Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning
Executive Director Communication

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Auction Appreciation
I want to take this opportunity to thank our entire collective parent community and extended community of friends and family who participated in the 2018 Gala for Green. It was an amazing evening filled with great conversation, food, and fundraising! This year we are currently at approximately $66,000 in total revenue raised from the evening. Sarah Mullaney and DAC will be communicating about any open items that remain available for purchase as they were not sold during the event. I am beyond appreciative to the efforts led by Sarah Mullaney and DAC to plan, prepare, and execute such an amazing event for our school. Every dollar raised at the auction goes directly to student achievement instructional support resources and the RMSEL adventure program. If you see Sarah and/or a member of DAC before your departure for Spring Break, please extend your appreciation as well!

Crew Trip Season
Our spring Crew Trip season kicks off the week after we return from Spring Break as 6th graders depart on Monday, April 9, 2018. Please check your Google Guardian email summaries and/or your child’s account to ensure that you have the Crew Trip Letter / Summary as well as the required gear list. Packing appropriate gear during spring crew trip season in the Mountain West and Desert is crucial to a memorable experience. It will be 80 degrees at noon and 40 Degrees at night, it is truly a time of sunscreen accompanied with evenings in winter hats. If you have any questions regarding crew trip season, do not hesitate to communicate with your child’s crew leader and/or Adventure Coordinator, Nick Wilson.

RMSEL Olympics
We are scheduled for our school-wide field day on Friday, April 6, 2018. The RMSEL Olympics is truly one of the many highlights of our school year. You child should come prepared to be outside for the duration of the school day as long as it is not snowing, raining, and the temperature is above 20 degrees. Over the course of the day, we will compete in brain teasers, sack races, capture the flag, and an adventure based obstacle course. We will communicate any additional information when we return from Spring Break.

2018 – 2019 SY Hiring
We are in the process of hiring for new staff members to join our team for the 2018-2019 school year. As teachers and/or staff transition, we encourage them to share their departure plans directly with their crew and school level. At this time, we have minimal transitions for next year and are
excited to conduct the interview process for new team members. As new team members are hired, I will communicate with the respective crews and full school community. We wish those transitioning the best as they continue their journey into other schools and other states.

Fieldwork Challenge

In January, I introduced the Fieldwork Challenge to encourage teachers to plan and implement fieldwork throughout the remainder of the school year. Since the implementation of this challenge teachers have conducted 50 total fieldwork days, not including crew trips, and we are only halfway through! Fieldwork is integral to the depth of learning we seek through complex expedition studies. It has been a very special experience to see a group of students interacting with an expert in the classroom or be offsite in the community. We have had 45 school days since beginning this challenge; to date this means every day at least one crew has been engaged in fieldwork. We look forward to the continuation of this challenge and the importance of fieldwork as we plan for subsequent school years in alignment with expedition content.

Sincerely,

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