Evelyn Savory
From: The Desk of the Principal
To: Parents & Guardians,
Date: February 21, 2022
Re: Pertinent Reminders & Updates

Dear Parents & Guardians:

Happy President’s Day!
We continue our Black History & Valentine celebration month, emphasizing “love to our neighbor” through literacy, spirituality, and service. During the last week we have seen students, teachers and parents engaged in amazing demonstration of love, spirituality, and service through the various activities that were planned.

Love on the Move--demonstrated by our AMAZING Parents: Thank you Home & School, (i. e. to each one of YOU) for leading the way to demonstrate “Love on the move” on Valentine’s Day. Your Home & School Leader represented you well. A big THANK YOU to you Kimberly for making Valentine’s Day extra special for the faculty, staff and school board by not just by providing a gift card for lunch and the thoughtful messages of appreciation (cards) from many of you, but by taking her lunch time to come and personally deliver the pleasant surprise to each staff member. Once again, on behalf of the faculty, staff and school board, thank you for your love and kindness.

Spirituality was Notably Emphasized at Week of Prayer: The 6th graders kept spirituality high during last week by demonstrating outstanding commitment to leadership of the Week of Prayer, as well as in their individual and/ group responsibilities. The students engaged their peers and fellow students in their presented stories and taught character-building lessons from the Bible, through spoken word and science demonstrations. Thank you Grade 6 for embracing your theme text (1 Timothy 4:12) in leading and ministering like Timothy to your school family and wider community. Well Done! Due to no school on last Friday, the sixth graders will conclude WOP Tuesday (tomorrow) 2/22. They have also been invited to sing for Chapel at the Seminary. Please continue to pray for the Grade 6 students as they share their talents in service for Christ.

Love Your Neighbor Literacy Day: This week is our special event of the month. Love Your Neighbor Literacy Day will take place on this Friday, February 25th. Thank you so much, parents and students who have sent in your video recording of you reading. Our coordinators, Kimberly, H&S leader and Mrs. Ortiz, the Title 1 Reading Teacher, along with Pastor Ben, are in the process of reviewing and getting the presentations ready for showing in the classrooms. I can’t wait to see and let you know the students’ response. I do anticipate a beautiful experience for both students and teachers. Hoping to see some of you in person when you come to distribute the snacks for the classroom on Literacy Day. We are excited about how the plans coming together for this special event and value your part to make it a success. If you have any questions, please contact your H&S leader, Kimberly Westfall (jonandkimberly@icloud.com) and Iveth Ortiz, our Title 1 resource teacher (iveth.ortiz77@gmail.com). Thank you, again for your participation.

AA & RMES Visitor’s Day/Move-Up Day: Once again, I am soliciting your help to promote RMES Visitor’s Day to your family members, friends, and neighbors. On this day, Tuesday, March 8, 2022, AA & RMES will collaborate to have students move up to their next grade level and open our schools for visitors. At RMES, we usually invite potential students of Grades 1-8 to come and experience the classroom environment for half or the full day. Students of Grades 1-6 would visit from 8:15 – 11:30 and students for Grades 7/8 spend the entire day (8:15 – 3:30). Additionally, RMES students (K-8) move-up to get a brief experience of their grade for the next school year. 8th Graders move over to Andrews Academy where they spend the full day. More information about Move-up Day will be forthcoming.

RMES COVID-19 Updates & Proposed Changes:
Thank you for your continued support and cooperation through these uncertain times. With your support we remain committed to doing our best to maintain a healthy, safe, teaching and learning environment for our students, staff, and families. God is keeping His promise not to leave nor forsake us. Great news, last week there were no Covid19-related illness nor absence. TO GOD BE THE GLORY! Like AU, we will continue to monitor the changing environment and the now growing hope that surrounds the current situation with the global COVID-19 pandemic, as it relates to case trends on our university and school (RMES & AA) campuses, as well as in Berrien County.
We solicit your continued prayers, support, and adherence as we move to optional mask wearing effective March 1, 2022. Please look for details regarding RMES optional mask requirements in my next update. Thank you & have a happy week.

Important Upcoming Events:
· Principal’s Reading Challenge—Ongoing
· February–Black History Month
· February 25—Love Your Neighbor Literacy Day (Coordinators-Reading Resource, ELA Teacher and H&S)
· March 8—AA & RMES Move-up Day
· March 9—MI Conference Elementary Music Festival
· March is National Reading Month—encourage your children to read more.
· Weather-Related School Closing: Reminder that for weather-related closing RMES follows Berrien RESA.
“Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” 1 Corinthians 13:7
In His service,
Dr. Savory