Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for walking alongside us (faculty, staff, and students) as we walked with Jesus during the past 8 weeks of school. Our teachers and students could not have made it without your faithful partnership and prayers. In reflection, I feel confident that as promised the Lord has granted what we have asked, to finish the term strong and united in our mission to nurture the heads, hearts, and hands of our children to bring them closer to God and instill values of excellence. As we enter into the second quarter, we continue to encourage each to daily take time (alone) with God, expect high standards of academic performance and social conduct, as well as emotional well-being for all our students. We look forward to collaborating with you every step of the 9-week journey ahead.

The following are the reminders and updates for the first week of the 2nd Quarter:

**Congratulations, 1st Public Speaking Showcase a Success!** I am sure by now you have heard the exciting report about RMES inaugural Public Speaking Showcase. The six Jr. High students who presented their speeches to a public audience for the first time, did an amazing job. Congratulations, Sebastian Silie, Easton Murphy, Keila Bowerman, Gabriel Maxwell, Daniel Butnaru, and Diego Contreras for a JOB WELL DONE! Join me in acknowledging the Public Speaking class instructor, Pr. Denry White for his commitment to sharing his gifts with RMES students and for his impressive work with his first class. Thank you, parents, family members, teachers and friends who came support students.

**Calendar Correction:** It was brought to my attention that the dates I had listed for Thanksgiving Break did not match what is on our calendar. Please see the correct dates, below. accept my apology for the error and any confusion caused.

**IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES in OCTOBER & NOVEMBER TO REMEMBER**

- **October 17** – 2nd Quarter Begins
- **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 5** -- Outreach at Stevensville
- **November 13** -- Multi-cultural Food Fair & Culture Showcase
- **November 23-25** -- Thanksgiving Break
2nd Quarter Information:

Fall Week of Prayer: This week, October 17-21 we are starting the quarter off with Week of Prayer and a spiritual focus for all. We are looking forward to an exciting week of worship and fellowship with Pastor Earl Baldwin, Youth Director of Lake Union Conference. Week of Prayer sessions will be from 8:30-9:10am. 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). Please feel welcome if you would like to come and worship with us.

Update-Bike/Walk-a-thon October 23 – Ready or not, the time for the event is here! We hope you are planning to participate in the Bike/Walk-a-thon on October 23 from 9am to noon. If you haven't had a chance to RSVP, please do so (RMESHomeAndSchool@gmail.com). Remember to bring water bottles, snacks, lawn chairs or blankets, and helmets (if biking). We also invite you to pack a picnic lunch to enjoy on the lawn at the end of the event. Home & School will be providing number bibs for participating students and treats.

Also, please turn in pledge forms and funds to the RMES office by Thursday, October 20. Pledges that were made per mile should be turned in by October 31, 2022.

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.

RMES Parent Concert: This an annual event at RMES to feature the instrumentalists. The concert, scheduled for October 20, at 6:30pm, will take place in RMES Gym. You are invited to come and hear the first performance of RMES Concert Band, Orchestra, and Handbells. Dr. Gallardo-Diaz and Mr. Martins, as well as the students have been working hard to get the students ready and comfortable the occasion. Come and enjoy the musical treat. The music teachers will be in touch to provide more details before the event.

Parent Teacher Conference (PTC): The invitation e-link is now available for you to set up your appointment for your first Parent-Teacher Conference scheduled for October 26 and 27. I know that many of you have already secured your day and time to meet your teacher. Once again, I encourage that you 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 reminders for PTC: Date: 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. Please provide your child with a snack if they will be at Extend Ed.

Multi-cultural Food Fair & Culture Celebration: 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 (Asia, Africa, America (USA & Canada), South & Central America & Mexico (Latin America), Caribbean & Guyana, Australia). Make sure your culture group is not left out. If you are willing to help in any way with this event to show and highlight the cultural groups that make up RMES family, please join us on Zoom this evening at 6:00pm for our first planning session. Kimberly Westfall is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

- **Topic:** RMES Multicultural Fair Planning Meeting  
  **Time:** Oct 16, 2022 06:00 PM America/Detroit

  Join Zoom Meeting  
  [https://adventist.zoom.us/j/8952310615](https://adventist.zoom.us/j/8952310615)

  Meeting ID: 895 231 0615  
  One tap mobile  
  +13017158592,,8952310615# US (Washington DC)  
  +13092053325,,8952310615# US

- **Your Cooperation with Our Traffic Protocol was Noticed:** **CONGRATULATIONS! I saw some improvement with drop-off and pick up last week.** We appreciate your cooperation to drive up to the curb before dropping off or picking up your student/s. 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. Please reference the information below as a reminder.

- **Traffic Concerns:** This is just a reminder and request to please help us with safety during the drop-off and pick-up. 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.

**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.

**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 staying strong, but our attendance has been very low (2-3 persons) each week. 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.

“God wants every child of tender age to be His child, to be adopted into His family.”  
Counsels to Teachers and Parents, p. 169.

In His service,

Evelyn Savory