

## From the Desk of the Principal

To: Parents & Guardians

Date: October 27, 2024

Re: Reminders & Updates, Wk. 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 24-25

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Thank You--First Quarter P-T Conferences:** Thank you for prioritizing the time to meet with the teachers of your students to review first quarter performance reports. The teachers have expressed their appreciation for the meaningful conversations that were shared. I trust your conference experience was beneficial, as well. Please know that we value and feel blessed by your partnership as we work with the heads, hearts, and hands of our students. May God bless our continued communication to ensure an even more successful 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter.

**RMES Fall Week of Prayer:** This week (October 28-November 1) is set aside for spiritual emphasis. It's RMES Fall Week of Prayer focusing on our school theme –“This is My Father’s World.” During this special week the student body will meet daily, 8:30-9:10am for a time of spiritual emphasis. Our special guest speakers, Dr. Ryan and Mrs. Suzi Hayes, his wife, who will be drawing from both the Bible and the book of nature to inspire awe and worship of our Creator. This week please join us in prayer for RMES students and teachers. You are also welcome to attend if you can find the time. Each day a different grade will be featured as the coordinators of the program.

**Afterschool Tutoring:** RMES match tutoring with Andrews University students will be in session this Monday, October 28, from 3:45pm. If your student has been identified for this extra support, please make sure he/she is in attendance. We want the University students to feel useful and not feel their time is wasted. Hope to see all students who are participating in the program present tomorrow. Please arrange for your child to be picked up on time, at 4:45pm. Students who are picked up after the 5 minutes grace period (after tutoring) will be placed in Extend Ed.

**Multicultural Food Fair:** With about three weeks left for preparation, our Home & School leader and her team are moving full steam ahead and the excitement is starting to catch on. If you are not yet on board, this is a special invitation to get on the Cultural Celebration Train, now. Here some ways to get involved—connect with your homeroom teacher, the H&S Leader, or a parent of your cultural background, and let them know how you would like to assist in showcasing your culture.

Please be reminded that this Annual Multicultural event is intentionally planned to bring the families of our school and community together and to celebrate our cultural differences. Please join in making this year’s Multicultural Food Fair Celebration, Sunday, November 10, a spectacular experience for EVERYONE. The event starts at 12:00 (noon) with a short cultural program, which you do not want to miss. The fellowship, food, and fun is scheduled to end at 3:00 p.m.

- *Zoom Planning Meeting* -- I would like to invite all team leaders and/or a representative to join our next Zoom planning meeting with our H&S leader, Monday, October 28 at 7:00p.m. Please join and connect as a team. It's a good time to get responses to any questions, concerns, or share suggestions you may have. **You can join the Zoom planning meeting at: [andrews.zoom.us/j/3232680158](https://andrews.zoom.us/j/3232680158)** Or use Meeting ID: 323 268 0158.
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- *Donations* -- For those who would still like to make food or monetary donations to yours or any other culture teams, please go to the online Grocery List at ([2024 Multicultural Fair Grocery List](#)). Donors may also bring the grocery items to RMES by Wednesday, November 6.

**Here's a Special Request for the Multicultural Food Fair:** The European (Dessert) Booth needs your help...

Please read and respond to the best of your ability to the note below:

*Dear parents,*

*My name is Sylvie Baumgartner, I am the art instructor for the Junior High at RMES. I am also the person in charge of the European booth for the multi-cultural food fair that will be happening on Sunday, November 10 in the gym of the school.*

*I am reaching out because I am in need of more European desserts to sell at the food fair which will happen in two weeks. You do not have to be European to make a European desert!! 😊*

*So, would you be able to make one to bring on Sunday, November 10 before noon?*

*Thank you very much for considering helping me (and the school) that way.*

*Can't wait to hear from you!*

Sylvie Baumgartner

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**Thank you for your Service 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Last Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> graders joined several other AA and AU students and faculty to prepare and fill bags with Christmas gifts for prisoners. We responded to the invitation from Pastor Esther Knott to come and help at the Johnson Gym. Mrs. Kelly and I accompanied the twenty-five students who accomplished a significant portion of the large undertaking. Participating in this service project was very rewarding.

## Upcoming Events for October & November :

- October 28-Nov. 1
- Week of Prayer
- November 2
- Penny Arcade at AA (7th & 8th graders invited)
- November 12
- Rotary Youth Appreciation Breakfast
- November 8
- International Clothing Day
- November 10
- Multi-cultural Food Fair & Culture Celebration
- November 27-29
- Thanksgiving Break
- Accreditation Self-Study On-going in preparation for visit March 3

Prayers & Blessings for a pleasant & productive week!

In His service,

Dr. Savory

**Verse for this Week:** *"Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God." 1 John 4:7*