

From: The Desk of the Principal

To: Parents & Guardians,

Date: February 23, 2025

Re: Pertinent Reminders & Updates

Dear Parents & Guardians:

I trust you and your family circle have been taking extra care of your health during the brutal winter weather we have been experiencing. During the last few weeks several of our students and staff members have been sick with flu-like symptoms such as cough, fever, and runny nose. Thank you for keeping your child at home to rest and heal while we kept them in prayer. For the week ahead, the weather report has forecasted sunshine and warmer temperatures—YAY!. I would like to encourage that the students maintain appropriate winter weather attire (coats, hats, gloves, boots, etc.) in preparation for recess and/or outdoor learning activities teachers have planned. Praying for warmer and more cheerful days this week!

Principal's Reading Challenge: Just a reminder that RMES Principal's Reading Challenge continues through March 23. As I shared previously, I am thrilled to see and hear that more students are reading during their leisure time. The librarians have also reported that they have observed greater engagement during library sessions. Please continue to encourage them to keep reading. In the meantime, Mrs. Cancel and the NJHS/NEHS Team are tallying and setting up the board to display our top readers.

Accreditation Update: We have exactly seven days to complete all of the last-minute details for the accreditation visit. The Visiting Committee will be here on Monday, March 3 as scheduled. Please continue to pray for our faculty and staff as we get the facility ready for the visit.

Exit Door Replacement: Among the items we are still hoping to complete before the accreditation visit next week is one of the major school improvement projects that we have been working on from the start of the school year. We are excited that God has made it possible to replace some of the Exit Doors on the just on time. The installers have scheduled to do the job on this Tuesday and Wednesday as the weather will be warmer. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Jr. High BRIDGE Day: This Tuesday, the Jr. High students will participate in their 2nd BRIDGE indoor-outdoor innovative learning event this year. The first BRIDGE event took place in the fall at Five-Pines Ministries Camp site. The purpose of this initiative is to provide intentional opportunities for the 7 & 8

grade students to participate in learning on-location activities that engage them in creatively integrating STEAMS exploration indoors, as well as outdoors (in nature and the community). Some of the exciting activities and experiences that their teachers, Mrs. Bailey & Mrs. Martin, and Mr. Whiting have planned for the students include exploring the scripture with Pr. Gibbs and Mrs. Helbley, cooking, sign-language, and many other opportunities to learn and explore indoors and outdoors with teachers and professors at/from AU. As you can imagine, both, students and teachers are looking forward to this innovative learning experience and opportunity to build relationships and identity through discipleship. All **7th and 8th graders are expected to be in attendance, BRIDGE is not an optional activity for students. We also request that students dress with appropriate outdoor clothing—boots, gloves, snow pants, coats, hats, etc., to be able to participate in the full experience.**

MARKETING & RECRUITMENT:

AA & RMES Visitor's Day/Move-Up Day: Thank you for your partnership in marketing and recruiting for our school. RMES Visitor's Day event scheduled for Tuesday March 4, is just a week away. As you are aware, on Visitor's Day, AA & RMES will collaborate to have students move up to their next grade level from First grade through Academy. At RMES, students of Grades 1-8 will move up to the next grade to 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).. 8th Graders will move over to Andrews Academy. During this week, please invite and encourage those of your family members, friends, neighbors, who have K-8 students and have expressed interest to please contact our office to register and/or ask any questions. Thanks for your partnership in marketing and recruitment.

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.

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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.

HOME & SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 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!

2. Taste of the Nations Cooking Experience-Postponed:

Regrettably, due to event conflicts and sickness on the campus this weekend our coordinators, PMC Health Ministries and our Home & School Leaders had to postpone the cooking and tasting experience. Thank you to those who signed up or indicated interest for the event. Please plan to support when it is rescheduled in the future. Please accept our sincere apology for any inconvenience caused.

RMES/PMC Grow Group: Please join the parents, staff, and friends of RMES who meet to Pray for our students and school. We meet on Thursdays, 8:15-8:45am in the Extend Ed. Room. Please consider coming to help lift up the petitions of our children to God.

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 **(Feb. 23-March 1):** Levi (5), Kendra (8), Isabella M (4), Michaela (1), Josie (7), Andeile Mu (4), Anna Mw (6).

Important Upcoming Events:

- Principal's Reading Challenge—Ongoing
- February—Black History Month Ends
- February 24 – Match Monday Tutoring
- February 25—Jr. High BRIDGE Day
- March 1 – RMES Family Game Night
- March 3-4 – RMES Accreditation Visit
- March 4—AA & RMES Move-up Day
- March 14 – End of 3rd Quarter
- 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 NEVER gives up, NEVER loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.” 1 Corinthians 13: 7

Have a wonderful & productive week!

Dr. Savory