



FIELD NOTES

September 10, 2025

Tiffany's Corner

Click [here](#) to access Tiffany's latest communication to RMSEL parents. These communications are posted to RMSEL's website, under the News link on the home page.

Important Dates

- **Sept 11** DAC Meeting RM 201 **3:45 -4 :45 AM**
- **Sept 17-24** Book Fair at The Bookies
- **Sept 18** Half Day Conferences with early dismissal at **11:35 AM**
- **Sept 19 NO SCHOOL** - Full Day of Conferences
- **Sept 19** Lost and found clearout
- **Sept 29** Dining Night Out at Ester's **4 PM--8 PM**
- **Oct 1** Pancake Breakfast **7:30 AM- 8:30 AM**
- **Oct 3** Fun Run
- **Oct 3-** PTSC meeting, room 201 **8-9am**

Medication Deadline

In order to have adequate time for preparation of student medications and paperwork for crew trips, the following deadlines have been established for turning in medications for trips to the office. Please remember that all medication requires a completed and signed (by the physician) medication form. Medication must be in the **original, labeled container, with the student's name, dosage instructions, and expiration date**. Medications cannot be accepted after the stated deadline.



- **Sep 5** Grades 4-5 – **PAST DUE**
- **Sep 19** Grades K-1

RMSEL Office Hours

The RMSEL office is open daily from **7:30 am and closes at 3:30 pm**. All visitors to the campus must ring the doorbell for access and present a driver's license for identification at the office.



Middle School Sports Fall Sports

Season

RMSEL Sports This Week

Athletics is looking for a Cheerleading/Dance Coach reach out to ad@rmsel.org with any questions.



Boys Soccer

Practice:

- **NO PRACTICE THIS WEEK**

Games:

Tues 9/16 @ RMSEL v Legacy Blue 4:30 PM

Thurs 9/18 @ RMSEL v SEC 4:30 PM

Girls Volleyball

Practice: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 3:20-4:30 pm and Tuesday, 3:20–5:10 PM. Attend academic support first if needed, then join practice.

Games:

Thu 9/11 @ RMSEL v Legacy

Varsity game starts at 4:30 and JV follows

Cross Country

Practice: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 3:20–4:30 PM.

Upcoming Meet: Slavens Invitational **9/12**. Races start at 4:00pm with 6th Grade Boys.

Location of Meet: Harvard Gulch Park, 660 E. Iliff Ave, Denver, CO. **Race Times:** Friday September 12th, 4:00 Start of 6th grade boys race, 4:05 Start of 6th grade girls race, 4:25 Start of girls A race, 4:30 Start of boys B race, 4:50 Start of boys A race, 4:55 Start of girls B race, 5:15 Awards.

Look for the RMSEL tent in the middle of the park for the team.



Media Day Schedule:

Girls Volleyball: Tues, Sept 23, 3:30–4:45 PM Please make sure players have uniform for this day

Boys Soccer: Tues, Sept 23, 4:45–6:00 PM Please make sure players have uniform for this day

Student-Led Conferences

The first round of student-led conferences is scheduled for **Thursday 18** and **Friday 19 September**. On **Thursday 18th** school will be dismissed at 11:35 am and conferences will run through the afternoon. **Friday 19th** is a full day of conferences. Please look for an email from your crew leader to sign up for a time slot.

The K-12 Carnival last weekend was a HUGE success! We covered all of our expenses, and were able to roll over additional funds of almost \$3000 into the PTSC annual fundraising goal of \$120,000 this year. A huge THANK YOU to the volunteers who gave us their time, and to the families that dropped off donations, or let us borrow tables and tents. We couldn't have done it without you! Make sure to log your volunteer hours HERE, if you haven't ready!

RMSEL Clubs

Today we are distributing information packets for the Kindness Club and Student Government. Students can pick up their packets from the wooden paper holder by the front office.

- The Kindness Club packets are **yellow**.
- The Student Government packets are **blue**.

Please note the cost for participation is \$150 per semester, and students will need to re-register each semester. Registration is due by 09/10/25.

Student Government will only accept 2 representatives from each grade (6-12). Interested students must apply and participate in an interview to become representatives.

If you have any questions:

For **Kindness Club**, please contact Melanie Wheeler or Dani Speed First meeting is **Thursday 09/11**

For **Student Government**, please contact Graham Brewer.

Student Attendance

You may email **Jessica Ceder** jceder@rmsel.org with any concerns about attendance. If your child is absent from school, you may call the attendance line no later than 8:30 am, at **303-759-2076** and **press "1"** to notify the office, or email Jessica. Unverified absences will be marked as unexcused.

Digital Directory

This year's digital directory includes contact information for families who opted in during registration. If you pre-paid for the digital registration, you'll receive it by email on Friday. If you didn't order the directory but would like access, please email kwheeler@rmsel.org. The cost is \$3.

Book Fair



BOOK FAIR NEXT WEEK

Where- The Bookies Store 2085 South Holly St

When- September **17-24**

How- Mention "RMSEL" at checkout, or shop online at thebookies.com, enter "RMSEL" as the promo code. **15% of your total purchase on all merchandise will come back to RMSEL!** Includes books, games, toys and more! Don't forget to shop teacher wish lists! Shop local and help foster a love of reading for your child (and yourself!).



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RMSEL needs volunteers and you need hours!

Come have fun with your kiddos and our amazing community! Create those memories for a lifetime! Please click [HERE](#), create a login and then get background clearance info, bus certification info and learn about all the amazing volunteer opportunities for BOTH parents and students.

Please reach out to rmselptsc@gmail.com with any questions.

Bagel Sign-Up is Back! We need volunteers to run bagels from Einstein's to the staff lounge, as well as providing cream cheese and cleaning up at the end of the week. To sign up, click [here](#).



