

## **RHEEMARKS: February 20th**

Good Evening Rheem Team Families,

Happy President's Day weekend. I hope you enjoy extra time with your loved ones and remember there is no school on Monday. This week's Rheemarks will be brief (you're welcome : ) with one less day to report out on, and all of you with an extra day with family.

### **This Week at Rheem:**

#### Monday, February 21:

- NO SCHOOL – PRESIDENTS DAY

#### Tuesday, February 22:

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

#### Wednesday, February 23:

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

#### Thursday, February 24:

- Regularly scheduled Thursday

#### Friday, February 25:

- Spirit Day: Superhero Theme

## **School News and Highlights**

**Crazy Hair Day:** This past Thursday, students celebrated Crazy Hair Day to recognize 90% participation in this year's read-a-thon. We will be messaging families in next week's Rheemarks to see if we made our goal of 100% participation and "Pajama Day."

**Rheem Store this Wednesday:** Students will be shopping at the Rheem Store this Wednesday with an opportunity to redeem their hard-earned Rheem Bucks on a number of items and experiences. If you have a moment, please click [HERE](#) to see the menu of experiences available to students.

## **Construction Update**

### **Measure V: Roofing Project at Rheem**

Work has begun to replace the roofs on Wings 2 and 3 using Measure V funds. The roof demo took place over the long holiday weekend, and installation and application of the new roof will continue over the next two weeks. The project is expected to wrap up by Friday, March 4.

### **Solar Array Project Wrapping Up**

PG&E and DSA (Department of State Architect) inspectors will be onsite this Wednesday, looking to finalize our permit to operate the solar arrays. Part of Schneider Electric's follow-up work will be to grade the field beneath the arrays, and then we will need to install a base and picnic tables.

## **The Last Word...**

With many days dedicated to the accomplishments of American individuals and our country, did you know that yesterday, February 19th is a significant date for the Japanese American community? On this day in 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which gave the U.S. Army the authority to remove civilians from the military zones established in Washington, Oregon, and California during WWII. This led to the forced removal and incarceration of some 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry living on the West Coast, who had to abandon their jobs, homes, and lives to be sent to one of ten internment camps scattered in desolate, remote regions of the country.

No Japanese Americans were ever charged, much less convicted, of espionage or sabotage against the United States. However, they were targeted, rounded up, and imprisoned for years, simply for having the “face of the enemy.”

Each February, the Japanese American community commemorates Executive Order 9066 as a reminder of the incarceration experience's impact on our families, community, and country. It is an opportunity to educate others on the fragility of civil liberties in times of crisis and the importance of remaining vigilant in protecting the rights and freedoms of all.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration in educating our students.

There's no place like Rheem,  
Mr. Sullivan