

## **From the Desk of the Principal**

To: RMES Parents & Guardians

Date: January 31, 2025

RE: Reminders & Updates

**Dear Parents & Guardians,**

Can you believe we have completed one month of the new year? Yesterday the A-Wing, Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> students celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school for the 2024-2025 school year. The kids were excited to show their ability to count to 100 in a variety of creative displays of 100 items. Thank you, K-2 parents, for the part that you played. Special THANK YOU everyone for your continued partnership and prayers for God's protection over our school and campus during these uncertain times. We lost a few days of last week due to the weather conditions but returned energized and in full swing for the last week of January.

**Below are the updates and reminders for this week and the week ahead.**

**MI Conference Choir Clinic:** On Monday, January 27, about 20 members of RMES 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade Singers joined choirs from five other school groups in the annual MI Conference Choir Clinic & Music Festival that was hosted at the Battle Creek Adventist Academy. I had the opportunity of accompanying the group and I would like to express sincerest thank you to the two parents who rode the bus and assisted with chaperoning, as well as the parents who took the drive to attend the evening concert and support

**Parent-Teacher Conference-Thank you for your Participation:** I would like to thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to connect with your teachers and get caught up regarding your child's/children's progress at the end of the second quarter and so far, this third quarter. Once again, the reports that I have received have all been positive and encouraging. I also know that where needed helpful suggestions have been made. Please continue to collaborate and communicate with your teachers and students to implement recommendations that will help your child to grow, and experience continued success this school year. We value and appreciate your shared commitment to nurture excellence and instill Christlike character in our children.

**Special Thank you to our Guest Teachers from AU & Regular Subs:** On behalf of our students and teachers, I would like to say special thank you to the professors from AU and to our regular substitute teachers who were able to stand in for our teachers while they conferenced with parents. We could not have done it without you Dr. Greulich, Chair of AUTLC and your team of professors and students from the Teaching, Learning, & Curriculum (TLC) Department, Dr. Glynis Bradfield, School Board Chair and Director of Distance Student Services at Griggs, as well as our regular, dedicated substitute teachers, Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Cole-Gordon, Pr. Flores, etc. Know that your service and contribution on Thursday, January 23 made a huge difference.

**MAP Testing:** MAP Testing continues through next week, February 6 since we got an extension due to the Snow Days. Please continue to ensure that the children are resting/sleeping and eating well so that they come to school ready to learn every day.

**Principal's Reading Challenge:** January-March all students are challenged to read, read, read! If your child has not started, it is not too late. Please continue to encourage their involvement and remind your students to log and keep a record of all of their outside reading (Title of Book, Author, Hours & Pages Read).

**Church Outreach:** Last Sabbath January 25<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Schaffer, and the Kindergarten students, along with their parents visited the Michigan African SDA Church and shared about RMES and the blessings of Adventist education. This Sabbath the First-grade students presented the main feature for the Adult Sabbath School program. They shared their talents through Bible Readings, songs, and messages of Jesus love. Thank you, to our supportive first grade parents who were there to support and assist, Mrs. Horton, our dynamic first grade teacher. Please keep our students in prayer.

**AA & RMES Visitor's Day/Move-Up Day:** On **Tuesday, March 4, 2025**, AA & RMES will collaborate to have students move up to their next grade level and open our schools for visitors. At RMES, we open our doors to and invite potential students of Grades 1-8 to come and experience the classroom environment for half or the full day depending on the grade level. For example, students of Grades 1-6 visit from 8:15 – 11:30 and students of Grades 7/8 get to spend the entire day (8:15 – 3:30). Additionally, RMES K-8 students move-up to the next classroom to get a brief experience of their grade for the next school year. 8<sup>th</sup> Graders move over to Andrews Academy where they spend the full day. I would like to solicit your help in promoting RMES Visitor's Day to your family members, friends, and neighbors. Please contact the office if you have any questions about this event. Thank you.

**Black History Assembly:** Next week we launch into February and Black History Month. February 5<sup>th</sup> is our Black History Assembly program. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will be leading out.

#### **H & S Announcement: RMES Family Game Night**

Join us for a fun-filled evening of games and community engagement at the RMES Family Game Night on Saturday, March 1, 2025, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the RMES gym and hallways. We've got something for everyone - active games in the gym and table games in the halls.

Kimberly Westfall, our Home and School leader is looking for volunteers to help lead games. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact her at [rmeshomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:rmeshomeandschool@gmail.com) or 410-948-9424.

**Punctuality & Attendance**—Just letting you know that we have noticed a significant increase in tardiness. We are asking for your help to get your students to school on time. Being early for school makes a huge difference to the start of their day, as well as contributes to a positive and productive start to the day for the teacher. Please be aware that to avoid being marked tardy, RMES requires students to be in the classroom before or by 8:15am for the official start of the

day. Looking forward to seeing improvement in punctuality in February and the remainder of the year! We will let you know how the students are doing.

**PMC Seeking 144 Prayer Warriors:** PMC is calling for 144 individuals to join in crying out to God for our community as we prepare for the upcoming revival series scheduled for . To date about 95 individuals have signed up to be prayer partners. If you have a passion for prayer and desire to experience MORE of Jesus and in your spiritual walk, call the church or contact me for information to sign-up to be a prayer partner. The upcoming revival series is scheduled for March 1-9, 2025, at PMC. Thank you and may God bless your participation.

**RMES Prayer Calendar:** Please continue praying every day for RMES students, one child at a time. Here are the names to lift-up this week: *Week of (Feb. 1-Feb. 8): Immanuel (K), Ariana L (7), Ethan L (5), Daniel L (3), Victor (5), Micaiah L (5), Deondra L (1), Everly (3).*

**RMES/PMC Grow Group:** I would like to extend an invitation to join the parents, staff, and friends of RMES who meet to Pray for our School. We meet 8:15-8:45am in the Extend Ed. Room. Looking forward to seeing you this week.

**Tuition Payment:** Just a gentle reminder that tuition payment was due on the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. If you have already submitted your payment, THANK YOU, and may God bless your sacrifice and commitment to Adventist Christian Education.

**Please add these Important Dates and Events to your Calendar:**

- *February 5 -- Black History Assembly*
- *February 10 – 13 & 18 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Led Week of Prayer for Grades K-5*
- *February 14 – NO School — Faculty & Staff Inservice*
- *February 17—NO School – President’s Day*
- *March 1-- Annual Family Game Night*
- *March 3 & 4 – RMES Accreditation Visit*
- *March 4 -- AA & RMES Visitor's & Move-up Day*
- *March 7—Book Fair begins*
- *March 14 --Literacy Day*
- *March 14 – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter*
- *March 17-21 –Spring Break*

**OUR THEME:** This is My Father’s World

**A LOVE QUOTE -- For The Month of February:**

*"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."*

**1 John 4:7-8:**