From: The Desk of the Principal

To: Parents & Guardians

RE: Reminders & Updates

May 6, 2024

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Hope you are enjoying the weekend. School was exciting last week as together, the teachers and students planned and engaged in a variety of STEAMS instruction and learning activities. Thank you for your encouragement and support that you provided. We could not do it without you.

**Ministry & Missions Fair:** RMES first Ministry and Missions Fair was a success! It was an engaging, real-world experience for the students and teachers, alike. Thanks to the collaborative planning, organization and overall leadership of Mrs. Cancel and Mrs. Kelly the students were able to learn about and make connections with several of the mission-focused ministries in our local area. Set up around RMES gymnasium, in booths manned by knowledgeable, enthusiastic representatives and presenters were the following nine ministries…Adventist Heritage, Camp Au Sable, Your Story Hour, AU Student Missions, Neighbor to Neighbor, Farm Stew, ASAP Ministries, Adventist Frontier Missions (AFM), and Adventist World Radio (AWR). Thank you to our friends who responded to our invitation and took the time to come and partner with us in teaching and exposing our students to ways they can use their talents to show their faith and minister to others in their community and around the world. Thank you for your support of this activity.

**Wax Museum:** Job Well Done, Mrs. Horton and Grade 2 students and Mr. Swack and the 6 graders! The Wax Museum was amazing! Check out RMES Facebook to get a view of how the students got into the character of the famous individuals they chose to research and share about. It is my prayer that they would take similar pride taking on the character of Jesus and displaying Him confidently to the world. Looking forward to seeing some of the living wax museum presentations at STEAMS Showcase. Hope to see you there.

*The following are this week’s reminders and updates. Please take a moment to read and be first to know the pertinent schoolwide information:*

**May 8-12 is Teacher’s Appreciation Week:** This week please join me in applauding our dedicated, amazing teachers and staff members for all that they do at RMES for the students and community and for their commitment to Adventist education. This is also a good time to encourage the children to say thank you to their teachers.

**Stand-in-My-Shoe Day:** Thursday day, May 9 is Stand-In-My-Shoe Day, that means the 8th grade students will be taking the work of the administration, faculty, and staff for the morning
half-day. The goal of the activity is to give the students an opportunity to demonstrate responsibility and leadership skills in the different job roles within our school. The students have already been given their jobs and have met with their supervisors, the person whose shoes they will stand in.

Stand-in My-Shoes Day Attire: On Thursday, 8th grade students are asked to come to school dressed in professional attire, suited to his/her role for the day. Please check that school dress code is observed. Absolutely No jewelry, please. It is our prayer that this experience will inspire every student and spark a new vision to learn, succeed, and grow. At the end of the day the students will evaluate and share their experience.

6th Grade Trip to CUBS Game: For Mr. Swack and his 6th graders Wednesday, May 8th can’t come soon enough. They are anxiously counting the days to their trip to South Bend Four Winds Field to watch the Cubs Baseball Game. We welcome and thank the parents who will be accompanying the group to assist with chaperoning. Your presence will make a huge difference for the safety of our kids. Wishing all a wonderful day and fun time!

The TENT: This weekend RMES/PMC TENT evangelistic meetings begins. This is the 11th year of the TENT, which will run, May 11-18, with seven strong student preachers. Please continue to pray for all the planners and participants, including Pastor Ben, the Tent coordinator, Mr. Whiting the Evangelism Instructor, the preachers, and the other pastors who have volunteered their time to mentor the student participants. We invite you to come and bring your family and friends to support the students, as they will be leading all aspects of the event. Just a reminder that there will be NO Tent this year instead the meetings will be held at the PMC YOUTH CHAPEL. Looking forward to seeing you at 7:00pm each evening.

RMES Spring Instrumental and Vocal Concerts:

• May 14, 2023 --Instrumental Concert, featuring, RMES Beginning, Concert band, Strings Orchestra, directed by Dr. Elsy Gallardo-Diaz and & Hand Bells, directed by Mr. Marcelo Martins.

• May 21 – Vocal Concert, featuring, RMES K-2 Bells directed by Mrs. Shari Lyons and K-8 Choir and Recorders directed by Mr. Marcelo Martins. The presentations will start at 7:00 p.m. at the Howard Performing Arts Center (HPAC).

