

RHEEMARKS: November 8th

November 8, 2020

Good Evening Rheem Team Families,

This week marks the beginning of the 2nd Trimester. It's hard to believe we are a third of the way through the school year, but we are. We are also one week away from reopening for our first group of K-2nd grade students, and just two weeks away from Thanksgiving Break, I encourage you to give this week's RHEEMARKS a thorough read as to prepare for the coming weeks.

THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, November 9th:

- Regularly scheduled Monday
- Art & Kindness Club: Art & Kindness Club: ([Zoom Link](#))

Tuesday, November 10th:

- Regularly scheduled Tuesday
- Monthly MSD Governing Board Meeting (7:00-10:00PM)

Wednesday, November 11th:

- NO SCHOOL: VETERANS DAY

Thursday, November 12th:

- Asynchronous classroom teacher preparation days for K-3rd and 5th grades (**see more info below**)
 - 4th grade classes will be as regularly scheduled and will have their asynchronous teacher preparation days on 12/3 and 12/4

Friday, November 13th:

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- Fun Fridays Club 12:30-1:00 ([Zoom Link](#))

School Reopening Update

This week you will be receiving some very important communication from MSD and your child's teacher.

- 1.Monday: You will receive an email from me with information about your child's grade level cohorts. This email will contain directions on finding out your child's cohort and information about staffing at your child's grade level.
- 2.Tuesday: You will receive the Moraga School District's Site Operating Procedures (SOP) along with a Community Compact.
- 3.Wednesday: Information and reminders about pick-up and drop-off procedures, self-screening process, masks, etc...
- 4.Thursday & Friday: Teachers will be communicating asynchronous activities to K-3rd and 5th grade students.

In order to stay open for in-person instruction we need staff, students and parents to do their part: Stay home from school when you're sick, wear a mask, stay physically distanced, and wash hands frequently. Those actions, along with following any additional state and county guidelines, will help us support our students in person.

Reopening for In-Person Instruction Dates:

- Week of November 16 - TK-2nd Cohort A
- Week of November 30 - TK-2nd Cohort B
- Week of December 7 - TK-5th Cohort A
- Week of December 14 - TK-5th Cohort B
- Week of January 4 - TK-8th Cohort A
- Week of January 11 - TK-8th Cohort B

Asynchronous Days to Get Ready for the Hybrid Model

In order to prepare for the start of the hybrid model and in-person instruction two school days will be mostly asynchronous activities. These asynchronous days will begin with a synchronous meeting with your child's classroom teacher starting at 8:25. The rest of the day will be asynchronous activities. Art, music, PE, and library will occur on their normal schedule.

See below for the asynchronous days for each grade level:

- K – 2nd: 11/12 and 11/13
- 3rd Grade: 11/12 and 11/13
- 4th Grade: 12/3 and 12/4
- 5th Grade: 11/12 and 11/13

Monthly MSD Governing Board Meeting

During this month's school board meeting there will be updates on: school reopening plans; Measure V; response to public safety power shut offs; Cultural Proficiency Committee; and identifying future special board meeting topics.

There are two options for people to participate in the 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

Mark your Calendar: Thanksgiving Break the week of November 23rd

This year's Thanksgiving Break is from November 21st – 29th. There will be no school November 23rd-27th.

The Last Word...

This Wednesday is Veterans Day. A day dedicated to all the men and women who have served our country in the armed forces. The day was originally known as Armistice Day, and was created to commemorate those Americans who lost their lives fighting in World War I. The day itself, November 11th, is the day in which Germany and our allies agreed to an armistice (truce/ceasefire) which stopped the fighting in 1917. Since that time Veterans Day has become a national holiday in which all soldiers who have fought in wars are honored for their service to our country.

Of all the holidays we observe as citizens, I find this one second only to Memorial Day. The dedication and resolve of a soldier are something I have great admiration for, and the freedoms I hold sacred have been secured and protected by their bravery and sacrifice.

With that said, as parents and educators it's important we share the real reason for this national holiday with our children/students. Wednesday is not just a day off from school or work, it is a time to give praise and appreciation for all who have dedicated their lives to the protection of our way of life. I love this short [video](#) that shares the spirit of Veterans Day and recognizes all those who made the sacrifice to support and defend the Constitution. We are all safer and stronger thanks to their commitment to freedom.

There's no place like Rheem!

Mr. Sullivan