

Date: January 24, 2021

Re: Reminders & Updates

As we embark into this third week of the third quarter, there are few important reminders and updates that I would like to bring to your attention. This promises to be a busy week due to the many major activities scheduled. Please take note:

COVID-19 Protocol Update: For the safety and well-being of our students and staff, we continue to have COVID-19 at the top of our list. Please continue to help us maintain our COVID-19 mitigation protocols. They are working, so far, but we cannot do it without your help. Reminder to login the daily Jupiter screening for students before they come to school and have students wear their masks. Per our previous recommendation, please have them keep an extra mask in their backpack or in the classroom.

MAP Growth Testing: This week, January 25-29, is MAP testing for Grades K-8 grades, in-person and SRL students. Your child's teacher will inform you of his/her classroom test schedule and other expectation for students. As this is our first year administering the MAP test, we are familiarizing with the expectations together. Know that this test will be administered three times each year to check student performance and measure achievement and growth in the areas Math and Reading/Language Arts. The best preparation is to make sure your student/s get a good night's rest and eat a hearty breakfast every day.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Our 2nd Quarter/spring semester Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday, January 27th and Thursday, January 28th. We will dismiss at 12:15 on Wednesday, only--Extend Ed is available, but bring your own lunch. (Lunch will not be served on Wednesday). We will have full-day school on Thursday.

Parent-Teacher Conference Online Appointments: On Monday, January 25 the online scheduling link will be open. Appointments can be scheduled at www.gotsession.com/myRMES. If you have questions about how to schedule your appointment, please call Cyndi at (269) 471-3220.

Snow Days & Remote Learning: We are that that time of the year when we usually experience the unpredictable weather pattern of Berrien County/State of MI. In case of school closing due to inclement weather, please be reminded that RMES follows Berrien RESA. However, parents will also receive a voice message via One-Call Now, in addition to announcements at other platforms--RMES voicemail, website, fb page, and on the TV or Radio Stations listed in the attachment below. Please note that if students have to be at home due to extended snow days, teachers will assign online activities to help students maintain engagement with learning, as well as to reduce the possibility for make-up days at the end of the school year.

Spring Break & COVID-10 Travel Protocol: Spring Break is March 22-26, 2021. Information related to COVID-19 and school re-entry will be shared in the near future. We continue to follow CDC, BCHD, and AU for updated COVID-19 information.

Attachment sent 12/6/2020:

Inclement Weather: Our winter season is upon us. In the event of a snow day or weather relating closing, please refer to our school policy:

- **In the event of severe blizzard weather conditions, RMES follows the decision of Berrien RESA.**
- **You will also receive a phone call to confirm school closing due to inclement weather.**
- **The closing information will also be posted on the school's website and voicemail.**
- The following television and radio stations will list our closing:

Television Stations:

- WNDU Channel 16
- WSBT Channel 22
- WSJV Channel 28
- ABC 57

Radio Stations:

- WAUS 90.7 FM
- PULSE FM 96.9
- WVHQ 92.1 FM
- WDOW 1440 AM
- WFRN 104.7 FM

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. In closing, here is a Bible promise for you:

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." (1 Corinthians 15:58)