

From the Desk of the Principal

To: RMES Parents & Guardians

Date: April 8, 2024

Re: Reminders & Updates, Week 3, 4th Quarter

Dear RMES Parents & Guardians,

The following are pertinent reminders and updates for this week and, in the near future. Please read and apply the information as needed.

Solar Eclipse Day: Tomorrow, Monday, April 8 between approximately 2:00-4:00 p.m. will be the long anticipated solar eclipse event. As you already know viewers in Berrien Springs will see a partial eclipse (about 95%) at approximately 3:08pm. Recognizing that this will be around the end of the school day, please be aware that, weather permitting, we will be taking the K-6 students outside to watch the eclipse. You are invited to join our K-6 and your child to witness this once in a lifetime experience, for many. I shared last week that ISO certified glasses have been provided for all RMES students and staff members by the Chemistry Department. I would like to make one correction—the eclipse viewing glasses were provided by our thoughtful and generous partners at AU Physics (not chemistry) Department. Thank you, Dr. Cross and Kelly, on behalf of RMES faculty, staff and students. Wishing everyone a safe and happy eclipse viewing!

Solar Eclipse Day Dismissal Procedure: Recognizing that the eclipse viewing time is close to dismissal (3:08pm), please be aware that the K-6 students and teachers may be delayed returning in the classroom for the regular dismissal routine. However, know that we will do our best to have your child/ren ready for pick-up between 3:30-3:45pm. Due to the key dismissal traffic personnel being out with the 7th & 8th grade Eclipse Field Trip, we also request your patience and understanding due to reduced help with the dismissal procedure tomorrow. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

Grade 6-8 Community Art Exhibition: We have registered 40 amazing Grade 6-8 student Artwork, including 2D drawings/paintings, 3D (ceramics), Digital, plus one Teacher Artwork (new addition this year). Here is a reminder of the Community Art Exhibition Schedule: Opening Reception is April 25, 6:00-8:00pm. The exhibition will run from April 18-May 5. If your student participated, please plan to take him/her to see their Artwork displayed among those of hundreds of their peers.

Annual NEHS/NJHS Induction: This special Assembly will take place this Wednesday, April 10, at 8:30am. As customary, the main feature of the program is the induction of new members but will also recognize the students who already hold membership in this prestigious organization that promotes excellence in whole person development. In the interest of our new families, please be aware that the National Elementary Honor Society membership is open to 5th-6th grade students, while National Junior Honor Society membership is open to students of Grades 7 and 8. Parents of students who meet the requirements for eligibility must have received communication from our Chapter Sponsors, Mrs. Cancel, Mr. Swackhamer, and Ms. Bell, regarding the next steps in preparation for induction. I thank you for collaborating with the teachers through the process.

AU Gymnics Show Returns: Andrews University is bringing back its Annual Gymnics Show for the community this weekend. As customary, RMES is invited to attend the free show for the children of our campus and community schools. This is to let you know that we will be taking the entire student body to the Gymnics Show this Friday, April 12, 10:00 a.m. The show will take place at the Andreasen Wellness Center Gym. Students along with their teachers and parent chaperones will walk to the event. Please contact your classroom teachers if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Prayers for 5th Grade Outdoor Education: Just FYI, next week, April 16-18, 2024, our Grade 5 students will be traveling to Camp Au Sable for their Outdoor Education experience. This is an annual learning activity/field trip, planned specifically for the 5th grade students not only at RMES but across the MI Conference. It is one of the highlights of the grade five experience and the students look forward to it. The program involves, three days of outdoor, hands-on learning about nature and science with Dr. Gordon Atkins, naturalist, while exploring the adventures of Camp Au Sable. The group leaves on Tuesday and will be under the trusted caring supervision of their teachers, and parent chaperones. Please pray for an enjoyable, beneficial learning experience and a safe return Thursday.

Modern Languages Assembly: Our 3rd annual Assembly was awesome! Focused on highlighting the foreign Languages and cultures that we teach, and the nations represented at RMES the program started with an inspiring song service led by the first grade and their teacher Ms. Yoon. Then Senora Wamack with the help of two of our 8th grade leaders, London and Sebastian, directed the fashion show of students chosen for the pageantry of countries/nationalities. Thank you to the parents who came to support their students and the program. Your presence was greatly appreciated and made the assembly extra special. Job Well Done, Ms. Yoon & Mrs. Wamack!

Kindergarten Parent Night & Visitation: Thank you for being part of our recruitment team. Your prayers and help to spread the message about RMES open house for potential Kindergarten students was a blessing. On Wednesday we welcomed 17 curious visitors to get a taste of the kindergarten classroom. Please continue to share your positive experiences at RMES and pray with us that God continues to increase not only our enrollment but kids for His Kingdom.

Tuition Payment Due: This is a reminder that tuition payment is due by/on the 25th of every month. We value your commitment to Adventist Education and would like to thank you for your on-time payment each month.

RMES Student Prayer Calendar: Please continue praying every day for RMES students, one child at a time. Here are the names to lift-up this week: (Sunday, April 7—April 14): Ariana (6), Sebitas (2), Ruben (4), Sebastian (2), Jaziel (7), Sila (3), Ezra (7), Nina (8).

RMES/PMC Grow Group: Again, we extend the invitation for you to share a few minutes of your time on Thursday to join our group to pray for our school and students. We begin at 8:15 AM sharp so those who need to can leave immediately after praying. Look forward to seeing you this Thursday.

Upcoming Dates and events to Remember:

- * April 8 Solar Eclipse
- * April 10 NEHS/NJHS Induction Assembly

- * April 12 AU Gymnics Home Show
- * April 15 NO SCHOOL-Mental Health Day
- * April 16-18 Grade 5 Outdoor Education Trip
- * April 19 RMES Beautification Day/Earth Day
- * April 16-26 MAP Testing
- * May 1 RMES Faith & Missions Fair

School Text: "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and the assurance in what we do not see,"
(Hebrews 1:1)

Have a safe, happy, and productive week!

Dr. Savory