Dear Parents & Guardians,

Just wanted to share a few other important updates for the new school year.

1. **Partnering for Eternity (PFE):** Some of you are familiar with this amazing scholarship program which provides opportunity for students to participate in service and earn money for tuition at the same time. This note is a reminder to you, as well as to share the information, once again, with everyone. Recognizing the blessing we have seen many families experience during the last eight years from this program, RMES will continue to make the Partnering for Eternity (PFE) Program available for students who want to serve, ease senior isolation, and help contribute to their tuition. To learn more about the program and have your questions answered we would like to invite you to the PFE Orientation Scheduled for **August 11, 2022, at 6:00PM via ZOOM.** Please note that attendance to this event is required for parents and students who would like to participate in PFE.

I have attached the following information for your review before the meeting:

a. **PFE Flyer with the information for ZOOM meeting and Contact person for the office.**

b. **Mentor Packet**—This information is for any senior who would like to be serve as a mentor for students.

**ZOOM Meeting Link:** [zoom.us/j/97841149455](https://zoom.us/j/97841149455)

2. **RME School Lunch Program:** We are looking forward to continuing partnership with Bon Appetit at Andrews University for the 2022-2023 school year. Attached are the lunch information letter along with free and reduced application and contracts for parents. If you are a returning parent, you will notice that there are a few changes in the lunch program. If you have questions, please forward them to Dining Services at [ds@andrews.edu](mailto:ds@andrews.edu) or call (269) 471-3789. Bon Appetit Management representatives will also be present to respond to your concerns and questions. In the meantime, if you plan to participate in the lunch program, please return your contract and other required documents by the August 16, 2022 deadline. See the following attachments for Lunch Program:

a. **Bon Appetit Letter to Parents and Guardians (Lunch Plan Information Sheet)**

b. **Free/Reduced Contract**

c. **Free/Reduced Application**

3. **RMES Work Bee:** Please see attached, the Cleaning Work Bee Flyer and Tentative list of tasks. Hope to see you there!

4. **BIG THANKS to you for Baguette De France Fundraiser:** Thank you, RMES parents, teachers, students, and community families and friends for your overwhelming support of the Baguette fundraiser for RMES that took place yesterday, July 27th. Kimberly, our Home & School leader and I, want you to know that we are not only GRATEFUL but feel BLESSED to start the year in partnership with such an amazing team who share our vision for quality improvement at RMES. Know that with God and you holding up our hands, we will continue to do and give our best to keep our school thriving.

5. **Baguette De France Fundraiser Report:** Hot off the press…Today, around 1:00PM, the
Home & School leader shared the awesome news that “We raised $608.78.” Thanks to the generosity of the Baguette owners, David & Marivel Kissinger and the support from our parents, church members and community. May God continue to prosper the business and service of the Kissinger’s Baguette De France, located in Berrien Springs! TO GOD BE THE GLORY GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE!

6. Thank you to Our Committed Library Team: I would like you to know that RMES has the most committed and caring team of Librarians. While we have lost some our team members after the COVID-19 shut-down in 2019-2020, four of the faithful could not wait to return in person to serve and support the students and teachers. For the upcoming school year, we will be losing our dedicated Library Leader Mrs. Judy Nelson (a retired Librarian). After serving for 7 years serving as the director of Library services at RMES, Mrs. Nelson will be moving on. She will be sorely missed for her warm smile and efficient leadership.

On behalf of our faculty, staff and students I would like to take this opportunity to express deepest appreciation to Mrs. Nelson and our committed library team, Suzi Vance, Judy Schalk, and Sana Woods for the effective, caring and invaluable service that they have provided for both students and teachers during the last school year and for the 35 combined years they have served.

7. Library Volunteers Needed: If you would like to share a few hours of your time and skills to help and make a difference at school know that our doors and hearts are open. We are looking for additional 2-3 persons to join our volunteer Library Team. Library services are on Tuesday and Wednesday, from 8:15 to around 2:00p.m. The team needs you!

Wishing all for a Happy Sabbath & Weekend!

Dr. Savory

"Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns." Philippians 4:6 MSG