

## **RHEEMARKS: November 15th**

Good Evening Rheem Team Families,

As many of you have heard, last Friday evening the reopening of Moraga Schools in a hybrid model was postponed. Based on this decision, Rheem will continue with current Distance Learning 2.0 classroom schedules, including Art, Music, PE, and Library synchronous lessons. The elementary Reading Tutor and the Foundations Tutor programs will also continue with the current Distance Learning 2.0 schedules.

I realize the delay of reopening schools is not ideal for many students and their families who elected to return to in person learning, but we promise to continue delivering outstanding virtual lessons until we are able to return to campus.

Thank you as always for your continued support and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

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

#### Monday, November 16th:

- Full Distance Learning continues for all K – 5th grade students
- Art & Kindness Club: Art & Kindness Club: ([Zoom Link](#))

#### Tuesday, November 17th:

- Full Distance Learning continues for all K – 5th grade students

#### Wednesday, November 18th:

- Full Distance Learning continues for all K – 5th grade students
- Come Sit By Me Storytime: 12:30-1:00 ([Zoom link](#))

#### Thursday, November 19th:

- Full Distance Learning continues for all K – 5th grade students
- MSD Governing Board Meeting (5:30 start)

#### Friday, November 20th:

- Full Distance Learning continues for all K – 5th grade students
- Fun Fridays Club 12:30-1:00 ([Zoom Link](#))

#### November 23rd - 27th

- Thanksgiving Break

### **Rheem Cares Program**

The long-standing tradition of Rheem caring for and supporting those less fortunate during the Fall/Winter holiday season continues this year with the “**Rheem Cares Program.**” Be

on the lookout for information coming home in Friday Folders or through teacher e-newsletters in the coming week(s) so that your family can get involved and experience the joy of helping out.

## **Rheem Spelling Bee: 3rd–5th Graders**

*As submitted by Rheem Librarian, Sharon Gillbanks*

Dear Rheem 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Students/Families,

This year, the Scripps National Spelling Bee has developed an online testing platform that will allow Rheem to host a school spelling bee program, whether your children are learning in classrooms or remotely from your homes.

In place of our traditional spelling bee program, we will hold 2 levels of competition through online spelling tests. If your child is interested in competing, the first step to spelling bee participation is for you to register for the Scripps National Spelling Bee's online testing platform by visiting <https://online-test.spellingbee.com>.

I encourage you to watch this video tutorial that will walk you through the registration process: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=htXzjpnMijc>

Once you have registered, I will be able to assign the tests for your child to take. Your child must complete the test(s) before the given deadline, and these tests can be taken on any device with a web browser, including desktop computers, laptops, tablets and smart phones. Classroom competition testing must be completed no later than December 18th.

Six students from each grade (3rd-5th) with the highest scores will move on to compete at the school level. This year, our school-level competition will be administered via an online platform.

Our school champion will then move on to represent Rheem in the Contra Costa Regional Spelling Bee program, which also may include online tests in lieu of in-person spelling bee events.

The first step to spelling bee participation is to register at [online-test.spellingbee.com](https://online-test.spellingbee.com). Please register at your earliest convenience as I will begin assigning tests to students as soon as you register. If you have already registered using the online testing platform for another child, you can log in to your account and add an additional child to that same parent account. There is no need to register a different email address for each child in your household.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions about our school spelling bee program. I look forward to having your child compete to represent our school!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Gillbanks

Rheem Librarian

## **MSD Governing Board Meeting**

There will be a Governing Board meeting on Thursday, November 19th to fill the vacant Board position. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:30 and directions to join the meeting are below.

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

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

I know many people are disappointed with the postponement of school reopening to the hybrid model. With three children of my own all slated to return to in person learning in the coming weeks, they were all equally disappointed when I broke the news to them Friday evening. For them it was one more thing that didn't happen that was supposed to, and an opportunity to share their frustrations with, and in, me. For me, it was a chance to listen to them and try to help them process and deal with it.

I read an article a few months back about helping children deal with disappointment ([How to Help Kids Handle Disappointment](#)) and the benefits that can come from teaching them how to overcome their frustrations. The keys are to: listen and validate, provide perspective, seek solutions, give them a sense of control, and have faith in them.

I know it's not easy dealing with disappointment no matter what the age, but if you have a few minutes please give it a read. I looked over it again today, and reassured my own kids that we will get through this together.

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

Mr. Sullivan