

RHEEMARKS: October 25th

October 25, 2020

Good Evening Rheem Team Families,

I hope you are having a pleasant weekend. There are several timely announcements in this week's Rheemarks starting with the possibility of school being cancelled tomorrow because of a PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS). Superintendent Burns sent out a message last Friday informing families of the potential power outage and that the district will send out an email by 6:30 Monday morning notifying us if school is in session or if it is cancelled. (I realize for many of us who live in town, we may not get the email as our power could be out. In the event your power is out, consider that the equivalent of Mr. Burns' email saying school is cancelled :). *PG&E also mentioned that in the event power was shut off it should be fully restored by Monday evening at 10:00PM.*

This week also has several other meetings and events including: the Rheem Halloween Car Parade taking place on Friday from 1:30-2:00 in the bus loop; a special governing board meeting on Wednesday at 5:30pm; folder pick up/drop off taking place on Thursday instead of Friday this week; and grade level virtual spirit assemblies listed below.

It will be a jam packed week, so please be sure to dive right in to the rest of this week's Rheemarks.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, October 26th:

- PG&E Scheduled Power Outage (PSPS) at Rheem
- 4th Grade Virtual Spirit Assembly (11:45-12:15) – *Rescheduling TBD*
- Art & Kindness Club: Art & Kindness Club: ([Zoom Link](#))

Tuesday, October 27th:

- Regularly scheduled Tuesday

Wednesday, October 28th:

- Kindergarten Virtual Spirit Assembly (11:00-11:30)
- 1st Grade Virtual Spirit Assembly (11:45-12:15)
- Special MSD Governing Board Meeting (5:30PM)
- Storytime Club: 12:30-1:00 ([Zoom Link](#))

Thursday, October 29th:

- UPDATE: Folder Pick Up/Drop Off

- 3rd Grade Virtual Spirit Assembly (11:45-12:15)
- Turn Pumpkins in to PTA in the Bus Loop

Friday, October 30th:

- Halloween Car Parade 1:30-2:00
- 5th Grade Virtual Spirit Assembly (8:30-9:00)
- 2nd Grade Virtual Spirit Assembly (11:45-12:15)
- Fun Fridays Club 12:30-1:00 ([Zoom Link](#))

School News and Highlights

Halloween at Rheem:

- In place of our traditional Halloween Parade on the playground, this year we will be coming together in where else but the bus loop for a car parade. The Mask-Parade will begin at 1:30 and students and families are encouraged to dress up in this year's costume.
- Students are encouraged to decorate a pumpkin and drop it off during folder pick up on Thursday (there will be a designated area for pumpkins to be dropped off). On Friday these pumpkins will line the parade route to make it an even more festive event.

Folder Pick Up/Drop Off this Thursday (instead of Friday)

To ensure we have a safe and happy car parade we will be distributing folders this week on Thursday instead of Friday. Pick up/drop off times will be the same as usual, 8:30am-4:30pm.

Special School Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 28th at 5:30PM

At last week's school board meeting a hybrid schedule was presented by the administration for review from the board. Several recommendations were made by the board to adjust the current hybrid model. Plans are to have a final version of this elementary hybrid schedule to families by the end of this week. A hybrid schedule is a combination of distance learning and in-person instruction.

Some families have asked: Why is a hybrid schedule necessary? In order to maintain safe environments in the classrooms where staff and students can maintain social distance guidelines students have been placed in two cohorts. Hybrid schedules are necessary so that teachers can meet the needs of both cohorts of students each day. Our hybrid schedules will follow a "week-on/week-off" schedule where a cohort attends in person one week and engages in distance learning the next week. This schedule was recommended by

the Moraga School District Task Force for Reopening Schools because it reduces the number of teacher and student contacts each day and it provides support for contact tracing.

By the end of this week parents will also be receiving a form/survey asking if they will be sending their student(s) to in-person instruction, or continuing with full distance learning. More details about this form/survey are coming soon.

The Moraga School District Governing Board will be receiving an update from Superintendent Burns on all of this important work during a special board meeting this Wednesday, October 28 starting at 5:30.

The Last Word...

Many of you may have received the same messaging as I did from PG&E this morning, notifying you of the likely public safety power shutoff between 8:00-10:00pm this evening. Here are some helpful tips to prepare you and your household for a possible outage.

·Keep freezers and refrigerators closed:

○The refrigerator will keep food cold for about four hours. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours. Use coolers with ice if necessary. Monitor temperatures with a thermometer

○When in doubt, throw it out! Throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures 40 degrees or higher for two hours or more, or that has an unusual odor, color, or texture

·Check on your flashlights and batteries

·Charge your cell phone completely prior to 8:00PM this evening

·Check on your neighbors

·Only use generators outside and away from windows

·Do not use a gas stove to heat your home

·Disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges

·Have alternate plans for refrigerating medicines or using power-dependent medical devices

○If the power is out for more than a day, discard any medication that should be refrigerated, unless the drug's label says otherwise. If a life depends on the refrigerated drugs, consult a doctor or pharmacist and use medicine only until a new supply is available

More helpful links from PG&E:

- If you rely on power to operate life-sustaining medical devices or have access and functional needs, additional support may be available. For more information, visit pge.com/disabilityandaging.
- To view city/county level information, including Community Resource Centers where you can charge devices, visit pge.com/pspsupdates.
- To look up additional addresses that may be affected, visit pge.com/addresslookup.
- To view a general area map of the potential outage area, visit pge.com/pspsmaps.
- Get outage tips and a sample emergency plan at pge.com/outageprep.
- For generator safety tips, visit pge.com/generatorsafety.
- To learn more about Public Safety Power Shutoffs, including the criteria used to turn off power, visit pge.com/psps.
- For a 7-day Public Safety Power Shutoff forecast, visit pge.com/pspsweather.
- If you see a downed power line, assume it is energized and extremely dangerous, and report it immediately by calling 911.

Thank you again for all you are doing in these crazy times. Please stay safe and do not hesitate to reach out if we can be of assistance.

**There's no place like Rheem!
Mr. Sullivan**