From the Desk of the Principal

To: Parents & Guardians

Date: October 10, 2022

Re: End of First Quarter Reminders & Updates

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hope you are enjoying the beautiful fall weather we are blessed with here in Michigan during this season of hurricanes and other natural disasters that others are experiencing across our country. Let us continue in prayer for the families in Florida and other places where hurricane Fiona and Ian recently devastated. Indeed, we have much for which to praise the Lord! This week let us lift each other up with a word of encouragement.

The following are the end of quarter reminders and updates:

**Safe Return from LIFT Camp:** Thank you for your prayers on behalf of our students and teachers who attended MI Conference LIFT (Lifestyle Improvement for Teens) camp at Camp Au Sable Oct.3-5. I just wanted you to know that they have returned safely. According to Mrs. Cancel, their Jr. High teacher, and the group leader, “It was an incident-free three days.” The other staff, as well as students concur that it was a great experience.

**Public Speaking/Oratorical Showcase:** The first Public Speaking mini course was offered this quarter. The instructor, Pr. Denry White and his students plan to end the course with a Public Speaking/Oratorical Showcase, **Thursday, October 13, at 6:00 p.m.** You are invited to come and hear/see the students demonstrate the public speaking skills they have learned. The event will take place in the gym. Looking forward to seeing many of you there.

**End of 1st Quarter 2022-2023:** **Friday, October 14,** will be the last day of the First Quarter. Praying for God’s guidance and protection through a successful final week and smooth transition into 2nd Quarter. Please help your students to meet all end of quarter class requirements successfully. We look forward to connecting with you one-on-one to share information about your students’ performance and progress through the first quarter.

**Pink Day:** As we end this quarter, teachers are being intentional to keep school-spirit high while maintaining focus on school mission. **This Friday, October 14,** the last spirit-day for the quarter, is **Pink Day at RMES.** It is our way of supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month and letting our co-workers, parents, and family members who are cancer survivors or are battling the dreadful disease, know that we are here for them. Please raise the awareness of your K-8 students by reminding, encouraging them to show their support and school-spirit by **wearing something pink** on Friday.

**2nd Quarter Information:**

**Parent Teacher Conference:** You will soon be receiving an invitation and an e-link to set up your appointment for your first of two Parent-Teacher Conferences for the year. Please do not miss this
opportunity to connect with your child’s teacher and talk candidly about how you can continue collaboration for your child’s spiritual, academic, social-emotional, and physical progress or about struggles being experienced in his/her new grade. Important things to note about Parent-Teacher Conferences: The Dates: October 26th and 27th starting from 1:00 p.m. School will be half-day. That means, early dismissal and pick-up 12:15 - 12:30 p.m. on both days. Extend Ed will be available for those who need the service.

**Fall Week of Prayer:** October 17-21 is our Fall Week of Prayer. Pastor Earl Baldwin, Youth Director of Lake Union Conference, will be the speaker. Week of Prayer sessions will be from 8:30-9:10. Our school theme, "Walking with Jesus" will be the topic of emphasis for the week. Please join us in prayer for our children that may have hearts to listen and follow the One who has shown us what is good and what the Lord requires of us, to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God. (Micah 6:8)

The second quarter begins October 17 and ends December 16, 2022. These nine weeks of school are usually exciting and packed with special activities and seasonal celebrations. This year the four major events scheduled are: **RMES Annual Parent Concert, October 20, 6:30-7:30PM**, **RMES first, Bike-a-thon/Walk-a-thon, October 23, 2022, 9:00-12:00**, **Multicultural Food Fair and Culture Showcase, November 13**, and **RMES Christmas concerts, dates to be confirmed.** Please know that we cannot pull any of these events off without you. We will keep you informed with plans and are requesting for you to share your skills wherever you think you can make effective contribution. Please read my weekly newsletter for updates and reminders about the events from the H & S leader and the school. Additionally, your classroom teachers will communicate keep you posted.

- **Bike-a-thon / Walk-a-thon:** This is the last week for a big push to help your child get reach his/her goal of raising &100 and getting physically fit for the Bike-a-thon/Walk-a-thon next Sunday, October 23. If anyone needs additional sponsor forms, please let Kimberly Westfall (RMESHomeAndSchool@gmail.com).

  Don't forget to RSVP to with the names of your RMES student(s) participating along with the number of additional family members attending by this Wednesday, October 12.

- **Volunteers Still Needed for This Event:** We are still looking for volunteers to assist with first aid, refilling water coolers, registering bikers/walkers on morning of the event, and tracking number of laps. If you are able to assist with any of these, please email RMESHomeAndSchool@gmail.com or contact Kimberly Westfall.

