

Date: October 20, 2024

Re: Reminders & Updates, Wk 2, 2nd Quarter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Bike/Walk-a-thon

Thanks so much to all who came out for this event! Remember pledge forms and funds should be turned in to the RMES office by October 31, 2024.

Multicultural Fair

Plans are underway for this amazing event on Sunday, November 10, from noon to 3:00 p.m. You can help by supporting booth teams with donating ingredients or funds for their dishes. Please see the grocery list of needs using the following link and add your name to any item(s) you are willing and able to donate: [2024 Multicultural Fair Grocery List](#)

If you are willing to help with a booth, please sign up using the following link: [2024 Multicultural Fair Volunteer Sign-up](#). We have multiple booths that could use additional support. If you have any questions, contact Kimberly Westfall (RMESHomeAndSchool@gmail.com or 410-948-9424).

Thanks so much,

Kimberly

Ruth Murdoch Elementary School Home & School

Special Thanks: I would like to add a big **THANK YOU** to our H & S Leader and each of the parents, grandparents, teachers and staff who contributed in various ways to ensure a smooth and incident-free event. While we could not have done it without your help, I know you will agree, that the participants who deserve our **BIGGEST APPRECIATION** are the students! **KUDOS** to you Kids-- every biker and walker from every grade! Thank you for giving us (the adults) a reason to cheer and enjoy the fun day. Last but not least, join me in thanking God for the amazing weather.

The following are the reminders and updates for this week:

Oratorical/Public Speaking Showcase: You are invited to RMES 4th Oratorical/Public Speaking Showcase, **Monday, October 21st at 6:00pm**. Come to see, hear, and support the students as they demonstrate the oratorical skills learned in their Public Speaking Mini course during the first quarter. Thank you Pr. Denry White, for not only teaching them speech writing and speaking but nurturing their self-confidence through the experience. The event will take place in the school gym. Looking forward to seeing many of you there.

Afterschool Tutoring: RMES match tutoring with Andrews University students will be in session on **Monday, October 21, from 3:45pm**. Please be sure that all students who are participating in the program plan to stay at RMES until 4:45 that afternoon. Please arrange for

your child to be picked up on time. Students who are picked up after the 5 minutes grace period (after tutoring) will be placed in Extend Ed.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held this Wednesday and Thursday, October 23-24. **School will be dismissed at 12:15 both days.** By now you should have signed up for a conference with your child's or children's teacher/s. Those who have kids in different grades may be asked to sign-up using a different platform. We apologize for any inconvenience and request that you please follow the specific directions of your student's homeroom teacher.

Conference with Specialist Teachers (Spanish/ESL, Music, PE, Title 1, etc.): If you would like to meet for a conference with any of your student's specialist teachers, please reach out through Jupiter or request a meeting via the office to schedule a meeting.

Extend Ed: Extend Ed will be available for extended time for those who need the service. **Please provide your child with a snack if they will be at Extend Ed.**

Fall Week of Prayer: October 28-November 1 is our Fall Week of Prayer. Dr. Ryan Hayes, Andrews University Science professor, will be the speaker. Week of Prayer sessions will be from 8:30-9:10. Our school theme, "This is My Father's World" will be the topic of emphasis for the week. Please join us in prayer for our children that they may have ears to listen and hearts to follow the One who is Father of this World and all its creatures.

New Social Work Intern: Once again RMES is blessed to have two Andrews University school social work students join our team to fulfill their internship placement for the 2024-2025 school year. Two weeks ago, RMES welcomed a new intern, Mrs. Abigail Osei, a graduate student in advanced standing for internship at RMES. Mrs. Osei is completing a Masters in Social Work and brings a wealth of social work experience having been employed in this role. Nathan Escamilla, who has been serving in our building for about six weeks, has been working closely with the teachers and is getting to know the students and culture of our school.

Both of these students will be with us for the full school year and we are pleased with the way they are fitting in. Mr. Nathan's schedule is two days a week, Wednesday and Friday. Mrs. Osei's schedule is Monday-Friday, full day (times may vary). Please help make them feel welcome and do not hesitate if you need to contact either of them regarding your child. You can reach Mr. Nathan at nathane@andrews.edu and Ms. Abigail at oseikona@andrews.edu. Thank you

RMES Grow Group: Just a reminder that our Grow Group--Praying for Our Children/School Grow Group is staying strong, but our attendance has been very low (2-3 persons) each week. We are reaching out and inviting you to join our Group this Thursday in the Extend Ed Room at 8:15 a.m. sharp. Know that you are free to leave after you pray.

Tuition Payment: This is a gentle reminder that tuition payment is due on the 25th of the month. Payments can be made in person at the front office or online.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 21 RMES Oratorical Showcase
October 22 K-2 Apple Picking Field Trip to Stovers Farm
October 22 4th Grade Nature Walk
October 23-24 Parent-Teacher Conference
October 25 Seminary Collaboration Worship
October 25 4th Grade & NJHS Students Participate in
Community Service Project at Johnson Gym
October 28-Nov. 1 Fall Week of Prayer
November 10 RMES Multicultural Fair
November 27-29 Thanksgiving Break

Theme: THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

"Children and youth should begin early to seek God; for early habits and impressions will frequently exert a powerful influence upon the life and character." EGW, Adventist Home p.297

Thank you for your continued partnership and prayers this week!

In His service,

Dr. Savory

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE!
