January 7, 2015

Dear RMSEL Parent Community,

Welcome back to school and to an exciting new year. This time of year is full of events for our prospective parent community. During the month of January, we confirm internal student recommitments with deposits for the 2015 – 2016 school year and welcome in new students and families through our lottery. A few important dates and information regarding the enrollment process are listed below.

**2015 – 2016 RMSEL Enrollment**

January 8, 2015 – Open House (8:30 – 10:30 am)

January 16, 2015 – Internal Student Recommitment Deadline
- Requires a zero fee balance for the 2014 – 2015 school year.
- Requires a non-refundable $150 Fieldwork Fee deposit for the 2015 – 2016 school year.
- Any student account with unpaid fees will relinquish their spot for the 2015 – 2016 school year.

January 30, 2015 – Lottery Deadline for Prospective Families (12 midnight)

February 2, 2015 – Lottery

February 2 – 6, 2015 – Prospective Family Lottery Notification

If at any point during the course of the month you have questions regarding student accounts, contact Finance Director, Julie Stelzer.

During Winter Break on Saturday, December 27, 2014 at 3:35 pm, we had an overhead sprinkler pipe in the lower west wing of the building burst, flooding the west wing lower level classrooms, including the music and gym rooms. The damage to the facility was repaired in conjunction with a local emergency restoration company in all classrooms, which included extraction, drying, disinfecting, and mold mitigation to ensure all students could safely return to class. Along with the classrooms, the gym floor was damaged resulting in warped floor planks. A 15’x15’ section of floor will be replaced and refinished February 13 – 22, 2015. At this point all damage has been accounted for and total restoration is planned over the next two months.

Finally, as we begin the second part of an amazing school year, I ask that you continue conversations with your family regarding our student commitment to responsibility. This year we have focused on building responsible habits of scholarship that lead to high academic achievement and character excellence. Along with measures of accountability in the classroom, we are also implementing a three-tier process for celebrating student responsibility. Each week during our staff professional development, teachers will have the opportunity to send a responsibility postcard to a student and their family celebrating the actions of the student in our community. Students are encouraged to participate in this process by completing a “Character Kudos” card and giving it to a peer when they observe a classmate exhibiting responsible habits of scholarship. The “Character Kudos” will be turned in to the main office for a monthly random drawing in which students may receive an award for their actions. Finally, beginning during the third trimester of the school year,
we will recognize four RMSEL students as a K-12 community for their year-long commitment to excellence in upholding and exhibiting our character values. We are excited to celebrate the habits of scholarship and character associated with academic success.

Sincerely,

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