

Notification from: **Ruth Murdoch Elementary School**

From the Desk of the principal

To: Parents & Guardians

Date: October 31, 2021

Re: Pertinent Reminders & Updates

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week we really need your prayers and collaboration with the teachers to help students successfully navigate two major events, taking place at the same time. This is Week of Prayer and spiritual emphasis week, schoolwide. In addition, Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place during this week. Please see more detailed information about each event below. The weeks are slipping by rapidly, do continue to stay in communication with your child and teacher to ensure your students are keeping up with classroom and school expectations. Once again, I appeal to parents of our middle school (Grades 5-8) students to please help us monitor what your children are watching and doing on their devices, as well as social media and other conversations. The spirituality, mental health and safety of our students are of vital importance, so let us do our very best to keep our children on the right path.

It is my hope that the following reminders and updates will provide pertinent information for a successful Week #3 of the second Quarter.

Fall Week of Prayer: Annually around this time we dedicate one week in our regular schedule for students to spend special time with Jesus and learning how to keep their eyes and minds on things above. At this Week of Prayer our speaker, Dr. Strayer will be sharing stories and that emphasize Taking a Stand for Jesus by doing what is right and pure [\[ES1\]](#) and true. This week as we intentionally seek to bring our students closer to Jesus and engage them in praise and prayer to Him, we would like to invite you to unite with us in prayer for the protection of our children from the evil one and evils of the world in which they live.

Parent-Teacher Conference: First, please accept our apology for not having the online appointment schedule accessible as we hoped. If all goes as planned, we should have the link available for access on Monday (tomorrow, 11/1/21). Please be reminded on P-T Conference will be held on the afternoons of Wednesday, November 3rd and Thursday, November 4th. On those days school will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m. We are asking parents to schedule PTC appointments after dismissal. Please coordinate with the classroom teacher/s.

Extend Ed Service: Please be aware that Extend Ed services will be available for students and/or other siblings on P-T Conference days. Kindly contact the Cyndi (269)471-3220 if you would like

your child/ren to join Extend Ed during your P-T Conference.

GET App and Lunch Order: Thank you and congratulations to those who are successfully using GET App for Lunch Orders! It has come to my attention that many seem to be forgetting the key requirement to order the day before by 6:00 p.m. As you are aware, if was not pre-ordered your child must remember to bring his/her own lunch. Unfortunately, last week (the 2nd week of fully implementing the GET App) several students had not ordered lunch and did not have anything to eat. Did you know that you can pre-order for the week or whichever days your child would like school lunch? If your student orders lunch but is absent on that day, please email Dining Services by **9 AM** to cancel the order. Thank you for your cooperation.

Invitation to RMES Prayer Grow Group: Join our prayer warriors in the Extend Education Room on Thursdays, 8:15-8:40. If you absolutely cannot join in person, please send your prayer requests and say a prayer wherever you are for our students, staff and families. This Pastor Appreciation Month, please pray for our campus pastors and Chaplains.

RMES Grow Group Service Project: Paris' Purse Jeans Drive is our Grow Group and Service project this semester. We will be partnering with the Andrews University Center for Faith Engagement to collect new and gently used jeans (as well as monetary donations). The jeans, as well as any money donated to the project, will go toward helping women in local homeless/domestic violence shelters or who face similar economic hardships with clothing and hygiene items. Please drop off your jeans in the receptacle provided at the school and leave donations at the office. [You can find information about Paris' Purse, a local nonprofit organization, here.](#) There are main ways your group members can participate in this project:

- Donate jeans or make a monetary donation
- Spread the word about the project via social media or in the workplace, at school, etc.

COVID-19 Updates: Note that our school will continue to follow BCHD and AU guidelines to maintain COVID-19 mitigation protocols. RMES will continue to maintain healthy hygiene practices including washing/sanitizing hands, keeping hands from face, disinfecting furniture, and masking indoor. FYI, AU has extended the indoor masking requirement through the remainder of the semester. Please visit <https://www.andrews.edu/agenda/59442>, for more information about AU Indoor Masking Extended. We praise God for His protection over RMES. We encourage that you continue your daily Jupiter screening before coming school so that students who are sick with COVID-19 symptoms can stay at home. Thank you for your continued support.

Upcoming Events for 2nd Quarter

- Fall Week of Prayer -- November 1-5, 2021
- P-T Conference -- November 3-4, 2021
- Thanksgiving Break -- November 24-26, 2021
- Christmas Concerts -- December 16, 2021
- End of Quarter -- December 17, 2021
- Christmas Break -- December 20, 2021 - Jan. 3, 2022

Have a safe & productive week!

In His service,

Evelyn P. Savory

TAKE A STAND

“Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes,