

TO: Parents & Guardians

DATE: April 19, 2021

RE: Reminders & Updates for this Week

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Praying all is going well for you and that you continue to bask in God's richest blessings. As we approach the home stretch of the academic school year 2020-21, I want to encourage you to have a heightened awareness of our COVID surge in the state of Michigan. Please continue to abide by the AU protocol in a more diligent manner. The age group that our hospitals are seeing more and more cases are our middle school grades. I believe that together, with our intentional efforts from the school and our parents, we may continue to be the difference in the state of Michigan. If you have any questions of concerns, please refer to <https://www.andrews.edu/agenda/58200>.

AA Students in Service: Last Wednesday RMES was blessed by 12 AA students, including some of our recent alum, who were assigned to our school for community service day. Under the supervision of Dr. Gallardo-Diaz, they used their time (about five hours) well and not only did they do amazing work in all of the areas they were asked to serve but it was evident they also made an impression on the soon to be 9th graders. I was touched, when I heard a group of my 8th grade boys saying, "next year it will be us." They all agreed with the one who said, "Next year, for AA service day, I want to come here." It was encouraging to hear the students of both schools demonstrate and declare their commitment to the RMES' mission of showing their love for Christ through service.

Kindergarten Visitation: Our Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Denise Curnutt is looking forward to meeting Kindergarten students along with their parents at our Kindergarten Visitation this week, Wednesday, April 21 and Thursday, April 22 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. If you have a child or know of someone whose child will be age 5 by September 1, please plan to come to our school for a visit. You will be able to meet the teacher, see the classroom, and meet a few other students who will be coming to kindergarten. A Zoom meeting will be available for those who cannot attend on this April 21 or April 22. Please call (269) 471-3225 to schedule an appointment, with three or four families coming at the same time, for a brief meeting. Masks are required for in-person visitors. There will be gifts for those who visit in-person—for students: a craft bag and for parents a gift along with a \$50 coupon towards registration. Please share this exciting opportunity with many.

Christian Education Scholarship: If you are still planning to apply for the MI Conference Christian Education Scholarship for your student/s, time is running out. I encourage you to do so before the deadline, April 26, 2021. The application information may be found at the link below:
<https://www.misda.net/news/administration/education>

RMES Beautification Day: Thursday, April 22 is Earth Day. At RMES it is our custom to coordinate our 2nd campus beautification day with this national event. This coming Friday, April 23, our entire school will take some time to work on our school beautification project to care for and beautify our school surroundings. We are grateful for the head-start that the AA students have given us on this project. As our partners in education, we would like to solicit any help that you can give. We can use help in-person or in kind. We will welcome those who can share time to add more hands. We will also be grateful for contributions of items such as, but not limited to, gloves (small & medium), trash bags, garden hand tools, perennial and flowering plants (a few suggestions are gladiolus, dahlia, hyacinth, etc.). We are looking for colors: reds, yellows, white, pinks to brighten gardens year-round. The classroom teachers will follow up with more specific details for the classroom gardens. Please have the students dress appropriately for this activity. If you have any questions or would help in any way, please contact the main office at (269) 471-3225.

Lollipops for the Kids: Our Home & School, coordinated by Iveth Ortiz and a group of our parents will be providing lollipops for the students at the end of Beautification Day. Thank you parents for the thoughtful gesture to encourage the students.

MAP Testing: Monday, April 26-30 is MAP growth testing for all grades K-8. Please help your students be ready to do their best by ensuring they sleep early and start the day with their TAG and a good breakfast.

STEAMS Showcase: will be held on May 17, 2021. This is our exhibition of the work of excellence the academic subjects, including Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math & Spiritual areas. Further details are forthcoming.

Registration Discounts: to take advantage of early registration for the 2021-2022 school year, please register your child prior to the deadline on May 28, 2021. We encourage you to continue to be part of our team in sharing this offer to your family, friends and neighbors who are RMES potential students & families.

Thank you for your dedicated partnership in providing quality, Adventist education for all of the children entrusted in our care. Best wishes for a productive long weekend and week ahead!

Our Theme Text: “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.” John 14:26

Spirit-led in His service,

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