

From the Desk of The Principal

TO: RMES Parents & Guardians

RE: This Week's Reminders & Updates

Greetings, Parents & Guardians!

Praise the Lord, we made it safely and successfully through the first week of the 3rd Quarter! By now, I hope you know that I attribute all success at our school to the amazing partnership that we share with our home and church community. Thank you for your commitment to Christian education and confidence in entrusting your children in the care of RMES, where caregivers are passionate about their calling and seek daily to be Spirit led in service. We feel blessed for the opportunity to partner with you for the safety and mental, spiritual, social, emotional, and physical development of our students during these challenging times of our nation's history. Thank you for your partnership and may love be the force that binds and inspires our united service.

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God."
John 4:7

The following are a few important reminders and updates for your attention as we start the second half of the 2020-2021 school year.

- **Welcome Our Student Teachers:** I would like to make you aware that this semester we have two student teachers, from AU Teaching Learning & Curriculum (TLC) Department joining our team to learn the tricks of the trade and practice their teaching skills at RMES. Miss Kadeja Adams is assigned to Grade 4 with Mrs. Kelly her mentor teacher and Miss Raina Price is assigned to Grade 6 and will be mentored by Mrs. Park. Please join in helping to make our student teachers feel welcome to our school family and have a beneficial experience.
- **MAP Standardizing Testing:** Please be informed that the next Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) standardized testing is scheduled for January 25-26, 2021. This is an online test for all students (K-8), including remote learners. Since the initial testing in the fall, we have acquired 60 new Chromebooks, which will make it possible to have more students tested at the same time and minimize the testing days. As this is a test to evaluate the progress of students, the only preparation in addition to what they are doing in class every day is for them to get an early night's rest, eat a hearty breakfast and do their best on the test. For more information and answers to test related questions please contact your child's teacher.
- **Parent Teacher Conference:** Please be aware that even though we are in the 3rd Quarter closure of the 2nd Quarter will be officially completed at the Parent-Teacher Conference scheduled for January 27th and 28th, 2021. Parents are encouraged to meet with teachers for individual conferences to review your child/ren's performance and progress during the 2nd Quarter and up to the present. Please be reminded of the plan that we implemented last year to have two half days of conferences, but one half-day and one full day of classes. Note that P-T Conferences will continue to be held during the afternoon session (starting at 1:00 p.m. or later, as arranged by teacher) on both days. The students will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m. on the first day (Wednesday, 01/27/21) but will attend school for the full day on second day (Thursday, 01/28/21). You will need to make your online appointments, as usual. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please ask your teacher or any office personnel.
- **COVID-19 Updates:** Just want to assure you that we are continuing to take the spread of COVID-19 seriously and are diligent in following mitigation procedures for physical distancing (6ft or more), face coverings, and hygiene in and out of the classroom. We appreciate your support in our efforts to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for all.

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend."(Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Enjoy a Happy Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day & A Spirit-led Week!