

From the Desk of the Principal
Date: September 13, 2021

Good evening, Parents & Guardians

We have several students who have stayed home sick today from our Fourth-Grade class(room). We've confirmed that all of these students were together in class on Friday, Sept. 10, 2021. The several students who stayed home have all shared both similar flu-like symptoms, as well as the same date of symptom onset (which was today, Sept. 13, 2021).

At this point we do not yet know if this is COVID-19 related and we have not received any reports of a positive test result. However, we also want to operate out of an abundance of caution, and we want to avoid the risk of in-class transmission of any illness, even as we wait for further test results and input from the Berrien County Health Department.

As a result, we will be taking the following actions until we can further understand the students' status:

- Our Fourth-Grade class will not be meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021.
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- Fourth Grade will then move to remote learning starting Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021.
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- All Fourth-Grade students currently who have stayed home sick will be asked to receive a COVID-19 test, and are to remain home until test results indicate the next course of action for those students.
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- Additionally, other RMES students who share the same household of the sick Fourth Grade students will be asked to stay home at least until the Fourth-Grade student has obtained test results, and further courses of action can be confirmed.

We hope to have more information available for our families tomorrow and will provide further updates/directions as that becomes available.

Thank you for interest, support and prayers as we take steps to help assure the safety and protection of each one of our students and their families.

Sincerely,

Dr. Savory

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***“Commit everything you do to the LORD. Trust him, and he will help you”
(Proverbs 16:3 NLT)***