

From the Desk of The Principal  
To: Parents & Guardians  
Date: August 29, 2021  
RE: Pertinent Updates for this Week

Dear Parents & Guardians:

Praising God and thanking you for a beautiful first week of school! Hoping you agree with me that it was an amazing first day return to school. We felt blessed by the presence of our parents, pastors, and school board members who came to join in welcoming our children back. According to many of their reports, it was a good first week. Thank you for your prayers for our enrollment. God has answered and blessed exceedingly abundantly with 206 students. Looking forward to our partnership in the spiritual, mental, social, emotional, and physical development of each one in preparation for God's Kingdom.

**RMES Facebook Page:** Just want to bring your attention to our RMES Facebook Page. Yes, we do have a face book page and we are inviting you to please visit and "LIKE" what you see. For a glimpse of what first week looked like at RMES visit our face book page. Please know that this is one of our school's primary platforms for promotion. We will be using this venue to share and keep you and our wider community update with what is happening in various aspects of classroom and school life. If you have any ideas for continuous quality improvement of our page, please do not hesitate to share.

**Back to School Parent Nights:** I would like to join my teachers in inviting you to the Parent Night for your child or children's grade. It is an opportunity to make connection with your child/ren's teachers, hear their vision and goals for the class, and receive other important information to help you support your student through a successful 2021-2022 school year. Look for more specific information about this ZOOM event from your classroom teacher. Until then, please see the schedule below and mark your calendar for a virtual meeting on the date and time that apply to your child/ren's grade meeting.

- o Grades 6-8: Monday, August 30, 6:30 p.m.
- o Grades K-2: Tuesday, August 31, 6:00 p.m.
- o Grades 3-5: Thursday, September 2, 6:00 p.m.

**Dismissal & Arrival Traffic Pattern & Procedures:**

· I am revisiting this topic because we it is an essential part of the daily operation and safety process at our school. We need your help to make the plan we have in place work effectively or even to help make the process better. For now, we are requesting that you please adhere to the traffic plan that we have in place. It requires the following traffic pattern and procedures at Arrival and Dismissal:

**ARRIVAL FOR K-2:**

- Cars must enter at the parking lot and park as far as possible along the curbside from the main entrance to the gate.
- Morning Drop-off 7:55-8:10 a.m.
- We encourage all students are dropped off at curbside. In order to do so efficiently, students must be ready to get out to help keep the traffic flowing

- If there is a back-up at curbside and you are in a hurry and need to have your child/children walk over, that would be okay when school personnel is present or if you escort them over.
- It is imperative for students to USE THE CROSSWALK when walking from the parking lot to the school or vice versa.

**DISMISSAL FOR K-2:** Please use the same process as above.

**ARRIVAL FOR All Other Grades (3-5):**

- Drop-off for Grades 3-8 must go straight and not enter the parking lot.
- For safety, students must be dropped off at the gym curbside and not before the Trash Dumpster.
- Please prepare students to be ready to exit the car on the curbside and not on the traffic side.
- Wait for the car in front to be a safe distance before swerving out to leave.
- Look out for children

**DISMISSAL FOR All Other Grades (3-5):** Please adhere to the following:

- Have Your Traffic Numbers visible.
- Students are dismissed when their number is called.
- Help students know their Pick-up Number
- Please DO NOT come out of your cars to get your child.
- If you walk to pick-up your child, please know your number and ask for it to be called.
- Please do not have your children come to you while in the traffic line, except you parked in the parking lot and you can come to help them cross over safely.
- Students will be waiting for you at the curbside along the gym.
- Dismissal for all grades is at 3:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 12:15 on Fridays
- Numbers do not begin to be called before 3:30 and ends at 3:45 p.m.
- We are requesting that you please adhere to the 5 mph Speed Limit on the campus
- Please be patient with us as we continue to seek for ways to improve this process. In the meantime, kindly look out for the safety of others, especially the children.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** If you can assist with the afternoon traffic and safety, we can use one or two more to help put students in cars. Any assistance to help expedite the traffic flow and keep our students safe during this busy time will be appreciated. Please contact me if you can help. Thank you.

**Update on School Lunch:** I would like to apologize for the frustration, or any inconvenience caused last week as we attempted to transition to the new lunch process. We would like to request your continued patience as we continue to work through the kinks of this new process. Please know that our office team are working closely with AU Bon Appetit Management to get the issues resolved. I encourage that you continue to forward your concerns and questions to ds@andrews or [Linda.Brinegar@cafebonappetit.com](mailto:Linda.Brinegar@cafebonappetit.com).

**Student Teacher this Semester:** Miss Rebecca Williams will be joining our team tomorrow to start her student-teaching internship. Ms. Williams is a senior at Andrews University and is already familiar to our staff and students. She will be working in the 2nd grade alongside her experienced mentor teacher, Mrs. Juliette Horton. Please help us make Ms. Williams feel welcome among our school family.

**COVID-19 Building Safety:** Just want to let you know that while the pandemic continues, we will remain committed to doing our utmost to maintain safety protocols as we care for the health and safety of our students and staff members. Know that we are maintaining building safety by practicing: 1. healthy hygiene habits (including washing and sanitizing hands, covering coughs/sneezes, and avoid touching face). 2. Physical Distancing. Face mask indoors. Face covering outside is optional. Please continue to stay safe and healthy.

RMES Theme Text: "Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand."  
Ephesians 6:13

Wishing all a spirit-filled week as we TAKE A STAND for Teamwork!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Savory