Thank You & Farewell Mr. Martins: This will be Mr. Martins last concert. Please join the Board, faculty, and staff in expressing deepest appreciation to him for six years of dedicated service and continuous improvement of our music program at RMES and AA. Mr. Martin may God bless you and prosper your future with abundant joy and success.

Thank you & Farewell Mr. Steinkraus: We also ask you to join our team in wishing God’s best to Mr. Jeremey Steinkraus as he would be ending his service at RMES at the end of this school year. Mr. Steinkraus has been a wonderful addition to our school and made valuable contribution in his role as Math teacher and team member in the Junior High. Thank you and may God bless you in your new career journey.
Replacements for Vacant Positions: I am pleased to let you know that the personnel search committee has been at work to fill the positions. At this time, I am excited to let you know that under God’s leading we have found replacements for both, the Jr. High, and the Music Teacher position. At it’s last meeting, April 25, RMES School Board by unanimous vote accepted the Personnel Committee’s recommendation of Brianna Martin for the Junior High Teacher position and Daniel Cerna as the new Music Teacher for RMES and AA. Both have accepted the call to serve effective July 1 for the 2024-2025 school year. Mrs. Brianna Martin will join our team as the new 7th & 8th grade Math instructor and Mr. Cerna will be Music Teacher for Chior and Bells.

Please meet our new teachers for the 2024-2025 school year...

- **Junior High/7th & 8th Grade Teacher Introduction:**

  Mrs. Brianna Martin is a certified, experienced teacher who brings a wealth of experience, including a robust technology background, strong classroom management and communication skills, honed during years of teaching, and serving in administrative roles as principal-teacher and vice principal at the Elementary through Junior High grade levels in different school settings. Brianna Martin is not a stranger to RMES, where she served from 2012-2015 as a Jr. High teacher and is currently a parent of two of our students. Mrs. Martin holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Union College, and Teaching Licensure from the North American Division of SDA and the State of Michigan. She is most passionate about teaching middle school students (5-8), an age group she connects with well. Mrs. Martin describes herself as being strongly committed to Adventist education as a ministry and a profession.

- **K-12 Chior & Bells Music Teacher Introduction:**

  Mr. Daniel Cerna was the unanimous choice of the combined AA/RMES Personnel Committees, for the new Choir and Bells Music Instructor position. Mr. Cerna is highly recommended by his professors, mentors, peers, also his predecessor Mr. Martins, as one of the best in musical ability and teaching skills. Daniel Cerna holds a Bachelor’s Degree in K-12 Music Education, with specialization in composition and choir, from Andrews University. Mr. Cerna also brings a wealth of experience being known for organizing and running his own summer music camp and mission trips around the world for the last three years. His professors and peers describe him as, talented, energetic, very organized, hard-worker, professional, positive attitude, passionate about working with youth, and is excellent with classroom management. Mr. Daniel Cerna will join the current music team, Dr. Elsy Gallardo-Diaz and Mrs. Shari Lyons not only in sharing instruction time at RMES and AA but in collaboration to help students develop and use their musical talents to glorify God and for ministry.

We solicit your prayers for our new Junior High teacher effective July 1, for the upcoming school year.

**RMES Student Prayer Calendar:** Please continue praying every day for RMES students, one child at a time. Here are the names to lift-up this week: (*Mon. May 6—Sab. May 12*): Aaron (3), Samuel (5), Stella (1), Abishek (7), Eris (7), Mason (2) Caleb (4)

**Our Theme Text:** “Now faith is confidence is what we hope for and the assurance about what we do not see.” Micah 6:8
Wishing you a happy & productive week.

Dr. Savory

Please see below -- Important Dates and Upcoming Events for the 4th Quarter

- Teacher Appreciation Week May 6-10
- Assembly-Unveiling Gift Painting May 8
- Gr.6 Trip to CUBS Game May 8
- Stand-in-my-Shoes Day May 9
- The TENT May 10-18
- Spring Concert/Band & Strings May 14
- Spring Concert/Choir & Bells May 21
- STEAMS Showcase & Registration Day May 20
- 8th Grade Trip May 21-23
- Kindergarten Promotion Program May 23