

February 21, 2021

Good Evening Rheem Team Families,

I hope you're enjoying this beautiful weekend. What an exciting week we just completed with students joining their "NEW" FDL teachers and Cohort A/B students making their way to campus in the afternoons.

As we continue our journey to a "return to normal," last week was a big step in getting all students back on campus. With 13 weeks of school left, it's important that we make the most of our time from home and campus. Our continued success is key to providing students and families what they need during these ever-changing times.

Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to your child's success. Let's dive right in to the rest of this week's Rheemarks.

## **This Week at Rheem:**

Monday, February 22nd:

·[Hybrid AA/BB Model](#)Continues

·Cohort A on campus from 12:15-3:00

·Full Distance Learning Students w/ FDL teachers

·Art & Kindness Club 11:00-11:30 ([Zoom Link](#))

Tuesday, February 23rd:

·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 24th:

·All students full distance learning

·Coordinating Council 3:30-5:00

·MEF Presents: A Conversation with Leslie Odom, Jr. 6:00-7:00PM

o[Register Here](#)

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

Thursday, February 25th:

·Cohort B on campus from 12:15-3:00

·Full Distance Learning Students w/ FDL teachers

·Finding Langston – Live Stream Celebration 6:30-7:15PM ([Zoom Link](#))

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

Friday, February 26th:

·2nd Trimester Ends

·Cohort B on campus from 12:15-3:00

·Full Distance Learning Students w/ FDL teachers

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

## **MEF Presents: A Conversation w/ Leslie Odom, Jr.**

### ***Diversity, Inclusion + the Arts***

I'm excited to announce an amazing opportunity that is being hosted by the Moraga Education Foundation. This Wednesday, February 24th from 6:00-7:00PM, Leslie Odom, Jr., will be joining two JM students and three Campo students, along with faculty members from each school, for a conversation about diversity, inclusion + the arts. While the content will be geared towards students in grades six through twelve, all MSD and Campo students, families, faculty, and Moraga community members are invited to [register for the webinar](#) and be a part of this special evening.

Be sure not to “[throw away your shot](#)” at this chance to hear from the infamous A.Burr.

## **Seeking New PTA Officers**

Want to get more involved at Rheem? The PTA Is a great opportunity for you to build community and support the school.

For the 2021-2022 school year we have the following roles open:

- Assistant VP Fundraising
- Assistant VP Community & Leadership

- Assistant VP Communications
- Financial Secretary

Please contact me ([bsullivan@moraga.k12.ca.us](mailto:bsullivan@moraga.k12.ca.us)) or Tina Chaffin [tina319@gmail.com](mailto:tina319@gmail.com) if you are interested. A conversation is not a commitment, feel free to inquire. Or, we can help direct you to the best way to support the Rheem Roadrunners!

Thank you for considering joining the PTA Board.

## **Finding Langston - One District, One Book Continues**

I hope you are enjoying *Finding Langston*, our One District, One Book. On **Thursday, February 25 from 6:30-7:15** we will hold a live stream to celebrate the end of the book.

During the event we will have guests read the final chapters. There will also be an opportunity for several students to read a poem. The poem can be one he/she/they have written, or a poem by a [Black poet](#). If your child would like to be considered as a reader at this event please submit the poem he/she/they will read for review by Monday at 5:00. We will contact students who are selected by Tuesday at 5:00. Poems should be submitted to [srichards@moraga.k12.ca.us](mailto:srichards@moraga.k12.ca.us) and [creddam@moraga.k12.ca.us](mailto:creddam@moraga.k12.ca.us).

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

Please click this URL to join. <https://zoom.us/j/95575416848>

## **Rheem Science Fair in Underway**

*As submitted by Doris Chen and Cindy Shafer Science Fair Chair*

Rheem's Science Fair is officially underway! 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders attended a virtual assembly with details that can be found on the [Science Fair page](#) website. [Online applications](#) are paperless again this year, open until February 22nd.

Got questions? Email [rheemsf@gmail.com](mailto:rheemsf@gmail.com).

## **Campolindo H.S. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Group**

*Not In Our Town-Community Workshop to Create a New Moraga Mission Statement*

All are welcome to a virtual "Not In Our Town" community workshop on March 2nd at 7:00pm to develop a mission statement that sets the tone in our town, aligns all community members around a common goal, and captures why Moraga is unique.

Click [here](#) to register in advance

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

I have to admit, I'm really looking forward to this Wednesday's "Conversation with Leslie Odom, Jr." I've always loved the theater and I was able to see "*Hamilton*" a few summer's ago on Broadway. I just missed Leslie Odom, Jr. and most of the original cast but nonetheless it was still an amazing show. The one hold over from the original cast who I did see that night was Christopher Jackson, (a.k.a. George Washington). His performance was spectacular. His powerful voice and message of struggle, and unity brought our first president to life. My favorite song that he was a part of, was "[One Last Time](#)," which is the conversation he had with Alexander Hamilton where the two of them craft Washington's farewell address.

In a more modest production, last Thursday Superintendent Burns announced his own departure to staff and families, effective June 30th. Mr. Burns said in his note to staff that "Over the years, I have received far more from you, our schools and this district than I have given, for which I am most grateful." The statement was a snapshot into how Mr. Burns has cared for our students, staff and families for nearly 25 years. Never wanting to receive credit and always praising others for their hard work, he is the epitome of what leadership looks like when you put others first.

On a personal note, Superintendent Burns has always been a voice of reason when needed. When discussing a particularly challenging situation, Mr. Burns would always ask detailed questions in an effort to learn as much as possible. By prompting with care and curiosity, often asking the question, "Brian, what's best for the kids?" he would ultimately lead me to find my own solution. This gift comes from years of Mr. Burns' solid experience and shared wisdom, and I'm so grateful to have benefitted from it.

Superintendent Burns, thank you for your commitment to the students, staff and families of Moraga. Your selfless leadership is a powerful reminder to all of us, it truly is all about the kids.

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

Mr. Sullivan