- **Multi-cultural Food & Culture Fair:** As some of you know, this event is one of the most spectacular events at our school and everyone looks forward to it each year. After three years of not being able to do it, we are planning to resume the event with a grand celebration this year, but we can't do it without lots of parents’ involvement. Thanks to the parents who have volunteered and agreed to assist and/or serve as team leaders for the culture groups. We are organizing the cultures by continents. Make sure your culture group is not left out by giving
Kimberly or me a call to add your name and country. If you are willing to help in any way with the multi-cultural fair, please contact Kimberly Westfall at 410-948-9424 or RMESHomeAndSchool@gmail.com. You may also contact me at esavory@andrews.edu or 269-471-3225. We will be contacting you soon to discuss plans for the event.

**Traffic Concerns:** This is just a reminder and request to please help us with safety during the drop-off and pick-off. I am sure many of you have noticed or even commented about the apparent inconsistencies of the traffic flow. I would like to let you know that we have been trying hard to maintain the traffic protocols that was shared at the beginning of the school year, but we need your help. Here is a reminder of how you can help ensure safety and an orderly efficient drop-off and pick-up process.

**Drop-Off & Pick-up – Please follow the Traffic Pattern below:**

- **First, please SLOW DOWN.** Speed Limit on RMES campus is 5 mph.
  
  **A-Wing parents, please help reduce the line and wait...**
  
  - Enter at the first parking lot.
  - Drop-off and pick up your child along the curb side of the main entrance (i.e. closer to their K-2 classrooms).
  - If you choose to park, please be sure to accompany your child across the crosswalk to the curb.
  - Please help us teach our child/ren to use the crosswalk to cross, at all times.
  - Please, NO PARKING in the middle parking section of the Parking lot.
  - K-2 students may enter at main entrance or the gym door.
  
- **B and C Wing parents:** Please continue using the regular entry path to drop-off and pick-up your students. along the curb side of the gym.
  
  - To ensure an orderly process and maintain the safety of everyone, we are requesting cars to move forward as far as possible.
  - Please DO NOT drop-off or pick-up students before the area marked with the cones.
  - Help students to be ready to get out when the car stops.
  - Please, NO DROP-OFF in the left/outer driving lane.
  - Knowing your busy schedule, school personnel and volunteers will do their best to guide the traffic flow and safely expedite the process.

**Thank You for Your Cooperation with Our Traffic Protocol:** We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with the arrival and dismissal traffic process. Your collaboration and prayers are greatly valued. Please do not hesitate to contact the office at (269) 471-3220 if you have any questions, comments, or would like to volunteer to assist.

**Volunteers for Arrival & Dismissal:** We are still seeking volunteers to assist in maintaining a safe and effective the morning and evening traffic flow.
Request from Apple Valley Market: This is a reminder that the management of Apple Valley Market has requested that RMES parents do not use their parking lot to wait for their children. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Attendance & Punctuality: Please continue to make every effort to bring your students to school on time. You can track how well you are doing (your child’s attendance record) by checking Jupiter. Besides being an important character trait to instill, being on time helps the children to have a smooth start and a full experience of their day.

Tuition Due: This is a reminder that your payment is due on the 25th of every month. May you trust the Lord to supply your need according to His glory.

RMES Grow Group: Just a reminder that our Grow Group—Praying for Our Children/School Grow Group is in its third week but our attendance is very low (2-3 persons). We are reaching out and inviting you to join our Group this Thursday in the Extend Ed Room at 8:15 a.m. sharp. Know that you are free to leave after you pray.

- Important Events and Dates in October to Remember
  - October 13 Public Speaking/Oratorical Showcase
  - October 14 End of Quarter & PINK Day
  - October 17-21 Week of Prayer
  - October 20 Parent Concert
  - October 23 Bike-a-thon / Walk-a-thon
  - October 26-27 Parent-Teacher Conference (Dismissal 12:15)
  - October 31 Teachers’ Inservice, No School
  - November 13 Multi-cultural Food Fair & Culture Showcase
  - November 21-25 Thanksgiving Break

Thank you for giving the faculty and staff at RMES the opportunity to partner with you in Adventist education and in the preparation of your precious children for a full and quality learning experience to help them reach their highest potential and fulfill God’s purpose for their lives here on earth and with Him in eternity.

“He has shown you O man what is good and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8

Do enjoy today’s fall break!

In His service,

Dr. Savory