

## From the Desk of the Principal

To: Parents & Guardians

Date: February 21, 2021

Re: Pertinent Reminders & Updates

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Together, we have made it safely through another week! Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we work in partnership to provide the best Christ-centered education for our students.

- **RMES COVID-19 Updates:**

We are continuing to do our best to adhere to the COVID-19 mitigation protocols that we have put in place. We are grateful for the privilege to continue in-person school and are being supportive and diligent in showing concern for the health and safety each other. Teachers are doing their part and encouraging the students to do theirs—including sanitizing, washing hands, disinfecting, daily temperature screening, social distancing, etc. God's hands have certainly over RMES since the start of the new year. We are mid-way in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and filled with gratitude for God's mercies that are new every morning, great is His faithfulness.

- **COVID-19 Vaccination:** RMES faculty and staff are registered to get the vaccine. Some have already gotten their first dose.
- **Black History Assembly:** Last Wednesday, February 17, was our Black History Assembly. Our speaker was Ms. Terika Williams, one of Andrews University's Honors Scholars, recommended by her professor, Dr. Pittman. Ms. Williams is an English and Spanish premed student; whose aim is to know God and make Him known in her life. We had a wonderful program. The 8A students, who helped plan the program, shared about some African Americans who have made interesting contributions in art and culture, while the Kindergarten students recited their Dr. King Poem. They did an awesome job! Ms. Williams gave our students challenges as they seek to be Spirit Led Lovers: 1. Pray for the Friend Jesus talks about in John 14:26 -for the Holy Spirit to help them be a friend; 2. Include others-to use their voice for others, and 3. Unite—to bring people together and be a peacemaker. The students were engaged and everyone was blessed.
- **National Read Across America Day is March 2.** It is usually our day when the Jr. High students Share the Gift of Reading with kids at The Crayon Box and Susy's Daycare. This year we will not be doing that activity. However, we encourage our students to read, read, read during this time when reading is emphasized nationwide. At RMES we use this time to promote various

incentive programs to encourage students in all grades to practice reading for fun. That means they can read material that they enjoy.

- **Principal's Reading Challenge**—Oh, yes, the Principal's Reading Challenge is on! Hope you are helping your children to keep up with the reading guidelines that they have received from their teacher. The Principal's Reading Challenge encourages reading beyond class requirement. It gives students the freedom to read books they enjoy in addition class readers. The two top readers in each grade will receive a book reward at our end of year Awards program.

**Spirit Led in His service!**

**"The Friend, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send at my request, will make everything plain to you. He will remind you of all things I have told you. He will remind you of all the things I have told you."**

**(John 14:26, MSG)**