

From: The Desk of the Principal

To: Parents & Guardians,

Date: March 2, 2025

Re: Pertinent Reminders & Updates

Dear Parents & Guardians:

Praise God for another wonderful, sunny Sunday! Hope this finds you basking in God's amazing blessings. Please take a few minutes to read these pertinent reminders and updates for the exciting week ahead:

The Accreditation Visit: Believe it or not, the day is here! The Visiting Committee will arrive tomorrow, Tuesday, March 3, as scheduled. I think I'm expressing the sentiments of RMES stakeholders, especially the administration, faculty and board, when I say we are looking forward, with a mixture of anxiety and joy, to welcoming our guests. As you know, they will be in our building on Monday and Tuesday observing and evaluating the entire facility based on our Self-study report. Please keep our Visiting Committee and our school personnel in prayer during the next two days as we all go through this important peer review and school improvement process for Accreditation with the Adventist Accreditation Association (AAA) and Middle States Association (MSA) of Elementary and Secondary Schools and Colleges.

Exit Door Replacement: Please help us celebrate and give God the GREATEST glory for one of His GREATEST blessings bestowed on RMES this year. As I shared last week's plans were afoot to start the replacement of the Exit Doors. Well, today I am ecstatic to report that not two as we anticipated but ALL of the **four** remaining Exit Doors (A, B, & C-Wings) have been replaced with brand new doors. Thank you to Cross Aluminum Doors for their kindness and efficiency. God has come through for us, once again, with perfect timing. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

RMES Kindergarten Parent Night: Once again, we are reaching out for your support to share about RMES with parents and friends/coworkers of potential Kindergarten children in your individual circle and communities. It would be a great help and team effort if could join recruiting at least one student for our 2025-2026 Kindergarten class. If you are or have been a Kindergarten parent and like what we do at RMES, please tell others. Parents with students who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2025, are invited to come meet our creative, kind-hearted Kindergarten teacher on Monday, March 10 at 6:00pm. They will hear about the program, tour the classroom and school, enjoy refreshments, meet other Kindergarten parents, etc.

Kindergarten Visitation Day: On Tuesday, March 11, Kindergarten age children are invited to visit our Kindergarten classroom, 8:15-11:15am. They will enjoy singing and worship, physical education, Spanish, music class, STEAMS exploration, and outdoor play time. Please call us at [269-471-3225](tel:269-471-3225) to let us know if you or any of your contacts would like to visit.

Match Monday Tutoring: If you have students who are part of the Monday Tutoring Program, this is a reminder that tomorrow the University tutors will be here. Please make arrangements for your child to stay or let us know if they will be absent. We want to value the precious time that the University students are volunteering to help.

March-National Reading & Women's History Month: During the month of March RMES will continue to encourage students to read, read, read as we emphasize literacy and foster the love of reading among our students! Since it's National Reading Month, we invite you to join the teachers in doing the same at home. In addition, as I do every year, I want to encourage you to please take a little time every day, for the next 30 days, to read aloud to your child/ren. Reading aloud to children is a best practice that helps to develop lifelong readers and learners.

RMES Principal's Reading Challenge (PRC): March is the last month for our Principal's Reading Challenge. The Challenge ends at the end of 3rd Quarter. However, since Spring Break comes right after, we will extend the deadline for logs and to give you the opportunity to get caught up with your reading goal. The last day to submit Reading Logs (no exceptions) is Monday, March 24, 2025, which is the first day of school after Spring Break. I can't wait to see how much more you read during the break. Looking forward to seeing the excitement on the faces when they see their names and how their class is doing on the PRC Tally Wall. Hoping the reading worms will motivate everyone to keep reading.

Book Fair Coming Soon: During this National Reading Month you will hear about several literacy activities that have been planned to help motivate and inspire our students to be excited about books and develop a love reading. Our upcoming Book Fair and Literacy Day events, scheduled for March 7-14, will climax our quarter-long Reading Celebration. For the Book Fair, we will collaborate with the Library and Educational Services for selections that include books about different regions of our country along with other adventurous and inspiring genres. Please plan to support the Book Fair, which will offer GREAT books at affordable prices. More information forthcoming about the Book Fair.

