

February 7, 2021

Good Evening Rheem Team Families,

Today [Contra Costa County's](#) seven-day average for cases per 100,000 dropped to an adjusted rate of 22.1 positive Covid cases per 100K. In order for schools to reopen, the county needs to remain at 25.0 or under for 5 consecutive days. It is looking very likely we will be opening for in person instruction K-5th grades on Tuesday, February 16th. As we finalize preparations with staffing assignments, cohort placements and more please be on the lookout for emails on Wednesday and Thursday with additional information.

Dive right into the rest of Rheemarks as we have another busy week on tap with Rheem students presenting at this week's monthly board meeting on Tuesday, asynchronous lessons for Tuesday, campus reopening tours on Wednesday and Thursday and President's Day on Friday.

This Week at Rheem:

Monday, February 8th:

- [Parent Commitment Form](#) Due
- One District, One Book Continues
- Art & Kindness Club: ([Zoom Link](#))

Tuesday, February 9th:

- Monthly Board Meeting on the Reopening of Schools 6:00PM
- K-5 Assessment Day: Asynchronous Lessons
- Kids on the Run Club 12:30-1:00 ([Zoom link](#))

Wednesday, February 10th:

- Campus Reopening Tour for Parents @ 4:30
- Storytime Club 12:30-1:00 ([Zoom link](#))

Thursday, February 11th:

- Campus Reopening Tour for Parents @ 4:30
- Keep Calm & Dance On Club 12:30-1:00 ([Zoom link](#))

Friday, February 12th:

·NO SCHOOL: PRESIDENT'S DAY

MONDAY, February 15th:

·NO SCHOOL: PRESIDENT'S DAY

MSD Parent Commitment Form

Monday is the due date for the [parent commitment survey](#). If you have not completed the commitment form for your student please do so ASAP. We need complete numbers of students who will attend in-person and full distance learning (FDL) in order to assign cohorts and fully staff our programs.

This Wednesday we plan to share finalized hybrid schedule details and communicate cohorts and teaching assignments (if changed) to parents. On Wednesday and Thursday teachers will share updated daily schedules with families.

TK-5th February Asynchronous Assessment Day

This Tuesday, February 9th will be another day of asynchronous work to provide teachers the necessary time to assess students for second trimester progress in learning/report cards.

- 1.Synchronous (live on Zoom) class meetings will be held from 8:25-8:45.
- 2.Attendance will be taken during class meetings.
- 3.After class meetings students will be assigned asynchronous work for the remainder of the instructional day.
- 4.Art, Music, PE and Library schedules will remain the same.

Campus Reopening Tour for Parents

This Wednesday and Thursday at 4:30 will be an opportunity for parents to visit Rheem and check out the campus as we plan to reopen under county and state safety guidelines. From social distancing and PPE measures, to recess and drop off & pick protocols, please join us for a campus tour starting at 4:30.

Monthly Board Meeting – Tuesday the 9th

This Tuesday is the monthly Governing Board meeting this Tuesday at 6:00pm. Agenda items include a presentation from Rheem students, updates on Measure V construction, MEF Annual report, MSD financial audit report, special education update, budget reduction planning and more.

There are two options members of the public can use to participate in the closed session (for public comment only) and open meeting via Zoom:

Option 1: Join Zoom Webinar using a computer and enter

<https://zoom.us/j/98834748675?pwd=OTNLNGpVcnp5MXJxUjZLTEl5VU5sQT09>

Option 2: Call in using a normal telephone; dial 1 669 900 6833 US; Webinar ID: 988 3474 8675

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.

The Last Word...

I remember last year at this time watching the Super Bowl at a friend's house thinking the 49ers were on track to win their 6th Lombardi Trophy only to have the Chiefs take over in the 4th quarter and make for a less than enjoyable championship viewing. Little did I know that party would be the last normal get together I'd be a part of for the foreseeable future.

I know we are far from being out of the woods with this pandemic, but we are making strides to a return to normal with the pending reopening of schools. Rheem will look different for sure in the hybrid model, and we will need to learn new safety protocols in keeping everyone safe and healthy. To make this transition as seamless as possible, please be sure to help with the following:

- All students will be required to wear masks.
- Students will be reminded of mask wearing, hand washing, and physical distancing at the start of each day.

- Families must commit to symptom checks at home each day before entering campus. Students will not be able to enter classrooms if families have not submitted a daily screening via ParentSquare.
- Students will be dropped off each morning and walk independently to class. Parents will not be allowed to walk students to classrooms.
- Non-essential visitors will not be permitted on campus.
- All schools will use outdoor learning spaces when practicable.
- Learning will be set up with 4-6 feet distancing between students.
- Classrooms and school building furniture will be cleaned and disinfected according to [California Department of Health guidelines](#)
- Signage will be used to support physical distancing and proper hygiene practices.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be located throughout Rheem.

Thank you for your continued support, and no matter if your student is returning to in person learning or remaining in full DL we are all still in this together and our success relies on the whole Team doing our best.

There's no place like Rheem!

Mr. Sullivan