

To: Parents & Guardians

Date: April 4, 2021

RE: Weekly Reminders & Updates

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week, we have much for which to be thankful. We are grateful for making it through a safe Spring Break, as well as for this joyous Easter weekend. Let us pause and praise God for His amazing grace and loving sacrifice to ensure the redemption. Please note the reminders & updates for this week:

Special Thanks: I would like to thank you for your partnership to keep our school safe and ensure the wellbeing of RMES students and teachers as we transitioned into the 4th Quarter after the Spring Break. Special thanks, to families who travelled, for cooperating with RMES COVID-19 travel advisory for your students. Please know that we understand your frustration and apologize for any inconvenience caused as a result of having to keep your child/ren at home due to travel. Additionally, thank you for utilizing the remote learning option to help your student continue receiving instruction, as well as stay in connection with his/her class and teacher. Your feedback is greatly valued and appreciated.

RMES Move-up/Visitor's Day: RMES Visitor's Day is April 6 for Grades 1-7. As the description indicates, this annual event has a two-fold purpose at RMES. During normal school operation, on this day students from Grades 1-7 would move up to the next grade to get a snapshot of what they will experience the next year. Usually, prospective students are invited to visit in-person, meet the teachers and experience, first-hand, RMES school community in action. This year, we are inviting our guests from Grades to join us on zoom between 11:00-12:10. Each teacher has planned a short, exciting Zoom program for their in-person and online visiting students for next school year.

Soliciting Your Help to Share the Word:

- Please invite potential family and friends to join us on Visitor's Day, Tuesday, April 6. Kindly call the office at (269) 471-3225 or email Ms. Cyndi at caballec@andrews.edu to get the Zoom information for the class your family or friend would like to visit. Here is the schedule for the virtual visitation times:(Grades 1-7 will meet at 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM) (Grade 8 will meet at 11:30 – 12: 10 PM).
- **RMES Kindergarten Visitation:** Ruth Murdoch Elementary School is also extending invitation to a Kindergarten Visitation for both parent and child on April 21, 22, or 23. Please call 471-3225 to schedule an appointment. Three or four families will come through at a time for a brief meeting. Visitors will be able to meet the teacher, see the room with some projects set out, and meet a few of the other students who will be their classmates in Kindergarten. There will be a gift for parents, and a craft bag for students. Masks required. A Zoom meeting will be available for those you can't attend.

Early Registration & Discount Begins: We are making provision to facilitate those who want to begin their registration process early. Registration and the discount offer for the new school year will start on April 6th (Visitor's Day). We invite all to begin making your appointments with Mrs. Giddings, as soon as possible, to discuss and start the registration process for 2021-2022.

STEAMS Showcase: Just want to give you a head-up that we are planning to have our annual STEAMS (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts/Agriculture. Math, & Spiritual) Showcase on May 17, 2021. More information to come.

RMES Jr. High Hockey Night: Coach Lonto is thinking outside of the box to create opportunity for our Jr. High students to get back to extracurricular sports. This Sunday, April 4, 2021, he is starting RMES Jr. High Hockey

Night. As you can imagine the kids are excited for the opportunity. If your child is planning to attend today, please be sure that he/she provides you with the Player Agreement and Parent Consent Form to help you know the requirements, as well as for your signature. Hockey Night will take place at RMES gymnasium from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Thanks to our parent, Shari Lyons for volunteering to be Mr. Lonto's assistant. COVID-19 mitigation protocol in effect.

COVID-19 Update: Encouraged by your support, we continue to maintain the day-to-day procedures ensure the safety and well-being of your child/ren. We will keep you informed of any changes with our protocol as we receive new directives and guidelines from AU, BCHD and the CDC.

- **The list of Calendar Events below has been updated. Please review and mark your calendar.**

Important Dates and Upcoming Events for the 4th Quarter (March-June):

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| • Schoolwide Worship with Seminary Students | April 2, 2021 |
| • RMES Zoom Visitor's Day/Early Registration Begins | April 6, 2021 |
| • Hat Day | April 16, 2021 |
| • NO School | April 19, 2021 |
| • Kindergarten Visitation Day | April 21, 22, 23 |
| • Kite/Wheel Day | April 22, 2021 |
| • RMES Beautification/Earth Day | April 23, 2021 |
| • Teacher Appreciation | May 3-7 |
| • Registration Day | May 17 |
| • STEAMS Showcase | May 17 |
| • The Tent | May 7-15 |
| • Spring Concert -- | May 18 |
| • No School--Memorial Day -- | May 31 |
| • Graduation Sabbath (1 st Service PMC) -- | May 29 |
| • Awards Day -- | June 1 |
| • Field Day -- | June 2 |
| • Graduation Ceremony (PMC) -- | June 3 |
| • Last Day of School | June 3 |

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!

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"The soldiers see him removing the stone as he would a pebble, and hear him cry, Son of God, come forth; Thy Father calls Thee. They see Jesus come forth from the grave, and hear Him proclaim over the rent sepulcher, "I am the resurrection, and the life." As He comes forth in majesty and glory, the angel host bow low in adoration before the Redeemer, and welcome Him with songs of praise." (Desire of Ages, p. 81)