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Notification from: Ruth Murdoch Elementary School

From the Desk of the Principal

To: RMES Parents & Guardians

Date: April 1, 2024

Re: Beginning of 4th Quarter Reminders & Updates

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We have made it through a good first week of the 4th Quarter. It was evident that the students were happy to be back to reconnect with their classmates and teachers. As we wind down the 2023-2024 school year, I would like to start this last quarter with a request for our continued collaboration in monitoring and reminding your students to keep up with the good choices they have been making to respect each other and honor our school's conduct and dress code standards. I encourage each one to emulate the principles of Character modeled in 1 Timothy 4:12, "setting an example for others in speech, in conduct, in love, and in purity." Please join our faculty, staff, and Grow Group in praying for our children and may God bless our continued partnership in Adventist Christian education.

Next Assembly: Our next Assembly is this Wednesday, April 3 promises to be truly exciting as Senora Wamack and Ms. Yoon collaborate to showcase our faith and culture. The program will feature the last of our Pioneer Presentations—John Nevins Andrews and the Multicultural Diversity of our school. Ms. Yoon and the first graders will lead the program preliminaries, the Pioneer Feature will be by Mr. Whiting and Mrs. Wamack, Spanish and ESL Teacher will highlight the Modern Languages program in the form of a fashion show. You are cordially invited to join us if you can.

Marketing, Recruitment & Re-Enrollment:

Re-Enrollment & Registration: Please know that this is the time of the year when we begin encouraging parents (current and new) to start the Re-Enrollment or Enrollment process for the next school year (2024-2025). We are prayerfully looking forward to the opportunity to continue partnership in Christian education for your child/children. You will soon receive your new registration packet with pertinent Re-Enrollment and Registration information for the new school year. Please follow the guidelines and do not hesitate to start the process and take advantage of early registration discounts for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Community Outreach: On Sabbath, 3/30/2024, RMES Handbell Ensemble under the direction of Mr. Martins presented special music at the Stevensville Church. The students' inspiring performance was a

well-received blessing. We are inviting you to consider joining us in sharing about and inviting others to choose Adventist education at RMES for their children. In addition, please let us know if you would like to share your testimony or feel free to provide it in writing about how Adventist education at RMES has made a difference in your family. Thank you.

**RMES Kindergarten Parent Night:** Please join us in sharing about RMES with your family and friends. If you are or have been a Kindergarten parent and like what we do, please tell others. Parents with students who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2024, are invited to come meet our Kindergarten teacher on April 2, at 6:30pm. They will hear about the program, tour the classroom and school, enjoy refreshments, meet other Kindergarten parents, etc.

**Kindergarten Visitors' Day:** On Wednesday, April 3, Kindergarten age children are invited to visit our Kindergarten classroom, 8:15-11:15am. They will enjoy singing and worship, physical education, Spanish, music class, and outdoor play time. Please call us at 269-471-3225 <<tel:2694713225>> to let us know you are coming.

**Christian Education Endowment Scholarship Fund:** This is an opportunity for families in need to obtain financial help for your student's tuition. A fillable version of the application and an online application is on the MISDA Education site at <https://www.misda.org/departments/education>. Applications must be postmarked on or before April 27, 2024.

**Grade 6-8 Community Art Exhibition:** Thank you Grade 6-8 students for submitting your Artwork on time for the Registration deadline. Because of your enthusiastic participation we have submitted 38 pieces of Artwork represented in various categories, (2D, 3D, and Digital). We also thank Mrs. Baumgartner, our art teacher, for her artwork submission. Exhibition for Grades 6-8 Artwork is April 18-May 5. Opening Reception is April 25, 6:00-8:00pm.

**Congratulations, Participants of the Principal's Reading Challenge:** Congratulations and thank you to the students who participated in RMES 2023-2024 PRC! We are proud of your perseverance to achieve this goal. Please continue reading for pleasure. It will expand your knowledge and vocabulary, while improving your imagination and creativity. Thank you, teachers and parents, for helping your students experience the joys of reading and motivating them to read for their own pleasure. Do not stop encouraging them to keep up reading beyond their 15-20 minutes nightly reading assignment.

**Annual NEHS/NJHS Induction:** This special Assembly will take place on April 10, at 8:30am. As customary the main feature of the program is the induction of new members but will also recognize the students who already hold membership in this prestigious organization that promotes excellence in whole person development. In the interest of our new families, please be aware that the NEHS membership is open to 4th-6th grade students, while NJHS membership is open to students of Grades 7 and 8. Parents of students who meet the requirements for eligibility will receive communication from our Chapter Sponsors, Mrs. Cancel, Mr. Swackhamer, and Ms. Bell. I thank you for collaborating with the teachers through the process.

**Collaboration with Seminary Students:** This Friday, April 5, will be our 2nd annual collaboration worship with our Seminary partners for this school year. On Friday the pastors came to observe the teachers and familiarize them with the classroom environment in Grades K-6. The goal of this program is to help the pastors learn how to build relationships and nurture meaningful connections/collaborations with their church schools. The collaboration ministry with the seminary students is a huge blessing to our school!

Solar Eclipse: On Monday, April 8 between approximately 2:00-4:00 p.m. there will be a solar eclipse. Although individuals in Berrien Springs will only see a partial solar eclipse, they will be able to see 95% of the sun eclipsed by the moon at approximately 3:08 p.m. In preparation for eclipse day, the teachers are teaching the students about and how to view the eclipse. In addition, every RMES student and staff member has been provided ISO certified eclipse viewing glasses, as a generous gift from our partners at AU Chemistry Department. Prior to Monday, April 8, please discuss the eclipse with your child. Prior to Monday, April 8, please discuss the eclipse and safe viewing with your child. More information will be shared to help you and your students be ready for eclipse day.

March Tuition Past Due: This is a reminder that your March Tuition payment was due the 25th of the month. Please do not hesitate to contact the Business Manager if you have any questions.

RMES Student Prayer Calendar: Please continue praying every day for RMES students, one child at a time. Here are the names to lift-up this week and next week: Week of (Sunday, March 31—April 6): Annabelle (5), Jared (K), Mackenzie (8), Genesis (6), Daniel (7), Kyne (6), Samantha (4), Ayesha (1).

RMES/PMC Grow Group: Again, we extend the invitation for you to share a few minutes of your time on Thursday to join our group to pray for our school and students. We begin at 8:15 AM sharp so those who need to can leave immediately after praying. Look forward to seeing you this Thursday.

Upcoming Dates and events to Remember:

- \* April 2 Kindergarten Parent Night
- \* April 3 Kindergarten Visitation Day
- \* April 3 Modern Language Assembly
- \* April 5 Seminary Collaboration Worship
- \* April 5 AA Service Day
- \* April 6-8 Artwork for Exhibition Due for Drop Off
- \* April 8 Solar Eclipse
- \* April 10 NEHS/NJHS Induction Assembly
- \* April 12 AU Gymnics Home Show
- \* April 19 RMES Beautification Day/Earth Day

School Text: "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and the assurance in what we do not see," (Hebrews 1:1)

"In the formation of character, no other influences count so much as the influence of the home. The teacher's work should supplement that of the parents but is not to take its place." Education, 284

Wishing you a pleasant and productive week!

Dr. Savory

