Dear Parents & Guardians,

To God be the glory, we have made it safely to the 3rd Quarter! Special thanks to you for your unwavering cooperation and support throughout the journey, during another unusual school year. Spring Break could not come at a better time! Our faculty, staff and students need this time to relax and reflect on God’s amazing grace and care for His children at RMES. The following are the updates and reminders for this week.

**National Reading Month:** In keeping with National Reading Month, on last Friday, March 11, 2022, another special reading day was planned for the students of Grades K-2 and 3-5. Rep. Brad Paquette from the MI State Department made a special visit to our school to read for the students. Being a former teacher (Graduate of Andrews University Master of Arts in Teaching), he was very comfortable and kept the students engaged as he read his favorite book, The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein. In his thank you to Rep. Paquette, 5th grader, Micah Suarez, shared that his takeaway from the story was, “to always share what you have with others.”

**Principal’s Reading Challenge Deadline:** The Principal’s Reading Challenge is scheduled to run through the end of the quarter. Since March is National Reading Month, students may continue reading through their Spring Break in order to achieve their reading goals, as well as complete logs and tallies for submission when they return. A reward awaits the boy and girl, from each grade (K-8), who reads the most books. Books should be at or above the student’s grade level, except he/she has a known reading problem. For accuracy, reading log must show the following information: Log Date & Title of Book Read/No. of Pages/Start Date/Parent/Teacher Initials and date. Happy Reading!

**MI Conference Music Festival:** Our band and orchestra participated in the annual MI Conference Elementary Band & Orchestra Clinic/Festival last Thursday, March 9, at Howard Performing Arts Center. I think the music students were happy for the opportunity to spend the day outside of the regular classroom setting where they could learn together and build new relationships with fellow music students and teachers from our sister schools in the area. The day’s activities climaxed with a evening concert at the public. Please come and support the students.

**Marketing & Recruitment:**

**RMES Visitor’s Day/Move-Up Day:** Thank you if you helped to spread the word and/or encouraged someone to support this event. It was a good day for all of the students, our nine visitors, as well as the K-7th graders who moved-up. As shared previously, the objective of this event is to provide an opportunity for our K-8 graders along with potential new students to
familiarize with their new classroom climate. The teachers were purposeful to provide a welcoming and enjoyable experience for everyone. I hope you received many positive reports from both, students and teachers, hoping you did, too. Please know that this is the time of the year when we begin to encourage parents to start the re-enrollment process for the next school year (2022-2023). We are prayerfully looking forward to the opportunity to continue partnership with you in Christian education for your child/children.

- **Invitation to Join the Marketing Team:** During the remainder of the school year, we will continue sharing about our school and invite you to join in sharing about RMES in your churches and community. We also invite you to consider sharing your testimony about the impact of Adventist education in your life and/or the lives of your children. Please let me know if you would like to share. Thank you.

**March Tuition Due:** This is a reminder that your next Tuition payment is due by the 25th of the month. Please do not hesitate to contact the Business Manager if you have any questions.

**RMES COVID-19 Updates-To Be Re-a After Spring Break**

Please note, *RMES will be continuing with our current COVID-19 safety protocols, which require masks worn in classrooms and for large gatherings in the cafetorium.* RMES will update our mask policy to align with Andrews University after Spring Break. We solicit your continued prayers, support, and cooperation to help maintain a safe, healthy learning environment for the students, faculty and staff at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School.

**RMES/PMC Grow Group:** Our group continues to meet on Thursdays at 8:15 AM to pray for our students and staff. Please join us in prayer and include the people and situation in Ukraine & Russia.

**End of Quarter & Spring Break:** This Friday, March 18th is the end of the 3rd Quarter and start of the Spring Break. Please note that there will be no Extend Ed on Friday. Wishing you and the kids a wonderful week and look forward to seeing you when school resumes on Monday, March 28, 2022. Please mark your calendar for the following important dates and upcoming events.

**Important End of Quarter & Upcoming Dates for April:**

- **End of Quarter (No Extend Ed) March 18, 2022**
- **Spring Break March 21-25**
- **School ResumesMarch 28**
- **Seminary/RMES Worship April 1, 2022**
- **Kindergarten Visitors’ Days April 6 & 7**
- **Seminary/RMES Worship April 8**
- **Jr. High Week of Prayer April 11-15**
- **Hat Day April 15**
- **NO School April 18**
- **RMES Campus Beautification/Earth Day April 22**
“In all that concerns the well-being of the child, it should be the effort of parents and teachers to co-operate.” Education, p. 284

Have a wonderful Spring Break!

In His service,

Dr. Savory