

From the Desk of The Principal  
To: Parents & Guardians  
Date: September 6, 2021

RE: Pertinent Updates for this Week

Dear Parents & Guardians:

Happy Labor Day Weekend! Please take a few minutes to read the reminders and updates for this week.

**Thank you for Attending Parent Night:** Thank you for the difference your attendance made at Parent Night. The teachers could not do it without you. Based on the reports, the teachers were very happy to see and connect with all of their classroom parents at the same time. If you did not get to attend, please be sure to contact your child's teacher for the classroom information that was shared. As I stated previously, hearing the teacher's goals and student's expectations from the teacher is crucial in supporting your student through a successful school year. Additionally, if you have questions regarding classroom protocols, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

**Thank You for Your Amazing Response to the Dismissal & Arrival Traffic Pattern & Procedures:**

- Thank you for your immediate response to make last week's dismissal traffic flow and procedure much improved. Special compliments to our A-Wing parents/drivers for using the curbside drop-off and pick-up more effectively. Thanks for making room for others and keeping the flow moving.
- Attention B & C Wing parents, we are requesting your help to ensure your child/children are dropped-off and picked-up along the curbside or by the yellow lined zone, only. Please encourage your students to wait at the curbside and NOT walk to your car. In addition, we are requesting your help to remind your student/s to wait until their car comes to a complete stop and school personnel gives the signal to go or is able to put the students in their cars. Looking forward to your continued cooperation to make the dismissal and arrival traffic flow more effective.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DISMISSAL:** I would like to thank Mrs. Zelda Whidden, one of our parents, for responding to our call for additional assistance with the dismissal traffic. Mrs. Whidden will join our team on Wednesdays. If you are available and can help one afternoon, please let me know. More help would make a huge difference.

**RMES Family Vesper & Prayer Walk:** We have now confirmed the date and time for RMES Family Vesper & Prayer Walk. Please mark Friday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m. your calendar. We are planning for this event to in-person and we hope our entire school family will take this opportunity to come together to welcome the Sabbath and pray. The vesper event will be a concert on the lawn with students, parents/families, and teachers as the participants. This is an official announcement to give you adequate time for preparation and to secure a spot on the program. You may begin to submit your item, which can be a religious song (vocal/instrumental), scripture, or quotation. More information about the event will be forthcoming.

**PMC/RMES Grow Group--Parents Praying for Our School:** Once again, we have signed up to conduct a PMC Grow Group to pray for RMES. Some of you may recall that we did this two years ago and saw God's amazing blessings. Mrs. Linda Strong, one of our committed grandparents and prayer warriors and I would like to invite you to join our group on Thursday mornings from 8:15 -8:30 a.m. (15 minutes) to pray for our school (faculty, staff, classrooms, students, and any special requests). We are hoping and praying that parents who can spare a few minutes after Drop-off, to please consider coming in. Our meeting place will be in the library.

**COVID-19 Building Safety:** Just to reassure that while the pandemic continues, the faculty and staff at RMES will remain committed to doing our utmost to maintain safety protocols for the health and safety of our students and staff members. Know that we are maintaining building safety by practicing: 1. healthy hygiene habits (including washing and sanitizing hands, covering coughs/sneezes, and avoid touching face). 2. Physical Distancing. Face mask indoors. Face covering outside is optional. Please continue to stay safe and healthy.

**MAP Testing:** Our start of school MAP Growth Testing is scheduled for **September 13-17**. Please be aware that the MAP or Measure of Academic Progress is a computerized adaptive test which helps teachers, parents, and administrators improve learning for all students and make informed decisions to promote student's academic growth. All grades (K-8) will participate in the Reading, Math, and Science assessment. With the MAP being an untimed test tailored to each child's current academic level, the only preparation needed is for students to get an early night's sleep, have a good breakfast, and come to school with a positive mindset. Look for more information from your teachers.

**RMES Theme Text:** "Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand."

Blessings for a spirit-filled, productive week as we TAKE A STAND for Teamwork!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Savory