

To: Parents & Guardians

Date: April 25, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Praying you are having a fantastic day and that you continue to bask in God's richest blessings. As we continue on the home stretch of the academic school year 2020-21, I also want to thank you for your continued support in education for the holistic development of our children. Additionally, repetitious as it may be, please continue to be diligent in collaborating with us to in maintaining COVID safety protocols. 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>.

RMES Beautification/Earth Day: Our Beautification Day activity was a resounding success! Thanks to the amazing teamwork of teachers, students, parents and campus partners we accomplished our goal. We were blessed to have seven parents join us for the activity. That was awesome! Their presence and contribution made a HUGE difference. Thank you to those of you who donated plants and other supplies for the activity, your contributions helped a great deal. Last but not least, special thanks to our campus partners, the Custodial Department and Mr. Noe Velez, Director, and the Grounds Department for their assistance to make this project possible. They not only provided topsoil, mulch, and tools, but arranged lawn care (mowing) to coincide with our campus beautification day. Noe, who is one of our parents, took the time to come and do it himself. We could not have achieved our Beautification & Earth Day goals without the support of our school & campus partners. Together we make a difference!

MAP Testing: Starting this Monday, April 26th through Friday, April 30, MAP Growth Testing will be administered for all grades K-8. Please help your students be ready to do their best by ensuring they go to bed early, wake up early to start the day with their TAG and a good breakfast. For any questions pertaining to the test, please contact your child's classroom teacher/s.

Drive-By Water Distribution Community Outreach: This Friday, April 30th, between 10:00 -11:00 a.m. the teachers of Grade 1 and Grade 5, Mrs. Horton and Mr. Swackhamer, respectively, will collaborate on a special Community Outreach Project to give encouragement to our citizens of the Berrien Spring Community. They will be sharing messages of kindness, encouragement and hope (on posters and cards) and give cases of water to those who drive by. The teachers still need a few more cases to reach our targeting a goal of 50 cases. If you would like to donate a case or two, it is not too late. Please pray that many will be blessed by this gesture of kindness.

Principal's Reading Challenge: This Friday, April 30 is the last day of the Principal's Reading Challenge and last day to turn in reading logs/reports. Please make sure your child's reading logs/reports is accurate and clear for the teachers to record. Thank you for your partnership in promoting the importance of reading and encouraging your child to participate in our school's reading challenge. Be assured that whether your child is one of the top two readers or not he/she would have derived many benefits, including becoming a better reader and developing the habit of reading for pleasure.

Kindergarten Visitation: I would like you to know that your prayers were answered. God blessed our Kindergarten promotion and Visitation days with many positive responses. Several families stopped by with their potential kindergartener to meet the teacher, explore the classroom and tour our school. Please continue to invite relatives and friends who are looking for nurturing, holistic, Christ-centered learning environment for their kindergartener to contact the office or Mrs. Denise Curnutt our amazing Kinder teacher at 269.471.3225.

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 and start sharing this offer to your family, friends and neighbors who are RMES potential students & families.

Tuition Payment: Just a reminder that tuition payment is due on the 25th of each month.

Teacher Appreciation: May 3-7, 2021 is Teacher Appreciation Week. Each year at RMES, parents seize this opportunity to celebrate our amazing teachers. Usually, the Home & School leader coordinates some special meals for the teachers. This year, due to COVID we are in a new normal of prepackaging food before serving. Please do not let this restrict how you would like to recognize your child/ren's teacher/s. Be assured that any way that you choose to celebrate your teachers will be greatly appreciated. God bless you in advance for your thoughtfulness.

STEAMS Showcase: Save the date May 17, 2021 to attend our STEAMS exhibition of the work of excellence in the following subjects, including, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts (Music, Art, Drama), Math & Spiritual areas. Further details are forthcoming.

Christian Education Scholarship: If you are still planning to apply for the MI Conference Christian Education Scholarship for your student/s, tomorrow, April 26 is the deadline. I encourage you to submit your application by the end of the day tomorrow. The application information may be found at the link below:
<https://www.misda.net/news/administration/education>.

Thank you for your dedicated partnership in providing quality, Adventist education for all of the children entrusted in our care. We acknowledge God's faithfulness to RMES school family and in its operation.

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,

Dr. Savory, principal

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UPCOMING EVENTS TO REMEMBER:

- The Tent: May 14-23
- STEAMS Showcase: May 17
- RMES Spring Instrumental and Vocal Concerts: May 18
- Graduation Sabbath: May 29
- Awards Day: June 1
- Field Day: June 2
- 8th Grade Graduation: June 3
- Last Day of School: June 3