To: Parents & Guardians

RE: Pertinent Updates & Reminders

Sent: May 1, 2023

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Can you believe today we begin the last month of the 2022-2023 School year? As you know, this is usually the busiest time of the school year for both teachers and students, both having lots to do to bring a successful closure to the year. Be assured that we will continue to do our best to keep the students motivated to the last day of school, June 2. We solicit your continued support to keep the children Walking with Jesus and living out RMES mission of “doing their best, respecting others, and sharing His love while waiting for Him to return.”

Please note the following pertinent updates and reminders for this first week of May:

MAP Testing: Congratulations to the students who were present and punctual at school for MAP Testing week! As a result, all grades have been able to complete testing in the first week, as scheduled. For those students who missed part of the test week, due to sickness or any other reason, we have scheduled last Friday and up to this Tuesday for test Make-up. If you have a student who needs to do make-up testing, please help him/her to come to school ready to join the make-up testing sessions. They will be supervised by a designated test proctor.

May 8-12 is National Teacher Appreciation Week! I know that your Home & School leader has circulated the reminder so that you do not to miss this opportunity to tell/show your teachers that they are appreciated. This is also a good time to encourage the children to say thank you to their teachers.

Stand-in-My-Shoe Day: On May 9, during teacher appreciation week, our 8th grade students will be given the opportunity to demonstrate responsibility and leadership skills in the different job roles within our school. The students will be assigned to take the place of all employees (including Administration, teachers, and staff) for a half-day. As part of their Language Arts studies, the students have written job application letters that indicate a position within the school setting that each would like to do for a day. It was heartwarming to see some students interested in several roles. We will do our best to assign students to one of their choices, but if not each will be placed where we believe they will have a successful experience. More information will be sent to the parents of our 8th graders. In the meantime, please encourage your 8th grader to approach this activity with a positive growth mindset.

The TENT: This is the 10th year of RMES/PMC student evangelistic TENT event. RMES students, under the training and discipleship of Pastor Ben Martin, are planning, coordinating, and will also be the preachers for the ten-days of meetings. The TENT will run nightly, from May 11-21 Please keep the Jr. High students in prayer and plan to come and support them.
RMES Spring Instrumental and Vocal Concerts: Please join us for these delightful musical end of year performances.

- **May 16, 2023 --Instrumental Concert**, featuring, RMES Beginning, Concert band & Strings Orchestra, & Hand Bells, directed by Dr. Elsy Gallardo-Díaz.
- **May 23 – Vocal Concert**, will feature RMES K-2 Bells, Recorders, and K-8 Choir, directed by Mr. Marcelo Martins. The students and their music teachers are working hard to present a quality performance just for you. Come, bring the entire family, and enjoy the presentations starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Howard Performing Arts Center (HPAC).

Wacky or Creative Hair Day: Last Friday, April 28, the students really demonstrated their school spirit, as many participated in the Creative & Wacky Hair Day. The hairdos were all very creative and attracted the interest of others. Thank you for helping to create these fun memories of school days.

May General Assembly: Our regular May Assembly is this Wednesday, May 3. Mrs. Schaffer and the Kindergarten students are ready to lead. One of RMES alumni, Mr. Fares Magesa and the AFIA Club will present the main feature. As usual the time is 8:30-9:00 a.m. and all are invited.

RMES Grandparents Day: This is a special day that we have set aside to honor all of RMES grandparents. Please help us make sure each one of our grandparents (far and near) receives the invitation to our first Grandparents Day. We have created a Google Form response for families to make it easy to RSVP for Grandparents’ Day. Below please see the link to access the form. In addition, we ask that you kindly help us to keep reminding your grandparents to RSVP by April 28 if they are hoping to attend Grandparents’ Day on May 19th. Thanks for your help to make this event possible.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKE7fmtkOdt1w3K_yB22do2wcVZcPPA Zor-PhBXiQ/viewform?usp=sf_link.

STEAMS Showcase: RMES annual STEAMS Showcase will be held on May 22, 2023. This is our exhibition of the students’ collaboration and creative work of excellence in STEAMS (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts/Agriculture Math with Spiritual integration across all elements. We are inviting parents, friends, and community visitors to come and see and hear students tell about their Star STEAMS accomplishment not only limited to Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Agriculture, Math, but in other integrated subject areas, such as Social Studies, Modern Languages (Spanish, Korean) ELA (Creative Writing) projects. Please plan to come, walk through, and view your child/ren’s amazing projects, in-person demonstrations and displays that will be showcased inside (throughout the school) and outside. Some of the special attractions of the day will include seeing the model rockets take flight and Co2 Cars speed down the track. Looking forward to seeing you there.

RMES Official Registration Day--Fee Discounts for Early Birds: Take advantage of our early registration discounts for the 2023-2024 school year. Early registration has started and will be open through May 22, RMES official Registration & STEAMS Day. Once again, we request
your partnership in sharing this information to your family, friends and neighbors who have potential students for our school.

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

**FYI--Important Dates and Upcoming Events for the 4th Quarter**

- MAP Testing Begins April 24
- Teacher Appreciation May 8-12
- Stand-in-My-Shoe Day May 9
- Spring Instrumental Concert May 16
- Spring Vocal Concert May 23
- 1st Schoolwide Grandparents Day May 19
- The Tent May 12-21
- Registration Day & STEAMS Showcase May 22
- 7th Grade Special Activities Days May 23-25
- Kindergarten End of Year Program May 25
- Graduation Sabbath (1st Service PMC) May 27
- No School--Memorial Day May 29
- Awards Day May 30
- Field Day May 31
- Graduation Ceremony (PMC) June 1
- Last Day of School (8th Grade free day) June 2

Here is a promise for you:

"I will contend with him who contends with you; and I will save your children". *Isaiah 49:25*

Blessings for a productive week.

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