

To: Parents & Guardians,

Date: February 17, 2025

Re: Pertinent Reminders & Updates

Dear Parents & Guardians:

Hope this weekend has provided you extended time to celebrate with your Valentine and to reflect on God's amazing love. This week we continue our Black History & Valentine/Love celebration month, emphasizing "love one to another" through spirituality, service, and literacy (Principal's Reading Challenge). This week's reminders and updates include:

6th Grade Week of Prayer: Please keep the 6th Grade students and their mentors, Mr. Swackhamer, Mr. Potts, and Pastor Ben in prayer as they conclude an amazing week for our K-5th grade students. Due to the day off on Friday, the last day of Week of Prayer will be tomorrow, February 18. Each year this student-led activity provides the 6th graders opportunities to learn, lead, and grow. They get the opportunity to learn and enhance their leadership and public speaking skills, as well as develop their personal relationship with Jesus. If you have a 6th grader, please encourage him/her to spend time alone with God daily.

Fire Lane Parking: To maintain safety and preparation for emergencies we are requesting NO PARKING in the fire lane. If you have to park your car and/or leave your car under any circumstance, please park in the designated parking lot. Thank you.

AU Theatre Wing Presents: The Man Who Came to Dinner. You are invited to attend a Comedy by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart February 22 at 8:00pm and February 23, at 2:00pm, at Newbold Auditorium, Buller Hall on the campus of Andrews University. Admission is FREE. Come and support our own Ms. Moss (4th grade student teacher) who will be acting in the production along with a few of our 4th graders who will be playing the roles in a children's choir.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the UPCOMING HOME & SCHOOL EVENTS

1. Taste of the Nations: Cooking Collaboration with PMC Health Dept & RMES H & S

Join us at the RMES Cafetorium on Sunday, February 23, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. for a flavorful journey at the Taste of the Nations international culinary workshop, sponsored by PMC Health & Wellness and RMES Home & School! Enjoy vegetarian recipe demonstrations, tasting samples, and take-home recipes to try yourself.

This event is free, but registration is required. To reserve your spot, text "COOK" to 269-281-2345. Space is limited. Donations will be accepted at the event to support health ministries and RMES Home & School.

Don't miss out on this exciting culinary experience! We look forward to seeing you there!

2. RMES Family Game Night

Join us for a fun-filled evening of games and community at the RMES Family Game Night on Saturday night, March 1, 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.

Want to help?

We're looking for volunteers to help lead games and make the night even more fun! If you're interested, please contact Kimberly Westfall at RMESHomeAndSchool@gmail.com or 410-948-9424.

Come out for an evening of laughter, friendly competition, and memories with your RMES family! We can't wait to see you there!

AA & RMES Visitor's Day/Move-Up Day: We would like to invite you to help us promote RMES Visitor's Day to your family members, friends, and neighbors. On Tuesday, March 4, 2025, AA & RMES will collaborate to have students move up to their next grade level and open our school doors for visitors. At RMES, we usually invite potential students of Grades 1-8 to come and experience the classroom environment for half or the full day. Students of Grades 1-6 would visit from 8:15 – 11:30 and students for Grades 7/8 spend the entire day (8:15 – 3:30). Additionally, RMES students (K-8) move-up to get a brief experience of their grade for the next school year. 8th Graders move over to Andrews Academy. More information about Move-up Day will be forthcoming.

Important Upcoming Events:

- Principal's Reading Challenge—Ongoing
- February—Black History Month
- February 18—Last day of Week of Prayer
- February 18 – Grade 1 Muffins with Moms
- February 25—Jr. High BRIDGE Days
- March 1 – RMES Family Game Night
- March 3-4 – RMES Accreditation Visit
- March 4—AA & RMES Move-up Day
- March 10& 11 – Kindergarten Parent Night & Kindergarten Visitors Day
- March 17-21 – Spring Break
- **Weather-Related School Closing:** Reminder that for weather-related closing RMES follows Berrien RESA.

SCHOOL THEME: THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

A LOVE QUOTE -- For the Month of February:

"Love bears all things, believes all things,

hopes all things, endures all things." 1 Corinthians 13:7

Have a blessed & safe week!

Dr. Savory