

May 10, 2020

Dear Rheem Team Families,

I hope this finds you enjoying a magnificent Mother's Day.

If you have not had an opportunity already, please take moment to complete the second [Distance Learning Family Survey](#). Your insight and feedback are invaluable.

And without further ado, here are the rest of this week's RHEEMARKS.

## **This Week in the Community:**

### Monday, May 11th:

- [Distance Learning Monday Lessons and Activities](#)
- Mrs. Gillbanks Library [Read alouds](#)
- Free breakfast and lunch available for children ages 18 and younger for pick at Campolindo HS from 10:30-12:30 (**Monday-Friday**)
- Distance Learning [Family Survey](#) closes at 4:00PM

### Tuesday, May 12th:

- [Tuesday through Friday Distance Learning Lessons](#)
- MSD Governing Board meeting: 5:00-8:00 (via Zoom)

### Wednesday, May 13th:

- Kindness Club: Join in via FlipGrid (password KindnessClub)

### Thursday, May 14th:

- Regularly scheduled Thursday...as we've come to know it

### Friday, May 15th:

- Spirit Friday: Team Day
  - Join in via FlipGrid (password SpiritFridays)

## **Distance Learning Parent Survey**

If you have not done so already, please take a moment to complete the second [Distance Learning Family Survey](#). We are asking you to share feedback so that we can continually improve distance learning plans. Please complete one survey for each child who currently attends a Moraga School District elementary (Joaquin Moraga will be sending out a separate survey). The survey will close on Monday, May 11th.

## **The Last Week of Wishtree: One District, One Book**

Tomorrow starts the last week of MSD's One District, One Book Wishtree by Katherine Applegate. Read along, or listen in to see how things transpire for Red, Samar, Bongo and the rest of the characters. Wishtree does a marvelous job of depicting the beauty of friendship, as well as the struggle that goes with feeling like you belong, a story that some many of us can relate to. Follow along by using the [read-aloud schedule link](#), and after listening/reading the chapters for the day, I encourage you to answer questions on the Wishtree [Flipgrid](#) (password = Wishtree). I love listening to so many Rheem students post their answers to the daily questions.

## **School Board Meeting – Tuesday, May 12th**

May's School Board meeting will be held this Tuesday from 5:00-8:00 PM via Zoom.

(Zoom Webinar link <https://zoom.us/j/93407715987>; **Webinar ID: 934 0771 5987** or **Dial by your location +1 669 900 6833 US**)

If you are looking to make public comment during the Governing Board please follow one of these two options:

- Individuals are requested to complete and submit this [Public Comment Form](#) to provide public comment on items not on the agenda and items on the agenda. Comments must be submitted before the item is to be considered by the Board. Submitted comments will be read aloud during the meeting. Submit a separate form for each public comment item. Deadline to complete the [Public Comment Form](#) is 5:00 PM, Monday, May 11th.
- Individuals may submit public comment via the Zoom Webinar Q&A option during the Math 12th open Governing Board meeting.

## **Mrs. Gillbanks Library Read Alouds**

To hear more great stories and books from Rheem Librarian Mrs. Gillbanks please use [this one stop link](#) that will bring you to all her titles and recordings. With stories and books for every student (K-5th), I encourage you to give it try.

## **Parent Education Follow Up: *Parenting Under Pressure***

A few weeks ago, I posted a parent education opportunity hosted by the Child Parent Institute called "Parenting Under Pressure." It was held midday on April 21st, and if you missed out on the opportunity to participate and would like to see Charlie Applestein's presentation on parenting skills during times of stress please click [HERE](#).

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

I regularly mention how these times are the most challenging of our generation. The work that we are doing on a daily basis can be overwhelming...(i.e. our professional responsibilities, our newfound teaching responsibilities and last but not least our family responsibilities). I strongly encourage you to [watch this 4-minute video](#) and give great thanks to those who have performed, and are performing the most challenging job ever.

Thank you to the hardest working people from every generation...to the world you are one person, but to one person you mean the world.

There is no place like Rheem,

Mr. Sullivan