Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning
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Executive Director Communication

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Dear RMSEL Parent Community,

I want to take this opportunity to clarify any questions regarding the use of Google Classroom as a school-based tool for communication. Every student is a registered member of the RMSEL Google Classroom suite of tools. Every parent is attached to each student as his/her Guardian. As the guardian, you should have received an invitation to accept your son/daughter. You only have to accept this invitation one time. Upon accepting, you have the option of daily or weekly notification; we recommend the selection of daily as you will never miss an announcement. Once you select the invitation you will receive information from every teacher in one summary message. Teachers use this tool to post Announcements; when an Announcement is posted it will automatically show up in the daily/weekly feed to the Guardian. In the event the teacher needs to communicate with an attachment, such as a supplemental permission slip for fieldwork, the teacher can email all guardians which is a bbc: email with the attachment. You do not need to access Google Classroom as your son/daughter with their individual account, but you are welcome to do so as a parent with the understanding this may add a layer of unnecessary confusion to the communication practice. If you need any help making sure you are receiving information, please contact Elizabeth Spruill (espruill@rmsel.org) and/or Sarah Mullaney (smullaney@rmsel.org) and they can assist you.

Lower School K-5 Upcoming Crew Trip Season

We are excited that our middle school and high school students have all completed their first crew trips of the season. This means that Lower School Crew Trip Season is upon us! The fall in Colorado is one of the most incredible seasons to explore with comfortable daytime temperatures and nightly conditions in the 40s. This time of year can also be unpredictable with rain and even the surprise snow shower. Lower School teachers are sending home information about the upcoming trip almost daily, please dig through the gear list to ensure that your son/daughter has a great fall trip. If you have any questions do not hesitate at this point to send your teacher an email and speak to them in person at conferences. I am excited for our next group of students to be exploring.

Athletics and Activities

Fall sports season is upon us with soccer, volleyball, cross country, and mountain biking all taking to the field and trail! I want to introduce Lindsay Emery who will serve as the RMSEL Athletic Director for the 2018-2019 school year. Lindsay has worked at RMSEL for the past four years as
an intern, AVID teacher, learning specialist, and high school crew leader. We are excited for her to lead our program this school year. If you have any questions regarding school athletics and/or activities, do not hesitate to contact Lindsay (ad@rmsel.org).

Conferences

As an additional reminder, Conferences are scheduled for next week; you should have a date and time from your teacher at this time. We look forward to seeing you next week to celebrate progress at this point during the school year.

Thursday, September 20, 2018 – 12:00-3:30 pm
Friday, September 21, 2018 – 7:30-3:30 pm

Chat with Chad – Revised Date

Last week I published the wrong date for the second Chat with Chad. The correct dates are:

September 17, 2018 – Crew Trips, Fieldwork, and Fitness

December 10, 2018 – Student Achievement and Progress Reports – Correction

February 11, 2019 – RMSEL Student Portfolio Process

April 8, 2019 – Summer Projects

In closure, this is always a challenging week of solitude and reflection as we remember the tragic events that struck American soil on September 11, 2001 as well as those that served and continue to serve to protect us on a daily basis. Adults, we vividly remember this day as it will forever be etched into our mind as it is now a part of our history. Throughout this week, pause, reflect, and reach out to thank a member of our community that serves as first responder and/or member of our military. When we act graciously, we model this for our students and our own children, our actions will always speak louder than words.

Sincerely,

Chad