TO: RMES Parents & Guardians

**DATE:** April 22, 2024

**RE**: Reminders & Updates for this Week

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I trust this finds you filled with joy as you reflect on God's amazing love and grace.

**Christian Education Scholarship:** This is just a reminder that all Christian Education Scholarship applications need to be received in the MI Conference office or be post-marked by this Thursday, **April 25, 2024.** The application information may be found at the link below: <u>https://www.misda.net/news/administration/education</u>.

**RMES Beautification/Earth Day:** Last Friday, April 19, we had a wonderful Campus Beautification Day! Teachers and students took some time to care for and beautify our school surroundings. We are grateful for collaboration with Noe Velez, Director of AU Grounds Department, also one of our parents, for the help that he provides every year for this project. He not only provides us with mulch and soil and tools, he sets up his mowing schedule to coincide with our Beautification Day. Thanks also to Allen Wellborne, Director of Custodial Services, for partnering with us in this project. He also provides us with tools such as buckets, brooms, gloves, trash bags, etc. I would also like to thank the parents who responded to our call for help and came to join our beautification team. We also value the contribution and would like to acknowledge those who could not come but made sure the kids came prepared to make it a meaningful workday. Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students extended their cleaning service to the main campus. Thank you, students, and teachers for your hard work to keep our campus healthy and beautiful. God blessed the day with the ideal weather.

**Rice Krispies for the Kids:** Thank you to our Home & School leader for the Rice Krispy treats she had ready for the students at the end of Beautification Day!

**MAP Testing:** The MAP growth testing continues this week. Please encourage your students to do their best by ensuring they sleep early, start the day on a positive note, spending time with God and eating a hearty healthy breakfast.

**Great Lakes Adventist Academy Aerokhanas Visit:** This weekend, the Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA) Aerokhanas Gymnastics Team will be coming to Berrien Springs for a special gymnastics performance (event). They have kindly included the three sister schools, AA, VAES, and RMES in their itinerary of shows. Their visit to RMES is scheduled for Thursday, April 25 at 1:00pm. Thank you, GLAA Aerokhanas!

**CONGRATULATIONS to the RMES 38 talented 6-8 Grade artists who submitted their Artwork to share with the community!** Congratulations to their Art teachers, Mrs. Sylvie Baumgartner and Rosemary Bailey who prepared and inspired them. Mrs. Baumgartner also submitted an Art piece for display (Teachers' Art is displayed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor). Last, but not least, Congratulations, parents, for encouraging your child to participate and for supporting him/her through the journey. Keep up the outstanding teamwork, everyone! Please mark your calendar, Thursday, April 25, to take your participant to see his/her Artwork on display among the hundreds of Artworks submitted by 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade students across Berrien County. The Opening Reception for Students and Families is scheduled to start at 6:00pm (Awards at 6:30) at the Box Factory in St. Joseph.

**Coming Soon, RMES Missions Fair:** To climax this year's "Faith" theme and emphasis on our SDA history, we are planning an exciting day to expose our students to some of the local mission ministries, organizations, and people who are currently engaged in missions for Christ, in our community and worldwide. Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Cancel, the program coordinators are still looking for interested participants to come and share their mission with our students. Please contact the office if you would like to participate or have a recommendation. Please mark **May** 1<sup>st</sup> on your calendar for this special event.

**Wax Museum Project: Everyone is invited to** Come and See and Hear the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at their respective Living Wax Museum Event. In this Social Studies activity, the students will demonstrate their knowledge of a famous person in history, as they use various skills that they have learned, such as research, memorization, public speaking, acting/drama, and costume, etc., to realistically characterize the person they represent. Grade 2 Wax Museum takes place on May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00-7:15pm, in the gym. Grade 6 Wax Museum is Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:10am – 12:00noon in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom.

**STEAMS Showcase:** RMES annual STEAMS Showcase will be held on May 21, 2024. This is our exhibition of the students' collaborative and individual creative works of excellence in the integration of STEAMS, including Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts/Agriculture, Math and Spirituality. We are inviting parents, friends, and community visitors to come and see and hear students show and talk about their best/favorite STEAMS accomplishments not only limited to the 6 STEAMS elements, but other integrated subject areas, such as Social Studies, ELA (Creative Writing) and Modern Languages (Spanish, Korean) projects, will provide a holistic view of their learning this year. More details are forthcoming.

**RMES Official Registration Day--Fee Discounts for Early Birds:** Take advantage of our early registration discounts for the 2024-2025 school year. Early registration has started and will be open through *May 20, RMES official Registration & STEAMS Day*. Once again, we request your partnership in sharing this information to your family, friends and neighbors who have potential students for our school.

**Tuition Payment Due:** Just a gentle reminder that your tuition payment is due this Thursday, April 25. Thank you for your commitment to Adventist education and for your support of RMES.

**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: (*Mon. April 22—Sun. April 28):* Elianna (7), Olivia (4), Alissa (3), Yieun (5), Zabdiel (K), Eliana (7), Sorcha (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.

**Our Theme Text:** "Now faith is confidence is what we hope for and the assurance about what we do not see." Micah 6:8

Please see below --Important Dates and Upcoming Events for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

- 8th BanquetApril 21
- GLAA ÅerokhanasApril 25
- Honors Trip (NEHS/NJHS students)April 26
- RMES Missions Fair May 1
- Wax Museum (Gr. 2)May 2
- Wax Museum (Gr.6)May 3
- Teacher Appreciation Week May 6
- Gr.6 Trip to CUBS GameMay 8
- Assembly-Unveiling May 10
- The TENT May 10-18
- o STEAMS Showcase & Registration Day May 20

Have a pleasant & productive week!

Dr. Savory