

From: *The Desk of the principal*

To: Parents & Guardians

Date: September 27, 2021

Dear RMES Parents & Guardians,

Once again thank you for participating with us at the Homecoming Parade, last Friday. Your support made a huge difference. I am happy to let you know that RMES did receive the 3rd place \$100 parade prize. Again, thanks for your participation and prayers. Looking forward to another safe and exciting week.

School T-Shirts: RMES stood out at last Friday's parade, in many ways. We were the largest group with the youngest participants, the students conducted themselves well and gave an outstanding performance, as well as many remarked that they looked good in our school colors. I would like to thank you for supporting our request for students to dress in their school T-shirt. This is a reminder that for field trips this year students will be required to wear their school T-shirts. You will agree it makes it easy to identify our students and maintain their safety. If your child does not have his/he T-shirt as yet, we do have more in the office for sale. The cost is \$10 for the regular T-shirt. We also sell long sleeves and hoodies, by special order, only. If interested in either, please contact the office to get more information.

Field Trip: YAY! The K-2 teachers and students are excited and praising God for making it possible to have their first off campus field trip after over a year. They are looking forward to learning and having fun outdoors at the as the explore more about plants and animals at Sarett Nature Center and at Silver Beach Park. 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.

NHS Tutors from AA: Once again, the students of the Andrews Academy National Honor Society ENHANCE Club, have offered their services to provide after school tutoring for students at RMES. The AA volunteers will come to the school on Monday-Wednesday from 4:00-4:45 p.m. Please note that each day will have a different group of Tutors. As far as possible, we would like to match students to the same tutor, which means they will meet on the same day every week. In consultation with parents, RMES students may be recommended for one-on-one assistance by their class teacher. Since there are only 10 tutors, students will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. The tutors are also willing to read and/or support anyone who needs help at Extend Ed. The tutoring program begins this week, please contact your child's teacher if you are interested.

Lunch GET App: Finally, we have good news about The Lunch GET App! This service is now available for ALL students to use. We encourage you to get set up as soon as possible and begin ordering lunch with this App, per requirement of Dining Services. If you have questions, please call the office at (269) 471-3225 or email ds@andrews.edu.

RMES Grow Group: RMES/PMC Grow Group started on last Thursday, September 23, 2021, with 8 prayer warriors, which was an encouraging attendance. This is another invitation for you. Please 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.

COVID-19 Reminders (Repeat): Your child should **stay at home** or will be sent home if they have any of the following:

- They complain of feeling unwell or they have a suspected communicable disease (cold or the flu).
- Have (or has had in the previous two days) a temperature of 100.4 or higher, or other COVID-19 symptoms.
- Cannot energetically participate in classroom activities and recess without a fever/symptom-reducing medicine (cough syrup, Tylenol, etc.).
- If they have had close contact with 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.*"

Students with a fever will be isolated and be required to wear a face mask until they can be picked up by parents/guardians.

Your child should **come to school** if they can fulfill the following requirements:

- Has (and has consistently maintained over the prior two days) a temperature below 100.4 (Parents you know your child(ren) well. Some children can be very sick with a temperature lower than 100.4 and, thus, should be kept home.) Please respond in the best interest of your child's needs while safeguarding our staff and other students.
- Can energetically participate in classroom activities and recess without a fever/symptom-reducing medicine (cough syrup, Tylenol, etc.)
- Has no new symptoms of COVID-19, such as respiratory symptoms (e.g. cough).
- Has no symptoms of vomiting or diarrhea

Thank you again for your support and prayers for continued health and healing for our students and teachers.

Praying for you a pleasant and productive week!

In His service,

Dr. Savory