RMES Literacy Day: Friday, March 14th, is Literacy Day at RMES. This is a day for students from the middle school (Grades 5-8) and up to pair up with their buddy classes from the lower elementary grades to share, enjoy, and appreciate reading books that they love. We are asking students dress up as their favorite author, book, or book character. As usual, students' attire must be school appropriate as they lead by example for their younger buddies. JH students can dress in costumes of their favorite childhood stories. Here are some costume suggestions: Clifford the Big Red Dog, Where's Waldo, The Little Engine that Could, Pipi Long Stockings, Cat in the Hat, etc. If you have any questions about the attire please reach out to your classroom teacher. Thank you for your support and shared commitment to this STEAMS integrated, interactive, fun learning experience for our students.

AA & RMES Visitor's Day/Move-Up Day: This **Tuesday, March 4th** is Move-up and Visitor's Day at RMES! Once again, I am soliciting your help to promote RMES Visitor's Day to your family members, friends, and neighbors. On this day, AA & RMES will collaborate to have current students move up to their next grade level and open our schools for visitors. At RMES, we are extending an invitation to potential students of Grades 1-8 to come and

experience their new classroom and/or school environment for half or the full day. Students of Grades K-5 will visit from 8:30 – 11:30 (lunchtime), while students of Grades 6/7 spend the entire day (8:30 – 3:30) in their new room. Additionally, RMES 8th Grade students will move over to Andrews Academy where they, also, spend the full day, including dismissal from AA. 8th grade students may be picked up at AA or can walk back over to RMES. Please let us know the arrangement for your 8th grader. If you have questions about Move-up Day or Visitor's Day, please call the office at 269-471-3220.

Elementary Music Festival: This **Wednesday, March 5**, is the MI Conference Elementary Music Festival. We have about 50 Band and Orchestra/Strings students participating this year. Ms. Elsy is excited by the number of students who are eligible for participation. Parents of Band students please be reminded to drop off your student directly at the Howard Performing Arts Center in the morning. The Strings students are to come to school as usual and will join around 11:30am. As usual the day will end with a grand finale concert at THE Howard Performing Arts Center 7:00pm. Everyone is invited! Please come and support the students.

A Community-wide Call to Revival—MORE+ Because what we have is not enough...: I would like to extend an invitation to each of RMES families, including children, to MORE+ Meetings scheduled to start this evening. Pastor Don MacLafferty will walk us through the story of Elijah through presentations demonstrations, and discussion to help us learn how we too can experience revival and discipleship in our own lives and how we can be used by God to disciple our homes and communities. There will be 7 meetings, 70 minutes long, at 7pm each evening. Looking forward to seeing you and your children tonight.

HOME & SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks for your help tonight. Here's a short announcement for this week's newsletter:

Thanks to everyone who came out for the family game night! We hope you had fun! Thanks also to all those who helped with games, popcorn, and clean-up!

Congratulations to our free throw competition winners - 1st place adult: Mr. Potts; 1st place student: Jaziel S.; 2nd place student: Isaiah F.; and 3rd runner up student: Josiah F.

Kimberly Westfall

RMES Home & School Leader

- **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 (March 2--8): Anna My (8), Sofia (7), Noa N (4), Levi O (3), Brayden (1), Samuel O (7), Gordon (6).**

Upcoming Dates and events to Remember:

- March 3-4AAA/MSA Accreditation Visit
- March 3-7Read Across America Week
- March 14RMES Literacy Day
- March 4AA/RMES Move Up Day
- March 5Annual Elementary Music Festival
- March 5Assembly
- March 10Kindergarten Parent Night
- March 11Kindergarten Visitation Day
- March 14End of 3rd Quarter
- [March 17-21Spring Break](#)
- March 23End of Principal's Reading Challenge
- March 24PRC Reading Logs from students due
- March 28Special Drama Assembly (More to come)
- **Weather-Related School Closing:** Reminder that for weather-related closing RMES follows Berrien RESA.

Enjoy this beautiful Sunday and have a blessed week!

In His service,

Dr. Savory

SCHOOL THEME: THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

Promise for you: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)