

March 6, 2022

Good Evening Rheem Team Families,

I hope you are well and enjoying the weekend. Some things to look forward to this week are report cards coming home this Friday and the MSD Governing Board visiting campus on Wednesday. This is also the last week before we transition to Day Light Savings Time (*Next Sunday, March 13, we turn the clocks forward an hour*).

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

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, March 7:

- Regularly scheduled Monday

Tuesday, March 8:

- Lunchtime Dance Club hosted by Ms. Seli (during recess)
- Governing Board Meeting in JM Library from 6:00-9:30

Wednesday, March 9:

- MSD Governing Board visits Rheem
- Lunchtime Garden Club hosted by Ms. Inzeo (during recess)

Thursday, March 10:

- R.A.D. Club meeting (Respect All Differences) for 4th/5th graders during lunch

Friday, March 11:

- 2nd-trimester report cards go home

School News and Highlights

Governing Board coming to Rheem: This Wednesday, members of the Moraga School District Governing Board will be visiting Rheem to take in all the fantastic work students,

and staff are doing. It is always great to have the school board visit campus, and this week will be no exception.

R.A.D. Club meeting: This Thursday, Rheem 4th and 5th graders are invited to participate in our inaugural Respect All Differences Club meeting. The club members will help decide the agenda and direction of the meetings. The goal is to provide a space for students to connect and belong. We hope that this group of students will work together to increase Rheem's sense of belonging and connectedness. The club is scheduled to meet every other Thursday.

School Climate Survey Results

Over the next several weeks, I will include results from the 2021-22 Climate Survey sent out earlier this month. I'll also be re-posting information in our "Did you know" section of Rheemarks to help better explain school policies and practices. 246 families responded as follows:

97% of respondents agreed with the statement, "The school has systems in place to encourage and reward positive behavior and contributions."

Actual breakdown:

- 61.1% strongly agree
- 35.7% agree
- 1.2% disagree
- 0.8% strongly disagree
- 1.2% didn't know

Did you know?

Rheem's Reward System

To help build a positive school climate and support student achievement, both academically and socially, Rheem utilizes two school-wide reward systems called Rheem Bucks and Gold Slips. Students receive Rheem Bucks from staff members across campus who catch them being Respectful, Helpful, Engaged, Empathetic, and Mindful. Students

can redeem their hard-earned Rheem Bucks at the Rheem Store which is open every three weeks during recess time.

Gold Slips are another way for teachers and staff to acknowledge the students' hard work and kindness to their peers and staff members alike. Several Gold Slips from each class are pulled at a Spirit Assembly for the opportunity to spin the prize wheel in front of the whole school. We hold between five and six spirit assemblies each year. Any Gold Slip that is not pulled during a spirit assembly receives Rheem Bucks to use at the Rheem Store.

Rheem's Global Art, Food, and Traditions Night

Submitted by Anjuli Cargain

Save the date! Rheem's Global Art, Food, and Traditions Night 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! If you are interested in volunteering or hosting a table, please see the [Sign Up Genius](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4BAEAA28A1FF2-rheem) (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4BAEAA28A1FF2-rheem>)

The Last Word...

Several years ago, my son brought home a report card with concerns in math. My wife suggested I wasn't doing enough to help him, and instead of getting defensive, I decided to outsmart her by asking what she recommended. Thinking I stymied her, she deftly handed me a note from his teacher that provided instructions on precisely what we could do to help. Being outsmarted by my wife was nothing new, but the math routines we subsequently put in place at home to help bridge the gap were.

As second-trimester report cards make their way home this Friday, I think of the quote, "For any relationship to be successful, there needs to be open communication, appreciation, and understanding." With that said, I encourage you to reach out to us with questions on how you can support your child with any challenges they may be facing at school.

Here's to a great week and plans for continued success for the rest of the year.

There's no place like Rheem,

Mr. Sullivan