From the Desk of the Principal

To: Parents & Guardians

Date: October 21, 2022

Re: Reminders & Updates, Wk. 2, 2nd Quarter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Bike-a-thon & Walk-a-thon, Final Update:** We are very excited for the beautiful weather predicted for this Sunday! Our bike/walk-a-thon will go from 9am - noon. Remember to bring your picnic lunch, water bottles, helmets (if biking), sunglasses, lawn chairs, and snacks and meet us at the RMES track. Please park at the RMES parking lot. Stop by the registration table by the track first thing Sunday morning to pick up your student’s number. We will begin at 9 am with prayer and instructions.

If your student has not turned in their sponsorship forms, please bring them to the RMES office as soon as possible but no later than October 31.

If you haven’t let us know you are planning to participate Sunday, please do so by emailing RMESHomeAndSchool@gmail.com or contacting Kimberly Westfall (410-948-9424).

Thanks so much,

Kimberly

**The following are this week’s reminders and updates:**

**Week of Prayer was a Blast!** I am sure you have heard the daily reports about Week of Prayer from your students and wished you could have joined us! This was indeed a Spirit-filled, wonderful, great, nice week (according to the students), and I can attest they enjoyed it thoroughly! Both students and teachers expressed their wish for today not to be the last day of Week of Prayer.

In interviewing some of the Jr. High students, several of them shared that “WOP was great, and they wish we could do it again.” Everyone really liked Pastor Baldwin’s preaching because his sermons were inspiring, and he got everyone to listen and get involved. Many enjoyed the singing, especially the Special Music every day. One student commented that he thought it was great that those who did Special music, were brave to step out of their comfort zone to sing a solo or duet.

Lastly, the five main lessons Pastor Baldwin instilled for Walking with God forever are: 1. Look to God. 2. Listen for God. 3. Learn from God. 4. Let Go and Let God. 5. Live for God.
Thank you, Pastor Baldwin for taking time out of your busy schedule to “hang-out this week at RMES and for blessing our student body and teachers.

RMES Parent Concert: Thank you parents and family members who made it out last evening to support and cheer the children on for their first performance for this school year. The students did a Great Job! Parents and visitors, alike, commented that the students played and sounded as if they were playing for a long time. Please join me in extending sincere appreciation to Mr. Martins, who directed the Chimes/Bells and to Dr. Gallardo-Diaz who directed the Concert Band and Orchestra. Be sure not to miss their next performance at the Christmas Concert when the Beginning Band will be featured.

Parent Teacher Conference (PTC): If you have not yet made your online appointment, this is your last week to do so. The teachers are getting ready to meet with you on October 26th and 27th starting from 1:00 p.m. Please keep the following important reminders in mind: 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 & Culture Fair: Thanks to the parents who have volunteered and agreed to assist and/or serve as team leaders for the culture groups. We also appreciated those who join our first ZOOM planning meeting last Sunday evening. As shared previously, we have organized the cultures by continents (Asia, Africa, North America (USA & Canada), South & Central America & Mexico (Latin America), Caribbean & Guyana, Australia). We are still looking for a parent (or two) to lead the Asia, and North America teams. Please contact Kimberly at (410-948-9424) or me at (269-471-3225, if you would like to do so.

Invitation to Meet: We would like to invite the team leaders and their team to join us on Zoom next Monday, October 24, at 6:00pm for our second planning session.
Topic: RMES Multicultural Fair Planning Meeting
Time: Oct 16, 2022 06:00 PM America/Detroit.

Join Zoom Meeting at https://andrews.zoom.us/j/3232680158
Meeting ID: 323 268 0158

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AU Tutors for Jr. High: Starting next week, a team of about twenty AU undergraduate students who have indicated willingness and have signed up to volunteer as afterschool tutors will begin working with 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School (RMES). The tutoring sessions will take place once a week on Mondays from 3:45 to 4:45. The students have
committed to seven weeks of tutoring sessions, beginning on October 24 and ending on December 5.

This program is the initiative of Beatriz Martins, AU Honors student and Mrs. Cindy Cancel. Through Beatriz’s astute leadership AU students who sign up and participate in this program, will receive co-curricular credits at the end of the semester. Please join us in applauding and thanking Beatriz Martins for her amazing leadership, influence among her peers, and interest in making a difference for the students at RMES. Since there are less tutors than students, the Jr. High teachers will match the students and let you know the first group who qualify for this opportunity. Looking forward to your prayers and support of the program. 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.

School Theme: Walking with Jesus

"Children and youth should begin early to seek God; for early habits and impressions will frequently exert a powerful influence upon the life and character."

EGW, Adventist Home p.297

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

- October 23 -- Bike-a-thon / Walk-a-thon
- October 26-27 -- Parent-Teacher Conference (Dismissal 12:15)
- October 28 -- RMES-Seminary Collaboration Worship
- October 31 -- Teachers’ Inservice, No School
- November 5 -- Outreach at Stevensville
- November 13 -- Multi-cultural Food Fair & Culture Showcase
- **November 23-25 -- Thanksgiving Break**

In His service,

Dr. Savory