From The Desk of the Principal

To: Parents & Guardians

RE: Reminders & Updates

May 13, 2024

Dear RMES Families,

**Thank You for a Wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week:** To our amazing parents, students, and H & S leadership team, on behalf of RMES administration, faculty, and staff THANK YOU for the thoughtful surprises of gifts and food that you delivered to us in-person every day during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-10-24. Know that with each personalized gesture you lifted our spirits and engendered joy in our hearts and smiles on our faces for the entire week. It was just what we needed at this point of the hectic final quarter of the school year. May God bless each one of you not only for the joy you added to our week but for the energy boost to finish the year strong. You are the Best! We appreciate and value partnership with you in the shared commitment to work with the heads, hearts and hands of our children in nurturing Christ-like characters for His Kingdom.

**Stand-In-My-Shoes Day Report:** This was our 2nd annual Stand-In-My-Shoe Day and judging from the responses of the students and teachers, it was another positive experience not only for the 8th graders who took the places of the teachers and staff but for everyone involved. As nervous as the 8th graders were to step into the shoes of their teachers and leaders for the day, they all rose to the occasion and came through with flying colors. They dressed and conducted themselves professionally and with the support of their mentors, carried out their duties with confidence. Compliments to RMES Administrative student leaders of the day, Mr. Danny Cross, Principal and Mr. Hanan Legoh, Vice Principal, Mr. Evangel Kobimbo, served as IT director. Once again, the overwhelming feedback from the students was, “We would like to do this again.”

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**Reminders & Updates for the Week Ahead:**

**Spring Instrumental Concert:** This Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00pm is the first of our two Spring Concerts. The teachers and students have been working hard to get ready for these events. Tuesday’s concert will be featuring performances by 5th-8th grade students, including the 7 & 8 Handbells Choir under the direction of their instructor, Mr. Marcelo Martins, and the 5th grade Beginning Band, Concert Band, and Strings Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Elsy Gallardo-Diaz. We invite you to come and enjoy the wonderful music the students have prepared. Concert call time for performers is 6:45pm. Please help your child to adhere to the RMES Dress Code (modest, neat, appropriate attire and no costume or real jewelry).
**Spring Vocal Concert:** Note that this concert will take place **next Tuesday, May 21.** The program will feature RMES K-2 Bells with Mrs. Shari Lyons, and Recorders and K-8 Choir, directed by Mr. Marcelo Martins. The presentations will start at 7:00 p.m. at the Howard Performing Arts Center (HPAC). The teachers will provide other details.

**The TENT:** Thank you for your support if you have attended or have been watching The TENT evangelistic services that started last Saturday evening. I would like to remind you that the TENT location this year is in the PMC Youth Chapel. We are at day 3 of the 8-day series. The TENT meets every night except tomorrow, May 14. We invite you to come and bring your children and families. According to Mr. Charles Reid, supporter and former RMES parent, “Over these years, we have witnessed God stirring the hearts of our younger students as they witness the middle school students lead out and preaching. We prayerfully and heartily encourage you to bring your families, planting seeds for His kingdom.” We are looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday evening at 7:00p.m when we return to “The TENT” at PMC.

**Important note:** **NO TENT ON TUESDAY evening, May 14,** instead we invite you to come to the Howard Performing Arts Center for RMES Instrumental Concert starting time, 7:00pm.

**STEAMS Showcase:** RMES annual STEAMS Showcase is fast approaching on May 20, 2024, 5:00-7:30pm. This is our exhibition of the students’ collaboration and creative work of excellence in STEAMS, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts/Agriculture Math with their Spiritual integration. We are inviting parents, friends, and community visitors to come and see students show and/tell about their Star STEAMS accomplishments, including other integrated project-based learning areas, such as Social Studies, Modern Languages (Spanish, Korean) ELA (Creative Writing). Student work will be displayed from outside and inside the classrooms to the gymnasium.

**RMES Official Registration Day:** In addition to STEAMS Showcase, we are also looking forward to seeing you to start or for some of you, complete registration for 2024-2025 school year. Make your appointment now if you would like to have a one-on-one meeting with the Business Manager. If not, the office staff will be ready to work with you when you come on that day. Just do not miss the opportunity to register early and get the fee discount. Once again, we request your partnership in sharing this information to your family, friends and neighbors who have potential students for our school.

**STEAMS Viewing Protocol:** We would like to request that families stay together and follow the safety procedures as you view the STEAMS displays in the classrooms and halls In addition, we are also requesting the help of parents to manage an orderly process as you walk through.

- Kindly keep your students and younger children with you as you walk through the displays.
- **Please note that the blue and white playground is off limits during the Showcase.**
- The playground will be open for use under parent supervision (**after** the showcase).
- We will greatly appreciate your assistance and cooperation in these matters.
- As usual, the last show of the evening will be the display of CO2 Cars and Rockets designed and made by Jr. High students who took these Engineering Minicourses.
Sharing Outstanding Achievement of Two of RMES Students: Please help me/us congratulate two of our students, Samuel Howell, 5th Grader and Micah Suarez, 7th Grader, members of the Junipers Team of the PMC Evergreen Pathfinder Club in attaining First Place in the Pathfinder Bible Experience finals convened in Colorado, April 20, 2024. We commend the hard work and determination of our students and their teammates. Thank you, Mrs. Howell, for sharing.

Tuition Payment Due: Just a gentle reminder that your May tuition payment is due on the 25th. Thank you for your commitment to Adventist education and for your support of RMES.

Attention Parents of 8th Graders: To apply to attend Andrews Academy, please visit our website at www.andrews.edu/aa, click on Admissions and New Student Enrollment. We'd love to have you at AA next school year! Call 269-471-3138 with any questions. (From Andrews Academy)

FYI--Important Upcoming Events & Dates for the Remainder of the Year

- K-2 Field Trip to the Zoo May 14
- Spring Instrumental Concert May 14
- The TENT May 11-18
- Spring Vocal Concert May 21
- Grades 7 & 8 Special Activities Week May 21-23
- Registration Day & STEAMS Showcase May 20
- Kindergarten End of Year Program May 23
- Graduation Sabbath (1st Service PMC) May 25
- No School--Memorial Day May 27
- Awards Day May 28
- Yearbook Reveal & Field Day May 29
- Graduation Ceremony (PMC) May 30
- Last Day of School (No Extend Ed) May 31
- May 31

“Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.” Proverbs 11:25

SEE YOU AT THE TENT this Wednesday…where you will hear about God Greatest Plan.
Have a blessed week!

Dr. Savory