From the Desk of the Principal

To: Parents & Guardians

Date: November 7, 2022

Re: Reminders & Updates, Wk. 4, 2nd Quarter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the Multicultural Fair & opportunity to celebrate your culture draws nearer, I hope the excitement is rising within your culture group! Believe it or not, November 13 is here, and our culture teams are already working together to begin plans and preparation. See Zoom information for our final planning meeting. Please join if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. For those who want to make food or monetary donation to the Grocery List, the google link was sent on Friday. Hope you have been able to access the list. If not, please let me know and persevere with the steps. Thank you, for your patience with the process.

Bike/Walk-a-thon Update: Once again, thank you RMES faculty, staff, students, and families for your participation in the Bike/Walk-a-thon, October 23. The students were all in and biked and walked a total of 399 miles! After tallying the total pledges and participants, we are pleased to report that the class that had the most participants and raised the most funds is 2nd Grade. As promised, this class has earned the Pizza Party. Congratulations, Ms. Yoon and your AWESOME 2nd Grade students, for a Job Well Done!

Finance Park Field Trip: Last Thursday, November 3, Mrs. Cancel took the 7th grade students to the culminating activity of their Finance Park Mini course. This is the second year the Finance Park simulation event took place at the Berrien Springs Fair Grounds. This location is not only convenient but has eliminated a two-hour drive and the cost of transportation. The students and teachers enjoy the short casual walk over. The Finance Park course, prepares students to develop successful financial management habits, empowers them to explore the potential of becoming an aspiring entrepreneur, and provides them with the skills necessary to succeed in a global workforce.

Multicultural Dress Day: This Friday, November 11, is Cultural School Spirit Day. It is one of RMES traditions for students to wear their cultural attire on the Friday before the Multicultural Food Fair. As a part of Andrews University, one of the 10 most diverse universities in the USA, RMES is proud of the many cultures that make up our school population. Please encourage your students to participate in this activity not only to show school spirit but to demonstrate pride of their heritage. Multicultural Clothes Day is also to provide an opportunity for everyone, students, teachers, and parents to feel a sense of belonging and develop appreciation for our cultural/ethnic differences. Students may bring flags and/or other memorabilia of their (or parents’) native land. Hope to see all the students with some aspect of their culture to represent. Some of us may have to go back to our family roots to figure out our dress!

RMES Multicultural Food & Culture Celebration is Here! Ready or not, the BIG day is this Sunday! The forecast predicts a seasonably cold day, but please pray that everyone will bring their warm positive attitudes to help make the day cheerful and fun as intended. Team leaders I would like to encourage you to connect with the teacher/s who are assigned to your booth to collaborate and get
help for setting up on Friday, November 11, 1-3pm. In addition, be sure to request any other assistance that you need on Sunday. Thank you all for your cooperation and support to make the return of RMES Multicultural Food Fair a successful and enjoyable event.

**Multicultural Fair Program:** This is a reminder to submit your cultural item for the program ASAP. If you or/or your child/ren would like to participate in the program and showcase of your culture with a performance, prayer in your language, songs, dance, skit, etc. please If your class, a student or parent is preparing an item for the Cultural Program, please please contact Kimberly Westfall (RMESHomeschool@gmail.com) or Dr. Savory (esavory@andrews.edu) right away. The Music and foreign language (Spanish, Korean, French) teachers are preparing their students to show what they have learned. Please support your student if he/she is selected to participate. Thank you, teachers for your diligent work to get the students ready for this special event.

**Final Planning Meeting for Multicultural Fair:** Join Zoom Meeting Wednesday, November 9, at 6:30p.m. at https://andrews.zoom.us/j/3232680158

Meeting ID: 323 268 0158

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**Tridemic Season:** The Health Department is concerned about the possibility of a tridemic this winter season. They describe the tridemic as having the flu, RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) and COVID-19 at the same time. During the last three weeks we have seen increase of students and teachers with flu symptoms (sore throat, cough, runny nose, and fever). We request that you please keep your child at home if he/she is sick. In addition, know that at school we are taking precautionary measures, including encouraging practice healthy hygiene habits (wash/sanitize hands, keep hands off face, disinfect desks) and wearing a mask. We strongly recommend students to continue bringing their water bottles so as not to drink from the shared water fountain. By the way, if your child has lost that expensive water bottle that you purchased at the beginning of the year, it may be on the Lost and Found rack. Remind your child to check Lost and Found for items that you’ve missed. Please stay safe and take care of yourself and family.

**Upcoming Events for November & December:**

- November 12 Multicultural Clothes Day
- November 13 Multicultural Food Fair & Culture Celebration
- November 18 Vision & Hearing Rescreenings
- November 23-25 Thanksgiving Break
- December 13 Christmas Concerts
- December 16 End of 2nd Quarter
- December 19-January 2 Christmas Break
- January 3 School Reopens
Prayers & Blessings for pleasant & productive week!

In His service,

Dr. Savory