From the Desk of: Evelyn P. Savory, principal

To: Parents & Guardian

Date: 9/19/2022

Re: Pertinent Reminders & Updates

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I am so excited that your child is attending RMES this year! Our dedicated teachers and staff feel blessed by the opportunity to partner with you, and we hope you are too. Together, we have started the year with a shared commitment team and by God’s grace, let us continue collaboration to make this our best year at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School.

- **The First Month of 2022-2023!** Just want to acknowledge your involvement and thank you for your support during the first four weeks of the school year. We have accomplished so much since the start of school (August 22 – September 16) it looks like we have been back at for much longer. Thank you for your contribution to make the following activities possible and the start of school a success: Schoolwide Parent Orientation, Classroom Parent night, Grade 5 Music Instrument Tryouts, Vision & Hearing Screening, RMES Family Vesper Concert and Prayer Walk, and MAP Testing, which continues this week. In addition, from the get-go, teachers have kept the students excited and engaged in a variety of learning experiences in their new grades. As the journey continues this week and through the next half of the first quater…

Please take note of the following important reminders and updates:

**IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTE:** RMES requires all visitors to sign-in at the office before proceeding down the halls. Visitors include parents, Mini-course instructors, substitute teachers, and all volunteers to have current child protection certification and/or background check.

**NO SCHOOL:** RMES will be closed, **Monday, September 19, 2022**, for Teacher & Pastor Conference. Have a great day and we look forward to seeing you at school on Tuesday.

**AU ALUMNI HOMECOMING PARADE:** Once again, we will continue the RMES tradition of participating in the Alumni Weekend Activities.

- The Alumni Parade is scheduled to take place on Friday September 23, at 5:00 pm. This is a regular school day, which means school will dismiss at 12:15, as usual, but we would like you to bring the students back for the parade.

- **LINE-UP will begin in the Andrews Academy parking lot at 4:15 pm.** All participants should be present at this time. The parade marshal will direct you to
your spot in the parade line. RMES participants will be asked to assemble at the designated area until the parade begins to leave the Academy parking lot at 4:50 p.m.

- **PARADE ROUTE:** The parade route begins at the Andrews Academy Parking lot, enters campus on E. Campus Circle Drive, passes the judges’ stand in front of the Howard Performing Arts Center, turns right at the University Boulevard, and ends in the Pioneer Memorial Church parking lot.
- This is a highlight for the students, so please plan to come and help us to regain our tradition of winning the “People Power Award.” We have won the $100 prize for the more than six consecutive years, but lost last year.

**RMES Open House:** As we have done pre-COVID, RMES will open its doors for alumni who would like to visit their alma mater and walk through or get a tour to see the changes, as well as be able to reminisce as they peruse old RMES EXPO and Yearbooks. Please invite and encourage RMES alumni, family and friends to stop by the school for a visit. Refreshments will be available for our visitors. Please check AU website for more details about the Alumni Homecoming Weekend activities.

**RMES SCHOOL SHIRTS:** RMES T-shirt is the attire for the Alumni Parade. You may choose from the following selections: T-shirt, sweat shirt with or without hood, or just a long sleeves T-shirt. Please pick up a shirt for your child or yourself at the office before Friday. To purchase Please contact RMES office or the H&S leader to purchase shirts. You may choose from the following selections: T-shirt, sweat-shirt with or without hood, or just a shirt with long-sleeves.

**SCHOOL COLORS DAY:** Friday is our first School Spirit Day to highlight School Colors. All RMES students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to show school spirit and come to school wearing the school colors. I recommend school T-Shirts since this is the day of AU Alumni Parade.

**TUITION PAYMENT:** This a gentle reminder that tuition payments are due on the 25th of each month. Payments can be made in person at the front office or online.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

October 23, 2022 -- RMES Bike-a-Thon & Walk-a-Thon

Thank you for your cooperation and dependable support as we “**Walk with Jesus**” this week!

“**Do justly. Love mercy. Walk humbly with God!”**