

RHEEMARKS

February 11, 2018

The DRheem Team is poised and ready for the final week of the Read-a-Thon. The amount of participation has garnered the students a second straight year of “Crazy Hair Day” This Thursday, February 15th. It will be a great day to show how CRAZY we are about reading!!

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, February 12th:

- Regularly scheduled Monday

Tuesday, February 13th:

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- School Board Meeting from 7:00-10:00 (JM Library)

Wednesday, February 14th:

- [Science Fair online applications](#) due
- Follow up waste audit at Lunchtime - Wastebusters
- Valentine's Day

Thursday, February 15th:

- CRAZY HAIR DAY
- Read-a-Thon ends – week 4 tally sheets due

Friday, February 16th:

- NO SCHOOL: Presidents Day

Monday, February 19th:

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School News and Highlights.

- In the event you did not get a chance to check in with your child(ren) this past week, let me tell you about the fun they had participating in the in the Red Panda Acrobats assembly. Mr. Huey was an amazing acrobat who went from juggler to contortionist to hand stander (not sure if that's the official name, but none the less his hand stands were

remarkable). Not only was he able to do things our students had never seen before but his message of the “Three P’s” resonated with the whole crowd. Mr. Huey said, “we must practice, have patience and show perseverance.” So true!!

- Our 5th graders were able to participate in the “Colonial Days” again this year and let me tell you it was spectacular. Thank you to our amazing 5th grade teachers and all the volunteers who made this day possible. Students were able to garden, cook, dance, tinsmith and take part colonial games the day long. I’m not sure anything says learning like getting your hands dirty while laughing and smiling with friends.
- Mrs. Culleton and Mrs. Drury’s 4th grade classes were able to take part in “Walk Through California” where they traveled through time to experience activities from all different time periods in our great state. The only thing better than seeing them dressed up in authentic costumes were the smiles on their faces.

The DRheem Team Read-a-thon

This is the last week of the read-a-thon! Please remember to submit your pledge/sponsor sheets in the event you haven't done so already and be sure enter your child’s week four, (Thursday Feb 8 - Wednesday Feb 14), home and classroom reading hours, (plus any hours you may have forgotten to enter for any of the previous weeks), at <https://goo.gl/forms/RvPPGBGPLmZ5jzZg2> by Thursday, February 15.

Two lucky read-a-thon participants will win a \$25 gift certificate to Bel & Bunna’s bookstore in Lafayette. The winners will be announced at the March 30 spirit assembly.

March 30 is also Read-In Pajama Day and all donations are due by this date. You can pay online at <https://rheempta.membershiptoolkit.com/home> or leave a check or cash in the office.

Thank you for your support and for encouraging your children to read during this year’s read-a-thon!

The Read-a-Thon committee and I would like to take a moment to thank Jennifer Blau, Rheem mom and volunteer, for donating her talent and time to create the amazing graphics for this year's read-a-thon. We would also like to thank Jennifer Johnson, 3rd Grade Rheem teacher, for her time and tech skills which got the Read-a-Thon online up and running this year. Lastly, we would like to thank Allegro Printing in Lafayette for donating the printing of the DRheem Team bookmarks, and Bel & Bunna's bookstore for their generous grand prize donations.

School Climate Survey Results:

Over the next several weeks I will be including results from the 2017-18 Climate Survey that was sent out in November, 2017, 122 Rheem parents responded as follows:

93% respondents agreed with the statement "My child feels connected to the school – that he/she is a contributing member of the school community.

Actual breakdown: 47% strongly agree; 46% agree; 1% disagree; 1% strongly disagree; 7% don't know.

Rheem's 2018 Science Fair is ON!!!!

As submitted by Doris Chen – Science Fair coordinator

It's that glorious time of year again where Rheem students get to think, create, question, explore, observe, investigate, analyze, share, and become young scientists! This year marks the Science Fair's 31st anniversary. Over the past three decades, our young scientists at Rheem have experimented with teaching a goat to walk on a leash, separating pigment dyes in M&Ms, making edible slime, and many, many more fun projects.

The Science Fair is open to students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. Young scientists will gather in groups of up to three students from any combination of these grades and use the Scientific Method of Investigation to work on a safe, non-hazardous, hands-on project. Each group will create one report and poster board to present to fellow classmates, parents, and the rest of the school. The Science Fair Committee will be available to advise and guide our fearless young scientists along the way.

Online applications are due this Wednesday, February 14th and are paperless again this year. (available on the Rheem website under the [Science Fair 2018](#) link) Rules, draft submissions, and [more information](#) are also available online.

Moraga iKind Project presents – *He Named Me Malala*

This extraordinary film presents the young Pakistani female activist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai, who has spoken out for the rights of girls, especially the right to education, since she was a young child. The film also recounts how she miraculously survived and has become even more eloquent in her quest after being hunted down by a Taliban as part of the organization's violent opposition to girls' education. The title refers to the Afghani folk hero Malalai of Maiwand, after whom her father named her. A powerful film for everyone! Event details: February 21 at 7:00 PM at JM's Auditorium, followed by a student panel.

The Last Word:

The Power of Believing You Can:

Some of you may remember reading about Dr. Carol Dweck, author of [Mindset: The New Psychology of Success](#), and her message about the importance of developing a growth mindset at a TEDx conference in November, 2014. Her work encourages us to discover the “power of yet” when we are faced with a challenge: Are you not smart enough to solve it, or have you just not solved it yet? To view her informative 10-minute talk, in which she outlines ways parents and educators can positively influence students' believe in themselves, click [HERE](#).

This information is especially important if you're interested in supporting a student who struggles or one who avoids challenges. It is also a great introduction and/or refresher to this influential research.

There is no place like Rheem,

Mr. Sullivan