From The Desk of the Principal

To: Parents & Guardians

RE: Reminders & Updates

May 15, 2023

Dear RMES Families,

Join me today, in giving praise to God for His tender loving care over all the mothers of RMES. Wishing each of you, Happy Mother’s Day, with love and gratitude!

“The mother is queen of her household. She has in her power the molding of her children’s characters, that they may be fitted for the higher, immortal life. An angel could not ask for a higher mission; for in doing this work she is doing service for God. Let her only realize the high character of her task, and it will inspire her with courage.”

Enjoy the full magazine article “Thank God for Mothers” excerpts from Adventist Home, Adventist Review May 2017 at: https://adventistreview.org/magazine-article/thank-god-for-mothers/

Thank You for a Memorable Teacher Appreciation Week: As we begin a new school week, I would like to let you know that RMES faculty and staff had an exciting Teacher Appreciation week, which our Home & School Team made sure we will not soon forget. On behalf of our faculty, staff (including myself) I would like to thank Kimberly, our thoughtful, creative Home & School leader and those who worked closely with her to make every day of last week special for the teachers and staff. Every day was a surprise, and we all enjoyed it! We know that many of you worked behind the scenes, so, a BIG Thanks to every one of you for your contribution to help make Teacher Appreciation Week 2023 so special at RMES. Since you all could not come to see the Western (Cowboy) Thematic decorations around the school, check out the pictures on RMES face book page and like what you see. May God bless each one of you not only for the joy you added to our week but for the energy boost to finish the year strong.

Stand-In-My-Shoes Day Report: To get an idea of how our first annual Stand-In-My-Shoe Day went, I invite you to visit our face book page to get a glimpse of our 8th graders in their job roles for that day. They certainly did not disappoint -- Everyone rose to the occasion and came through with flying colors. Their professionalism was not only evident in the way they carried out their duties but, in their dress, and attitude on that day. Compliments to RMES Administrative student leaders of the day, Miss Briauna Skinner, Principal and Miss Autumn Leets, Vice Principal, Mr. Adriel Ogando, Business Manager, and Mr. Jonathan Mills, Secretary, who modeled a high standard for all! The overwhelming feedback from both students and teachers was, “it was great! We would like to do this again!”
Reminders & Updates for the Week Ahead:

**Spring Instrumental Concert:** This Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00pm is the first of our two Spring Concerts. The teachers and students have been working hard to get ready for these events. At RMES all students are required to participate in music, either instrumental or vocal. Tuesday’s concert will be featuring performances by 5th-8th grade students, including the 7 & 8 Handbells Choir under the direction of their instructor, Mr. Marcelo Martins, as well as the 5th grade Beginning Band, Concert Band, and Strings Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Elsy Gallardo-Diaz. We invite you to come and enjoy the wonderful music the students have prepared. Concert call time for performers is 6:45pm. Please help your child to adhere to the RMES Dress Code (modest, neat, appropriate attire and no costume or real jewelry).

**Spring Vocal Concert:** Note that this concert will take place next Tuesday, May 23. The program will feature RMES K-2 Bells with Mrs. Shari Lyons, and Recorders and K-8 Choir, directed by Mr. Marcelo Martins. The presentations will start at 7:00 p.m. at the Howard Performing Arts Center (HPAC). The teachers will provide other details.

**The TENT:** Thank you and hope you have been blessed, if you have attended or watched The TENT evangelistic services that started last Thursday evening on the campus of Andrews University. Last evening, we had two powerful messages from two dynamic student preachers. We also had our second baptism. To God be the glory! Today is Day #4. We need your prayers and would also like to have your in-person presence, which will show the support of the students. We are looking forward to seeing you this evening at 7:00p.m.

**Important note:** there will be **NO TENT ON TUESDAY evening, May 16,** instead we invite you to come to the Howard Performing Arts Center for RMES Instrumental Concert starting time, 7:00pm.

**RMES Grandparents Day:** This Friday, May 19, will be RMES first schoolwide Grandparents Day. I want you to know that this day is greatly anticipated as the response has been overwhelming. Overhearing all of the plans, I know that the students and teachers are looking forward to seeing and spending quality time with their grandparents on that day. We will be sure to tell you all about it since you would not be there!

Here are a few things that we would like you to know and ask that you share with grandparents:

1. **Parking:** Because we anticipate the need for increased parking, we have secured permission for additional parking at Andrews Academy. Please let your grandparents know if RMES lot is full, they can park at AA.
2. **Traffic Flow:** We are requesting everyone’s cooperation when you drop off your student or grandparent, (if there are cars behind you) to please pull up as far as possible to the front entrance before letting the person off. Kindly think about the cars behind you and make room for them to drop off their passenger/s safely.
STEAMS Showcase: RMES annual STEAMS Showcase is fast approaching on May 22, 2023, 5:00-7:00pm. This is our exhibition of the students’ collaboration and creative work of excellence in STEAMS, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts/Agriculture Math with their Spiritual integration. We are inviting parents, friends, and community visitors to come and see and hear students tell about their Star STEAMS accomplishments, including other integrated project-based learning areas, such as Social Studies, Modern Languages (Spanish, Korean) ELA (Creative Writing). Student work will be displayed from outside and inside the classrooms to the gymnasium.

RMES Official Registration Day: On the same day of STEAMS Showcase, we are also looking forward to seeing you here to start or for some of you, complete registration for 2023-2024 school year. Make your appointment now if you would like to have a one-on-one meeting with the Business Manager. If not, the office staff will be ready to work with you when you come on that day. Just do not miss the opportunity to register early and get the fee discount. Once again, we request your partnership in sharing this information to your family, friends and neighbors who have potential students for our school.

Tuition Payment Due: Just a gentle reminder that your May tuition payment is due on the 25th. Thank you for your commitment to Adventist education and for your support of RMES.

Summer Tutoring for Students: If your child needs academic support this summer or if you are interested in enrichment opportunities in math, language arts, reading, social studies, science, music, or Spanish, contact Lucas Navia for tutoring options at 269-635-3839. He can do virtual or in-person, individual or group sessions. He is fingerprinted and background checked and currently works as a teacher’s aide in a private school in Ann Arbor while attending the University of Michigan.

Attention Parents of 8th Graders: To apply to attend Andrews Academy, please visit our website at www.andrews.edu/aa, click on Admissions and New Student Enrollment. We’d love to have you at AA next school year! Call 269-471-3138 with any questions. From Andrews Academy

Parents, students, staff, and community, once again, thank you for the thoughtful gestures that brought smiles to our faces during Teacher Appreciation Week. We value and appreciate your continued support and care.

“Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.” Proverbs 11:25

Sincerely,

Dr. Savory
FYI--Important Upcoming Events & Dates for the Remainder of the Year

- Spring Instrumental Concert  May 16
- The TENT  May 12-21
- Spring Vocal Concert  May 23
- 1st Schoolwide Grandparents Day  May 19
- Grades 7 & 8 Special Activities Week  May 23-25
- Registration Day & STEAMS Showcase  May 22
- Kindergarten End of Year Program  May 25
- Graduation Sabbath (1st Service PMC)  May 27
- No School--Memorial Day  May 29
- Awards Day  May 30
- Yearbook Reveal & Field Day  May 31
- Graduation Ceremony (PMC)  June 1
- Last Day of School (No Extend Ed)  June 2