From: The Desk of the Principal

To: Parents & Guardians,

Date: February 26, 2024

Re: Reminders & Updates, Wk.8, 3rd Quarter

Dear Parents & Guardians:

Happy Sunday RMES family! Hope you get to sleep in late with the kids after an exciting Game night last evening. Please see the important reminders and updates for this week:

Thank you RMES Families & H & S Leader: Your support of Family Game Night last evening was amazing! We greatly appreciated your attendance and active participation to help make the evening a success! The kids had a BLAST and I hope you did too! Special thanks to Kimberly, our dedicated, enthusiastic, leader for planning & executing another wonderful event to bring our school families together to laugh and play and strengthen relationships.

RETRO Day: Last Friday’s school spirit day received a great response among the students of all grades. First, thank you for supporting the “spirit” by your participation in helping the children to not only dress appropriately but to know the year that their attire represented. It was evident that they were proud to share and enjoyed their vintage attire. Thank you, Mrs. Horton, our school spirit coordinator, for planning this cool and exciting spirit day to help create camaraderie and joy in our school environment. You can check out RETRO Day and Family Game Night at RMES face book page. Please like.

RMES Principal’s Reading Challenge (PRC) Continues: Two more weeks to go! Please continue to encourage your students to keep reading to the end. I am pleased to hear about the increased student participation as the students see their class reading tallies on the PRC Hall Chart. Just a reminder that Principal’s Reading Challenge will culminate mid-March, with National Reading Month and the end of 3rd quarter. Keep up the good work Kids!

RMES Literacy Day, March 4, 2024: As we have done for many years, during this reading emphasis quarter, we incorporate a special schoolwide literacy activity scheduled during Read Across America Week. For the last two years (post Covid) we have had a Book Swap, which was confined to each wing to maintain isolation for health reasons. This year we would like to launch Read Across America week with a Special Literacy Day on Monday, March 4. Once again, I am requesting your support and help to make Literacy Day a success as we are requesting the full participation of students in implement a new initiative.

With the goal to maintain emphasis on the love and joy of reading and to foster creative collaboration among students, the teachers have come up with a clever idea to involve all students in Literacy Day activities. We have decided to focus on everyone sharing their favorite book on Literacy Day. This idea requires teachers and students to dress like or wear something to represent their favorite book, author, or book/story character. As we usually do, one highlight of Literacy Day will be a Buddy Reading experience for all grades—the older (Grades 5-8) students will visit their “buddy classroom” to read to and with their younger buddies. As you are aware, collaboration with classroom buddies is part of our regular practice, however, we would like to use this opportunity to add another special memory about reading for the students. Your classroom teachers will share more details with the students and with you about Literacy Day. Thank you for your partnership in creating enthusiastic readers and creative critical thinkers!

2024 Elementary Art Exhibition for Grades K-5 Students: Submission for K-5 participation in the Art Exhibition is closed. Artwork is due this week. The submission to your class teacher is tomorrow, February 26. Please note that Artwork submitted later than February 27 will not be entered. Deadline for RMES K-5 Artwork drop-off is March 29. We
need time for finishing touches and to organize the 40 Artwork before submission at the Box Factory for the Arts.

2024 Middle/High School Art Exhibition (Grades 6-12): Please note that the registration deadline for Middle/High School Art Exhibition is April 1. It is not too early for students to begin thinking about and working on the Artwork they would like to submit. Grades 6-8 participants must follow the same procedure as the K-5 group. Registration for Middle School includes submitting to classroom teacher the title and category of their Artwork on a 3x5 card. This is due March 25, no later than March 27 or when we have received decisions from the first 40 students. Thank you for encouraging your child to participate.

MI Conference Music Festival: This is the time of the year in which the Concert Band and Strings are getting ready to participate in the MI Conference Elementary Music Festival. The event takes place on Wednesday, March 6 at the Howard Performing Arts Center. This is an all-day event for all string players and most concert band members. The day climaxes with a grand concert at 7:00pm. All parents and community friends are invited. Dr. Gallardo-Diaz has shared other pertinent details about the event. If your child is a member of any of the participating ensembles and you have not received the information, please contact Ms. Elsy. Thank you for your continued support.

AA & RMES Visitor’s Day/Move-Up Day: Tuesday, March 5 is Visitor’s & Move-up Day at RMES! Once again, I am soliciting your help to promote Visitor’s Day to your family, friends, and neighbors. On this day, AA & RMES will collaborate to have current students move up to their next grade level and open our schools for visitors. At RMES, we are extending an invitation to potential students of Grades 1-8 to come and experience their new classroom and/or school environment for half or the full day. Students of Grades K-5 will visit from 8:30 – 11:30 (lunchtime), while students of Grades 6-7 spend the entire day (8:30 – 3:30). Additionally, RMES 8th Grade students will move over to Andrews Academy where they will also spend the full day, including dismissal from AA. Please let us know if you have questions about Visitor’s Day/Move-up Day.

RMES Prayer Calendar: Please continue praying every day for RMES students, one child at a time. Here are the names to lift-up this week: Week of (Feb. 26-March 2): Marjorie (K), Ava-Marie (5), Daniel (3), Gabriella (7), Samuel (7), Levi (4), Kendra (7).

RMES/PMC Grow Group: Please join the parents, staff, and friends of RMES who meet to Pray for our students and school. We meet on Thursdays, 8:15-8:45am in the Extend Ed. Room. You may also send your prayer requests. Please consider coming to help lift up the petitions of our children to God.

Tuition Payment Due: This is a gentle reminder that your Tuition (#7) due on the 25th of each month. Thank you and may God continue to supply all of your needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

Important Dates to Remember:

- January-March: Principal’s Reading Challenge for all grades (K-8)
- February 27: Jr. High BRIDGE Activities Day
- March--: National Reading & Women’s Month
- March 4: RMES Literacy Day
- March 5: AA & RMES Visitor’s Day
- March 6: Assembly. Featuring Kindergarten
- March 6: MI Conference Elementary Music Festival
- March 15: End of Quarter

A Promise for You:
“For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.” (Isaiah 44:3-5)

Have a blessed & productive week!

Dr. Savory