Dining Night Out

DINING NIGHT OUT
FUNDRAISER WITH ESTERS NEIGHBORHOOD PUB
MONDAY, SEPT 29
4-8 PM

Help raise funds for RMSEL while enjoying a night out with your family. **20% of all proceeds from the evening come back to RMSEL.** 4-8 PM Dine in or carry out. South Holly St. location only. Mention to your server that you are in with RMSEL fundraiser.

Esters
EST. 2015 - DENVER, CO

1950 S. Holly
Denver, CO 80222

Service Hours Reminder



K-8 students = 10 service hours per year
9-12 students = 20 service hours per year
Families = 20 service hours per year
Families- log your hours [HERE](#)

Need ways to earn those hours? Look [HERE](#)



Thank you to everyone who already donated to our Teacher Appreciation Fund! We are still collecting funds!



Click [HERE](#) or scan to donate.

Fundraising



The PTSC Fundraising Committee is excited to partner with the RMSEL community this year to make our school even better! Tiffany & Co. have identified four fundraising priorities for the year:

- Strengthening the Expeditionary Learning model through additional teacher training and professional development

"We are crew, not passengers!"



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- Purchasing a new gear van
- Funding a teacher grant pool that gives RMSEL educators resources to be creative and innovative
- Investing in the “look and feel” of the RMSEL building so our kids have a positive environment to learn in every day

You'll have lots of opportunities to contribute throughout the year. You can also make a one-time donation and sign up for monthly contributions here:



Crew Trip Chaperone Meal Signup:

RMSEL has a longstanding tradition of providing meals for our incredible crew leaders, chaperones, and wilderness first responders (WFRs) upon return from a crew trip as tokens of appreciation. Each adult receives gift cards to one of their favorite restaurants or food stores and favorite beverages.

If you'd like to help, please sign up

[HERE](#) for 2-3 Crew Trip

[HERE](#) for 1/5 Trip

RMSEL Fun Run



Mark your Calendar! The K-12 Fun Run is happening October 3!

Details will be sent home the week of Sep 17.

Volunteer and Bus Driver Certification

All RMSEL volunteers must go through a background screening that includes fingerprint processing through the CBI and FBI. Fingerprinting only has to be done one time; it does not have to be renewed annually. You may access the Volunteer Packet at this [link](#) on our website. Bus driver certification is required before volunteers may

drive RMSEL vehicles for trips. Bus Certification lasts for three years. Information for getting bus driver certification is included in the volunteer packet.

To complete your volunteer packet:

- Submit your fingerprint / background check
- Complete the volunteer packet paperwork

To be bus certified you must also complete these steps.

- Take the online bus driving tests
- Sign up for the road test

If you have any questions, please contact the office at (303)759-2076.

2175 S. Jasmine St. is the best location for finger printing

We need your help! Let's shower our RMSEL staff on **9/18 (snacks)** and **9/19 (collecting donations for a catered lunch)** during student-led conferences. **See Sign Up Genius for options [HERE](#).**



Volunteer Hours

Please use this [form](#) to log your volunteer hours for RMSEL. Add an entry each time you volunteer so we can accumulate an itemized record of each family's hours, and the overall community's service hours. As a reminder, each family is asked to give 20 hours per family annually. Thank you for modeling the Expeditionary Learning design principles of service and compassion for our students.

Clothing Donation Bin at RMSEL

85% of textile waste ends up in landfills, which equates to an astounding 22+ BILLION POUNDS of unnecessary dumping of clothes, shoes, and textiles into landfills each year. You can donate textiles (sheets, blankets, clothes, backpacks, jackets, stuffed animals, shoes, tablecloths, towels, purses, bags, etc.) Items should be bagged and dropped in our clothes bin located near the west end of the parking lot.

Lost & Found Update

Missing items? Check out the lost & found area located at the bottom of the stairwell to the left of the main door. The lost & found area is emptied prior to every

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school break or long weekend. Here are the clean out dates for the remainder of the school year:

Sep 19th (after conferences), Oct 10th, Oct 31st, November 21st, December 19th, January 16th , January 30th, February 20th (after conferences) March 20th, April 17th, May 8th and May 19th.

New Address or Email?

If you have recently moved or changed your preferred email address, please notify the office of the change. New addresses require a new proof of residency, usually a copy of a utility or water bill. Updating your email address is critical since the majority of RMSEL's parent communications take place via email blasts. Please email Kandace Wheeler kwheeler@rmsel.org

Belay Fund

At RMSEL, we are aware that a variety of factors, combined with changes in the economic climate, can cause financial difficulties for families. Expenses that might contribute to hardship include the fieldwork and landmark trip fees at RMSEL.

No child should ever be denied access to RMSEL's program because of financial constraints. We are fortunate to have families in our community who have both the means and the heart to provide support for students in this situation. This relationship is formalized through the RMSEL Belay Fund.

As those of you who have some experience in rock climbing know, when you are climbing, there are others who are on the ground handling your safety line.

These folks are "on belay" for you. Our Belay Fund is available to provide some financial support for families who need it.

Please click [here](#) to learn how to apply for Belay Fund scholarships or donate to the Belay Fund.

My RMSEL Experience

Please complete this [short questionnaire](#) if you would like to share your RMSEL experiences for marketing purposes. Your quotes will be shared through our brochures and on our website to spread the word about the magic of RMSEL.

RMSEL Spirit Wear Online Store

Our online spirit wear store is open! Click [here](#) to shop the store. You'll find everything from t-shirts and hoodies to crew trip essentials. New items and designs will be added monthly, so check back often.

All items are shipped directly to customers, and RMSEL receives a portion of every sale. Nalgene water bottles may be purchased from Natalie in the office, and are \$13 each.