Dear RMSEL Parent Community,

Over the past two weeks we have had staggered start days to school with all of our High School students beginning their journey as they hike the Colorado Trail. This week we were excited to welcome our first through eighth grade students as they joined us on Monday, and our youngest and newest students this morning! Only in a special place like RMSEL do we get to enjoy the excitement of multiple first days of school. It has been a truly amazing start to school this year; we look forward to seeing everyone at their respective school level Back to School Nights this year.

RMSEL Crew Fitness

In Spark, Dr. John Ratey states, “Fitness is Miracle Grow for the Brain!” In only two short days, we have seen the power of our new fitness program with staff and students. The opportunity to move every morning as we start the day has had a profound impact on how we engage in learning and with other students in our crews. I have heard strong words of encouragement and support between students and probably a thousand high fives at every school level. This morning our professional staff engaged in a team circuit to kick off Professional Development before we jumped into working on our Fitness Plans for the coming weeks. We have dedicated the first few sessions of PD this year to honing our plans and practicing in advance of each week of fitness. We could not be more energized by seeing our students push themselves each morning. To celebrate this week, each student will receive a RMSEL Fitness T-Shirt this Friday and both Lower School and Middle School students will wear their shirts on Friday Test Days. Test Days are an opportunity for students and teachers to track performance and growth throughout the school year.

District Accountability Committee

A huge thank you to DAC Member Megan Kane, with the support of the entire committee, who organized an amazing Back to School Social last week. The addition of food trucks certainly simplified the evening run-around for students and families and allowed our community to connect throughout the evening. It was truly a great night and I personally appreciated the opportunity to meet new RMSEL families and hear stories from returning families’ summer adventures. DAC is currently working to prepare for the upcoming Run and Ride for RMSEL at Cherry Creek State Park on Sunday, September 16, 2018.
Parking Lot

Our school parking lot is extremely busy as we begin and end each school day. We have great procedures in place but also ask for your patience and awareness when driving through the lot. There is no way to expedite our lot procedures with the volume of cars between 7:30 – 7:50 am and 3:15 – 3:30 pm. We do ask the following in the parking lot:

- Maintain a speed of 5 mph at all times.
- Do not stop in the Fire Lane in the morning to unpack gear or supplies.
- Only exit the vehicle curbside.
- Do not attempt to drive through the cones, one lane of traffic is provided to ensure student and parent safety.
- When entering the building from the parking lot, use the crosswalk at the front entrance.
- If you park in the Fire Lane in the afternoon, you have to remain in your car at all times. You may not leave the car to walk to the lower school pick up and back. We have to be able to clear the Fire Lane immediately in the event of an emergency.
- At all times, remain patient and look for students; the parking lot is always completely empty by 8:00 am in the morning and 3:30 pm in the afternoon.

BOCES Board Meet and Greet

On Tuesday, August 21, 2018, our school board will be conducting a workshop to kick-off the school year. Our Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) is composed of elected officials from each partner district and the Public Education and Business Coalition (PEBC). As a part of our workshop, each member of the BOCES will join our students and families at drop off from 7:30 am to 7:45 am. Feel free to stop by and meet one of our amazing board members before they join our students in class.

Sincerely,

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