

RHEEMARKS: March 20th

Good Evening Rheem Team Families,

What a beautiful day! I hope you are getting a chance to enjoy it with your loved ones. There are a couple of district committee meetings this week, and I encourage you to join the Cultural Proficiency Committee meeting being held Monday evening via Zoom, from 6:00-7:30 pm. The CPC is committed to supporting all MSD students and ensuring we address the needs of underrepresented students in our community.

Please dive into the rest of this week's RHEEMARKS.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, March 21:

- Cultural Proficiency Meeting from 6:00-7:30 on Zoom ([Zoom Link](#))

Tuesday, March 22:

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

Wednesday, March 23:

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

Thursday, March 24:

- Regularly scheduled Thursday

Friday, March 25:

- Regularly scheduled Thursday

School News and Highlights

Rheem Store: Last Wednesday, the Rheem Store was open for business. Students purchased a number of different novelties, including pop its, training yoyo's, squishies, pencils, stickers, and much more. They also purchased a handful of experiences,

including show and tell in your classroom (\$10 Rheem Bucks), choose a GoNoodle for your classroom (\$10), extra recess for a student and three friends (\$40 Rheem Bucks), and an extra recess for the class (\$100 Rheem Bucks). But the most popular item for students is the Minute to Win It games with Mrs. Strohmeyer, where a student spends \$15 Rheem Bucks to bring a friend to enjoy a host of one-minute games during their lunch recess time.

Family Reunification Drill This past Thursday, we participated in a mini family reunification drill. Where students practiced a shelter-in-place drill followed by kindergarten thru second-grade early release students being reunified with their families, either on Laird Drive or the Ascot Steps. Students taking the bus home were placed on the bus, and those attending Roadrunner Club were gathered by Roadrunner staff and brought to their usual space. The drill was great practice for us on a smaller scale and allowed us to work out the kinks if we needed to implement an entire school family reunification exercise. We plan to hold a whole school family reunification drill in the fall of next school year.

School Climate Survey Results

Over the past several weeks, I will have included results from the 2021-22 Climate Survey sent out in February. I've also been re-posting information in our "Did you know" section of Rheemarks to help better explain school policies and practices. 246 families responded as follows:

92% of respondents agreed with the statement, "School adults consistently model respectful behavior that creates a positive climate for learning."

Actual breakdown:

- 51.5% strongly agree
- 40.2% agree
- 3.4% disagree
- 0.8% strongly disagree
- 4.1% didn't know.

Did you know?

Modeling Respectful Behavior

Learning happens best when students understand they are in a safe and caring environment. Students are able to meet our behavior expectations more successfully when adults at school consistently model the behaviors we expect from students. Staff continuously participate in professional development and other training to help build their craft. Some more recent trainings have focused on equity and inclusion, where working to meet the needs of underrepresented students strengthens the experience for everyone. Our goal is for ALL students to learn and belong!

Rheem's Global Art, Food, and Traditions Night

We are still looking for a handful of families willing to host a table for this year's Global Art, Food, and Traditions Night. If you are interested in hosting a table, please see the [Sign Up Genius](#)

This year's event will take place on April 14, 2022, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. in the MUR. The event will consist of a journey around the world discovering children's handmade crafts, international food, and family traditions. In addition, considered one of the most picturesque folk arts of the Chinese Culture, there will be a live Dragon and Lion Dance performance as well as a team of martial arts performers! If you are interested in volunteering, please see the [Sign Up Genius](#).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4BAEAA28A1FF2-rheem>

The Last Word...

Last Monday, we held two 10-minute assemblies (one for 3rd-5th and one for K-2nd) to discuss the new mask mandate and help students with the new transition. We talked about the importance of respect, and no matter what a student's mask preference is, it is not our place to question why or why not. We introduced the moto, "Mask, or no mask. There's no need to ask " to reinforce this message.

The pandemic has re-shaped how we do things for the past two years. As we transition into these new guidelines, I want to thank all of you for taking the time to speak with your children about what you prefer regarding masking and reinforcing the need for us to show

respect to others. I consider myself very fortunate to work in a school community that values teamwork as much as the Rheem families do.

There is no place like Rheem,
Mr. Sullivan