April 30, 2014

Dear RMSEL Parent Community,

As the end of the school year rapidly comes to a close, I have to take the opportunity to celebrate and offer appreciations within our school community. Last evening, two RMSEL 5th grade students were honored by Mayor Michael Hancock as Denver Mile High Scholars. I had the honor of attending the presentation of the award along with their families. These two outstanding students truly embody our school vision stating, “RMSEL scholars take pride and ownership as they grow into responsible citizens who strive for high academic achievement and character excellence.” This award is a positive reflection on the students, parents, teachers, and staff who work collaboratively in providing exceptional learning opportunities in our school.

If you have walked around our campus recently, you may have observed the new raised garden learning spaces on the north east side of the building. Judy and Jenny applied for a grant through the RMSEL PACK to enhance this space into more than a school garden and truly make it a learning lab for students. This past weekend, parent volunteers worked alongside our staff to construct the raised beds, which will provide students the opportunity to walk between each bed as they learn about sustainable foods and the energy cycle. I want to thank our teachers for their vision in making this possible, as well as the contribution of resources from our parent community in making this possible.

Over the past two weeks, we conducted our final school-wide fundraiser of the year. The Run for RMSEL was once again a huge success and, thankfully, mother natured cooperated with us on both scheduled days. Thank you to JH and the parent volunteers who made this possible. All proceeds will be allocated to instructional support resources at RMSEL. Thank you to our parents and community who contribute to fundraising efforts at our school. Once all funds are received and accounted for, we will generate a 2014 annual fundraising report for our community, as we wish to be transparent with all financial decisions. I look forward to the next few weeks as the school year comes to a close and we began seeing portfolios of student work.

Sincerely,

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