomorrow, the read-a-thon wrapping up on Tuesday, and "Crazy Hair Day" (celebrating 95% student participation) on Thursday. Please remember it is a "short week" with no school this **Friday (2/18)**, or **Monday (2/21)** in observance of Presidents Day.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, February 14:

- · Valentine's Day
- · Cultural Proficiency Committee meeting (3:30-5:00 at LP Room 4)

Tuesday, February 15:

- · Read-a-thon ends
- · Lunchtime Dance Club hosted by Ms. Seli (during recess)

Wednesday, February 16:

- · Lunchtime Garden Club hosted by Ms. Inzeo (during recess)

Thursday, February 17:

- · End of the 2nd trimester
- · Crazy Hair Day

Friday, February 18:

- · NO SCHOOL – PRESIDENTS DAY WEEKEND

Monday, February 21:

- NO SCHOOL – PRESIDENTS DAY

MSD Elementary School Climate School

If you have not done so already, please be sure to fill out the [2021-22 Elementary School Climate Survey](#). The MSD Elementary School Climate Survey provides an opportunity annually for families to give important feedback to teachers and administrators about their child(ren)'s current school experience. Survey information is anonymous and is used to monitor progress and develop future areas to improve upon via school plans and the MSD's [Local Control Accountability Plan \(LCAP\)](#).

This survey should take no more than 5 minutes to complete. Please complete a survey for each K-5th grade student you currently have attending Rheem. The survey closes on Monday, February 14 at 5:00 PM, with results being posted on the MSD website in February.

Here is the link to the survey: [MSD Elementary School Climate Survey](#)

Thank you for taking the time to provide us with this valuable information.

Read-a-thon Ends this Tuesday

Thank you for participating in this year's read-a-thon. If you haven't done so already, please be sure to add this week's hours through the [ONLINE FORM](#).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Read-a-thon chairs: Karen Jaworski (karen@kjaworski.com) | Julia Herrington (juliawherrington@gmail.com)

Cultural Proficiency Committee Meeting

Monday, February 14 at Los Perales E.S. from 3:30-5:00

Please come to tomorrow's Cultural Proficiency Committee meeting to join in the district's work on equity and inclusion. It is the district's mission to meet the needs of every student and ensure they feel a sense of belonging each and every day.

Science Fair is On

Submitted by Science Fair Co-chair Doris Chen

It's that glorious time of year again where Rheem students get to think, create, question, explore, observe, investigate, analyze, share, and become young scientists! This year marks the Science Fair's 35th anniversary. Over the past three decades, our young scientists at Rheem have experimented with different paper airplanes for flying, making edible slime, dissolving candy in soda, swabbing different spots around the school for germs, and many more fun projects.

This year, we aim for an in-person event (but will provide further instructions if we need to switch to virtual mode). The Science Fair is open to students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. Young scientists may work in groups of up to 3 students from any of the grades listed above. Students will use the scientific method of investigation to work on a safe, non-hazardous, hands-on project. Each group will work on one report and poster board. The Science Fair Committee will be available to advise and guide our fearless young scientists along the way.

[Online applications](#) are available on the [Science Fair website](#). There, you will find rules, draft submissions, and more information.

Important dates to remember:

Feb 4: Science Fair Presentation. Start submitting applications online [here](#). Choose your science experiment.

Feb 18: Deadline to submit applications.

Feb 25: Receive application feedback. Start working on your experiment and drafting reports.

March 11: Science fair draft reports due

March 25: Start final reports

April 8: Final reports due

April 15: Receive poster boards

April 28: Science Fair class presentations in AM, event in the evening

Got questions? Email rheemsf@gmail.com. Special thanks to the Rheem Science Fair Committee: Christina Bentel, Amy Chen-Yee, Barbora Chindarkarova, Cori Constantine, Flora Shin, Emily Trieu, and co-chairs Doris Chen and Salome Sallehy.

Get your science on!!

The Last Word...

Before becoming an administrator, I taught high school and middle school social studies for 17 years. You could say I've been captivated by history for most of my life. As a young child, I was drawn to history by the storytelling of my father and his family. Their recollection of events always seemed so fascinating.

I read an article a couple of years ago that discussed how presidents are remembered. (If you are interested in taking a read, please click [HERE](#)) The big takeaway from the article is that history is constantly changing, and our perspective and perception often change the way we view certain people and events.

As parents, I encourage us to always share with our children the stories of our past and allow them to see how certain times, places, and people shaped our lives. And in the words of former president Harry Truman, "Do your best, history will do the rest."

There's no place like Rheem,
Mr. Sullivan