Dear RMSEL Students and Parent Community,

It is hard to believe that Fall Break is upon us and we are already approximately a third of the way through another school year. This week I had the opportunity to get back in the classroom and co-teach 8th grade Mathematics with Kate. I was able to work directly with students, teaching a week of lessons and engaging students in problem solving as they work through complex functions. Our students demonstrate courage and perseverance as they wrestle with tasks that do not always have finite responses. Our students dug into leaning labs, accessing their skills to develop an understanding of new concepts. One of the many great things about RMSEL is the collaboration and willingness of our staff to meet the needs of our students.

Our 2/3 crews hosted their families for their annual Poetry Tea. This is an opportunity for our students to present their work to an outside audience. The students work diligently to prepare for the presentation. The motivation level amongst the students was astounding, as they wanted to ensure that their presentation was an example of their best work. This is a great tradition for our students and a great way to close the week before a break.

The plans for our Auxiliary Field are completed and the development team will be onsite surveying and developing a drainage and irrigation study to present to our school and surrounding community. Upon completion of that study, the construction team will begin breaking ground on this project. With over 40% of our middle school students participating in fall sports, this is a much needed addition for the spring soccer and Ultimate Frisbee season.

On Wednesday we hosted our 8th to 9th grade Parent Lab. We had 15 RMSEL families accompany our team as we explored the transition to high school for our students. This is the highest number of attendees for a parent lab in the past 4 years. We are excited to see current RMSEL families exploring the high school program as an option for their family. RMSEL 8th grade parents, please mark your calendar for December 5, 2014, as you are required to determine your intent for high school for the 2015-2016 school year. We determine the number of available lottery spots for the January lottery based on the number of recommitments from current 8th grade families.

Have a great Fall Break!

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