Dear RMES Parents & Guardians,

Once again thank you for participating with us at the Alumni Homecoming Parade, last Friday. Your support made a huge difference. As many of you already know, RMES earned the People’s Choice Prize of $150. One of the teachers informed me that this is the first time we have won this award. Many remarked that we were not only the largest group represented. We also stood out in our school colors and school shirts, as well as our presentation. We could not have done it without your support and participation. Thank you, parents and family members who came join us on our walk. Your presence and assistance made a huge difference. By God’s grace we are looking forward to another safe and exciting week.

**Grades 3 & 4 Field Trip:** The 3rd and 4th Grade teachers are getting ready for their first off campus field trip. In keeping with the Life Science and outdoor learning emphasis this quarter, they have planned a visit this Friday, September 30 to Stover’s Apple Orchard to explore and have their own Apple Picking experience. The teachers and students are looking forward to a fun outdoor learning day. All students are asked to wear their RMES T-Shirt. Please keep the children, teachers, and chaperones in prayer for safe, fun day!

**MAP Testing:** MAP Testing is completed, for the most part, in all grades. This is the last week for make-up for MAP Testing. If any of your students were absent during the test, they will have an opportunity to complete missing sections. As usual, your teachers will communicate with you and share the results.

**Lunch:** Just checking in to inquire about the feedback you have been receiving about our lunch service. Based on my observation, I think things are going very well and the students are happy. We still have a few who misplace their cards at times. Please remind them to leave it at school. Most teachers have a place for them to keep it. If you have any lunch related questions please forward to ds@andrews.edu or Nereida.Martinez@cafebonappetit.com.

**Bike-a-thon / Walk-a-thon:** We hope you have all received your fundraising packets and have begun helping your child(ren) gather sponsors. If anyone has gotten more than 10 sponsors and needs additional sponsor forms, please let Kimberly Westfall know (RMESHomeAndSchool@gmail.com).

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.
Finally, don't forget to RSVP to RMESHomeAndSchool@gmail.com with the names of your RMES student(s) participating along with the number of additional family members attending by October 9.

**Multi-cultural Fair:** If you would like to see this event resume this year, we need your help! We can't do it without lots of parents involvement. If you are willing to help with the multi-cultural fair, please email RMESHomeAndSchool@gmail.com or contact Kimberly Westfall at 410-948-9424.

**COVID-19 Reminders:** As we continue to hear about Covid cases in our church and school community, we would like to remind you and request your help to maintain following protocols:

- Encourage students to practice healthy hygiene – Wash hands, sanitize, keep hands from face, continue to disinfect
- Wearing mask remains optional.
- Respond to Jupiter Wellness Questionnaire (especially if your child has symptoms for any of the myriad of communicable diseases going around (the flu, Monkey Pox, etc.)
- Keep students at home if they are sick or have Covid/flu symptoms (fever, excessive cough, runny nose), if they test positive or exposed to someone who has COVID-19 as defined by the CDC: “Individual who has had close contact less than six feet) for more than 15 minutes.”
- RMES return protocol for any (student, staff) who tested positive. We continue to follow CDC K-12 guidelines that student can return after 7 days quarantine with negative test taken after 5 days after. We also require student/staff wears mask for at least 5 days after return.

**Tuition Due:** This is a reminder that your Tuition payment is due on the 25th. Thank you.

**RMES Grow Group:** Just a reminder that our Grow Group--Praying for Our Children/School Grow Group is in its third week but our attendance is very low (2-3 persons). 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.

May God bless our shared commitment in the total development and care of our students in preparation to make a Christian difference among their peers at school and in the wider community.

“He has shown you O man what is good and what does the Lord require of you, but

To Act Justly, Love Mercy and Walk Humbly with God.”
Have a GREAT Week!

Dr. Savory