

February 14, 2021

Good Evening Rheem Team Families,

I hope you are all getting a chance to enjoy the long weekend. This week, Rheem will be transitioning into the [hybrid model](#) where students will learn virtually from their current teacher each morning and have the opportunity to attend in person instruction two afternoons a week, or continue to stay in full distance learning. We are excited to provide both of these options and look forward to welcoming students back to campus.

Below are the particulars for what this week will look like so please dive right into the rest of Rheemarks.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, February 15th:

·NO SCHOOL: PRESIDENT'S DAY

Tuesday, February 16th:

·[Hybrid AA/BB Model](#) Begins

·Cohort A on campus from 12:15-3:00

·Full Distance Learning Students w/ FDL teachers

·Kids on the Run Club 11:00-11:30 ([Zoom link](#))

Wednesday, February 17th:

·All students full distance learning

·Storytime Club 11:00-11:30 ([Zoom link](#))

Thursday, February 18th:

·[Hybrid AA/BB Model](#)

·Cohort B on campus from 12:15-3:00

·Full Distance Learning Students w/ FDL teachers

·Keep Calm & Dance On Club 11:00-11:30 ([Zoom link](#))

Friday, February 19th:

·[Hybrid AA/BB Model](#)

·Cohort B on campus from 12:15-3:00

·Full Distance Learning Students w/ FDL teachers

·Science Fair [Online Applications](#) Due

·Fun Fridays Club 11:00-11:30 ([Zoom link](#))

School News and Highlights

Rheem First Graders Wow the School Board: Kudos to students in Mrs. Strohmeier's class who joined the school board meeting to demonstrate a lesson in math reasoning and critical thinking. Their amazing math skills were on full display and nothing says learning more than demonstrating your work, and explaining your thinking.

In-Person Cohort A and B students

The key to keeping our in-person staff and students safe will be:

1. Staff and students stay home when they are sick
2. Wear a mask (two or more layers required)
3. Keep stable groups (at school, childcare, and home)
4. Stay physically distanced
5. Wash hands frequently

In order to make sure staff and students are safe we require all staff and students to complete a Daily Health Screener before arriving on campus. Students who do not have a completed Daily Health Screener will not be allowed in the classroom until the screener is complete. Please complete the daily screener by 9:00 each in-person day. [Directions](#)

Arrival and Dismissal

- TK-5th start of instruction = 12:15
- Please **DO NOT** arrive on campus before 12:05
- Students will be dropped off in the bus loop
- Students walking to school will enter via the Ascot Steps or Laird Drive

- Upon arrival, students will meet their teacher on the playground their first week of in-person learning
- After the first week, students will go directly to their classrooms ([MAP](#))
- TK-5th dismissal = 3:00
- Parents must wear a mask
- Students will wait for cars physically distanced
- Students will leave campus after dismissal
- Parents who are walking home with their child should arrive at 3:00
- Parents will meet children at the Ascot Steps or the blue benches on Laird. *Parents will not come on to campus during pick up.*
- Parents will wear masks and stay at least 6 feet apart

Next week's schedule will be different due to the four day week:

- Tuesday = Cohort A in-person
- Wednesday = Distance Learning for all students
- Thursday = Cohort B in-person
- Friday = Cohort B in-person

The week of March 22nd will contain only one in-person day for Cohort B due to a minimum day.

Full Distance Learning Students

Current (morning) teachers of full distance learning students will share your child's full distance learning afternoon schedule (FDL session 1 from 12:05-1:25 or session 2 from 1:40-3:00) along with the link to the FDL Teachers Zoom classroom. If you do not have that information please send Mrs. Fitzinger (lfitzinger@moraga.k12.ca.us) or Mrs. Smith (esmith@moraga.k12.ca.us) an email and they will get you that information.

FDL afternoon sessions are balanced with students across the district. Students from the same class are in the same FDL session for social emotional reasons and to allow continuity of communication between teachers. We are not granting requests for specific session placement.

Next week's schedule will be different due to the four-day week:

- Tuesday = FDL afternoon sessions
- Wednesday = Distance Learning for all students (no FDL afternoon sessions)
- Thursday = FDL afternoon sessions
- Friday = FDL afternoon sessions

Finding Langston - One District, One Book Continues

I hope you are enjoying the story of young Langston, please click [HERE](#) to find read alouds and activities for each chapter.

Rheem Science Fair Update – Applications due Friday

As submitted by Doris Chen Science Fair Chair

Rheem's Science Fair is officially underway! 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders can find details, including lots of experiment ideas, at the [Science Fair page](#). [Online applications](#) are paperless again this year, due this Friday, February 19th.

Got questions? Email rheemsf@gmail.com.

The Last Word...

There hasn't been this much excitement and anticipation in Moraga surrounding a reopening since the Canyon Bridge came back...or was it the Rheem Blvd sinkhole renovation? :) Either way you get what I'm trying to say, this has been a long time coming.

Everyone has worked so hard to prepare for the return of students to Rheem, and I could not be more proud to be a part of such an amazing Team. We will learn a lot over the next several weeks and will adjust and improve the on-campus and full distance learning experience. To continue to keep everyone safe and in school, it's important for us to follow the [community compact](#) (including [county guidance surrounding travel](#)) and all the safety protocols at school.

No doubt it will be a new experience for all of us, and whether your student is in person, or learning from home we're all in this together.

There's no place like Rheem!

Mr. Sullivan