

January 24, 2021

Good Evening Rheem Team Families,

I hope you've had an enjoyable weekend as we prepare for a busy week at Rheem and throughout the District with: The Great Kindness Challenge Monday thru Friday; a special board meeting discussing reopening on Tuesday; a PTA association meeting on Wednesday; and this Thursday a parent education opportunity discussing ways to support your student's literacy education at home.

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

## **This Week at Rheem:**

### Monday, January 25th:

- Great Kindness Challenge: Hats off to Kindness

### Tuesday, January 26th:

- Special Board Meeting on the Reopening of Schools 6:00PM
- Great Kindness Challenge: Shine Bright with Kindness
- Kids on the Run Club 12:30-1:00 ([Zoom link](#))

### Wednesday, January 27th:

- Great Kindness Challenge: Team Kindness
- PTA Association Meeting 7:30-8:30 ([Zoom link](#))
- Storytime Club: 12:30-1:00 ([Zoom Link](#))

### Thursday, January 28th:

- Great Kindness Challenge: Crazy for Kindness
- Parent Ed Opportunity: Supporting Student Literacy from Home (10:00AM)
- Keep Calm & Dance On Club 12:30-1:00 ([Zoom link](#))

### Friday, January 29th:

- Great Kindness Challenge: Dream of Kindness
- Fun Fridays Club 12:30-1:00 ([Zoom Link](#))

## School News and Highlights

**Spelling Bee Correction:** Kudos again to all of our Spelling Bee finalists, and my apologies to another 4th grader who made it to the finals that I forgot to mention. Congratulations to Aila D. for all her hard work and kudos on being such an amazing orthographer.

**The Great Kindness Challenge:** As mentioned in last week's Rheemarks, we are proudly participating in "*The Great Kindness Challenge*" again this year. Below is the schedule of events:

- Monday: "Hats off to Kindness" students wear their favorite hat.
- Tuesday: "Shine Bright with Kindness" students wear neon colors.
- Wednesday: "Team Kindness" students wear their favorite sports uniform.
- Thursday: "Crazy for Kindness" crazy hair day.
- Friday: "Dream of Kindness" pajama day.

## MEF's Annual Survey is Live

Thank you for your continued support of MEF. To get a better understanding of how you would like to see your MEF donation dollars put to use, please take a moment to fill out this short, anonymous [survey](#). The survey will be open until this Friday, January 29th.

*Thank you again, we value your opinion!*

## Special Board Meeting – Reopening of Schools

This Tuesday at 6:00pm will be a special Governing Board meeting with an update on the reopening of schools.

There are two options members of the public can use to participate in the open meeting via Zoom:

Option 1: Join Zoom Webinar using a computer and enter

<https://zoom.us/j/98834748675?pwd=OTNLNGpVcnp5MXJxUjZLTEI5VU5sQT09>

Option 2: Call in using a normal telephone; dial 1 669 900 6833 US; Webinar ID: 988 3474 8675

## **Yearbooks Now Available for Purchase**

*Yearbooks are now available to order by using the link below.*

The 2020-21 school year is definitely a once in a lifetime experience, and what better way to make it a thing of the past than to put it all in a yearbook.

[ORDER YOUR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEARBOOK HERE](#)

## **PTA Association Meeting this Wednesday**

Please join us this Wednesday at 7:30 for a PTA association meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://moraga-k12-ca-us.zoom.us/j/84877633511>

Meeting ID: 848 7763 3511

## **Parent Ed Opportunity: Children's Literacy Workshop**

Thursday, January 28th at 10:00 AM (PST), please join expert Teachers College Reading and Writing Project staff at their upcoming workshop day for parents and caregivers of students in grades K-8. Learn more about ways to support your child's literacy education at home, what or how they are learning in school, how to best engage in home literacy projects, and more.

These days are typically 2-3 hours long, composed of a series of 15-minute small-group presentations. Parents and caregivers can choose the workshops that match their needs and are free to come for one workshop or many. The schedule of workshops will be made available prior to the event. These sessions are offered live and are not recorded for later viewing.

**Click the link below to register.**

<https://tcrwp.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJludu-orzMrGdUN0lyGUGksRGCvS2Sjp9E5>

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

This week, January 25th-29th, is the Great Kindness Challenge, and every Rheem student and staff member will be participating once again. Even though we are not able to

be together on campus, our goal is still to spread kindness amongst our classes and community by using small but meaningful actions and words.

The power of kindness goes well beyond a nice gesture or encouraging word, did you know that practicing kindness is the best way of building lasting self-esteem in children? Acts of kindness have a way of solidifying the way children feel about themselves. By being kind to others, a child learns that the world is a better place (and it's that way because of their actions). If you have a moment please read this short article from HealthyPlace.com "[Random Acts of Kindness Boost Your Self-Esteem.](#)" It talks about how doing random acts of kindness reinforces your self-worth and solidifies one's value.

I look forward to joining the entire Rheem Team in the Great Kindness Challenge, and making the world a better place while building self-esteem in things that matter the most...our children. Click [here](#) to download the 50-item "Kindness Challenge Family Edition" checklist.

**There's no place like Rheem!**

Mr. Sullivan