From: The Desk of the Principal

To: Parents & Guardians,

Date: February 20, 2024

Re: Pertinent Reminders & Updates

Dear Parents & Guardians:

I trust you are enjoying this beautiful Presidents’ Day! Please see the important reminders and updates for this week:

**Thank you, 6th Grade WOP Team:** Thank you and compliments, Mr. Swack, Pr. Ben for mentoring the 6th Grade students to lead Week of Prayer and disciple to their fellow schoolmates. The 6th graders demonstrated their preparation and confidently shared personal stories and from the Bible about their faith and trust in God. Congratulations on your outstanding leadership and example to the K-5 students during Week of Prayer! One of the highlights of the week was hearing the 6th grade students recite lengthy passages (some chapters) of the Bible that they have been memorizing this school year. Please keep the 6th graders and the K-5 students they ministered to in prayer for God’s protection from the evil one. May God grant them courage like the Psalmist “to seek Him with their whole heart and hide His word in their ears that they might not sin against Him.” Psalm 119: 10-11.

**RMES Principal’s Reading Challenge (PRC) Continues:** I am pleased to hear about the increased student participation as the students see their class reading tallies on the PRC Hall Chart. Just a reminder that Principal’s Reading Challenge will culminate in March, with National Reading Month and the end of 3rd quarter. Please continue to encourage your students not to stop reading. Keep up the good work Kids!

**Thank You, NEHS/NJHS Students for Your Help with PRC:** I would like to thank Mrs. Cancel, RMES chief Honor Society coordinator and sponsor, for mentoring our NEHS/NJHS students and involving them with PRC reporting and motivation of their peers in this activity. The NEHS and NJHS students help to collect and tally reading logs, as well as help update students’ reading logs. They are doing a great job!

**2024 Elementary Art Exhibition for Grades K-5 Students:** Art submission for K-5 is open. Please help your artist to submit his/her Artwork on time. While the deadline for drop-off is March 29th, we need time for finishing touches and to organize the 40 Artwork for submission before. This is a reminder that the Middle schoolers (6-8) have additional time to work on their Artwork to be ready for submission. If you believe in your K-5 or 6-8 child’s drawing ability and would like your child to seize this opportunity, please help motivate him or her to go for it! K-5 participants must submit to their teacher the title and category of their Artwork on a 3x5 card. This information is due February 20th as part of the school’s registration. K-5 students’ Artwork must be submitted to the classroom teacher on February 26. Deadline for Artwork Drop-off for K-5 is February 29. We will provide more information regarding Grades 6-10 Artwork. Thank you for encouraging your child to participate.

**Announcement from You Home & School Leader:**

**RMES Family Game Night** - Saturday night, February 24, from 6:30-8:30pm all RMES families are invited to a family game night. There will be active games in the gym and table games in the surrounding hallways. Water and popcorn will be provided. This is a family event so we ask that parents / guardians do not leave the premises without your student(s). We are still looking for help with games. If you’re willing to help, contact
Kimberly Westfall ([RMESHomeAndSchool@gmail.com](mailto:RMESHomeAndSchool@gmail.com) or 410-948-9424). Looking forward to seeing you!

**RMES Prayer Calendar:** Please continue praying every day for RMES students, one child at a time. Here are the names to lift-up this week: *Week of (Feb. 11-17)*: Arlo (K), Emmett (2), Andile (1), Eliyanah (K), Reagan (7), Kudzani (6), Kushata (3).

**RMES/PMC Grow Group:** Please join the parents, staff, and friends of RMES who meet to Pray for our students and school. We meet on Thursdays, 8:15-8:45am in the Extend Ed. Room. You may also send your prayer requests. Please consider coming to help lift up the petitions of our children to God.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

- January-March: Principal’s Reading Challenge for all grades (K-8)
- February 23: School Spirit—RETRO Day (50’s – 90’s attire)
- February 24: H&S Family Game Night
- February 27: Jr. High BRIDGE Activities Day
- March 4: RMES Literacy Day
- March 5: AA & RMES Visitor’s Day
- March--: National Reading Month –Keep Reading!

Promise for you: 
*"But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint."* Isaiah 40:31

Have a pleasant & productive week!

Dr. Savory