



December 3 , 2025

FIELD NOTES

"We are crew, not passengers!"



IMPORTANT DATES

- Europe Info meeting- Dec 3
- Colorado Gives Day- Dec 9
- "Into the Wonderdome"- Dec 9, 5-6:30pm
- K-6 Exhibition Night- Dec 11, 5:30-7pm
- Middle School Dance- Dec 12
- Birdcall Dine Out- Dec 15
- 7-12 Exhibition Night- Dec 17, 5:30-7pm
- Winter Reflection - no school for students, 12/22-1/2

Tiff's Riffs

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

Colorado Gives

Colorado Gives Day is a 24-hour online fundraising event that encourages donations to Colorado nonprofits. Held annually on the first Tuesday in December, it is the state's largest day of giving, with the goal of uniting Coloradans to support causes and make a significant impact. During the event, donations made through [ColoradoGives.org](https://coloradogives.org) are boosted by a proportional "Incentive Fund," which is a pool of money that **multiplies the value of each donation. On December 9, please consider making a tax deductible donation that by searching "Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning."** Reoccurring donations of any amount can be set up and you can make a donation now!

Crew News and Highlights

Attention Families of Students Currently in 5th-7th Grades!

A quick friendly reminder – our informational meeting for the Paris, Lucerne region and Munich trip is almost here, and I'd love to see you there! This is a wonderful opportunity to learn how this trip could be a transformative experience for your child, and I don't want you to miss out. **The meeting will be held December 3 at 5:30 in Haley's room.**


Please note: This will be the last communication about this opportunity, please register to learn more if you are interested!

Register [here](#) to join us. I cannot wait to tell you more about this trip of a lifetime!

Haley

RMSEL Ripple Effect this week:

- Kindness Club has a big week! Students assembled Holiday Cookie kits that are available for sale through Jessica Vargas for \$10. All sales will help fund more Kindness from the Kindness Club! See the flyer at the bottom of field notes for an example of the kits for sale!
- 4th/5th Grade held a bake sale last week and raised over \$400 dollars that will be donated to Big Bones Canine Rescue
- Kindergarten is going to City Park to clean up trash while exploring for Expedition on Friday!

Small acts of kindness that make the world a better place 


2nd/3rd grade is hoping to acquire 55 decks of playing cards for an upcoming service project. If you are able, please drop off in Allie's classroom. Your support is greatly appreciated!



"Into The Wonderdome"

Step inside imagination itself – in this **immersive art experience** by the **student artists** of RMSEL's **Genius Lab**.

Join us for snacks and conversation as the creators share the stories behind their installations.



Date: Tuesday, December 9th
Time: 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Place: The Rainbow Dome:
1660 N Federal Blvd, Denver, 80204

School-Wide Events and Updates

Mark your calendar: Exhibition Night!

Join us for a RMSEL tradition, and opportunity for our whole building to showcase the learning that has happened throughout the first semester.

More details coming soon.

K-6, December 11 from 5:30pm - 7pm

7-12, December 17 from 5:30pm - 7pm

We encourage you to take a look at what is happening in your own child's class, but also throughout the building.



The Teacher Appreciation Committee is collecting funds for the off-site staff Holiday party. If you would like to contribute, please click [HERE](#)

Holiday Giving for Teachers/Staff



Who: RMSEL Families

What: Giving to RMSEL Staff to show our appreciation for all they do

When: Monday, November 10th - Friday, December 12th

Where: You will find all electronic giving links for teachers and building support staff [HERE](#)

FAQ: on holiday giving [HERE](#)

Favorite Things Lists: [HERE](#)

Middle School Dance

Theme: Hollywood Red Carpet (ft. DJ Niloc)

When: Friday December 12th 6-9pm

Where: RMSEL Gym

Cost: \$20 (please see our enrollment coordinator Jessica Vargas for payment.

Deadline Wednesday December 10th)

No non-RMSEL guests allowed

Snacks and Drinks will be provided.

Phone policy - [HERE](#)

Volunteer donations and sign ups [HERE](#)

Attention Parents of 8th Graders

Are you curious if RMSEL High School might be a good fit for your child? Email Eball@rmsel.org to schedule a shadow day. Questions? Email ptsc@rmsel.org.

Do you love to plan parties?

Are you good at getting items donated? If so, [consider joining our Auction Event committee!](#) Email us ptsc@rmsel.org. We are in the beginning stages of planning and could use more help.

Mark your calendar for RMSEL's largest Fundraiser **March 7, 2026**.

Help us, help you.

Consider ordering clothing and item stickers from oliverslabels.com/rmsel. We will return every single item that has a legible name on it that ends up in lost and found. A shocking number of items have no identification on them at all, and sometimes names are written but aren't legible.

Sign-Ups

We need Help!



iReady Proctors Needed

Sign up [HERE](#) to help with 1 hour assessment blocks



Crosswalk Duty

Sign up [HERE](#) to help kids safely cross the street before and after school.



Middle School Dance Volunteers

Sign up [HERE](#) to help with food, decorations or a time slot.



Do you have landscape connections? If so, we are looking for a donation of 32 cubic feet of potting soil to fill our new planter boxes out front. Please email ptsc@rmsel.org.

Bagel Sign-Up



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](#).

RMSEL Athletics

Boys Basketball

General Practice Schedule

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 3:15-4:30 PM.

This Friday practice is optional but highly encouraged from 6:00 am-7:00 am.

Games this week:

Thursday 12/4 AWAY GAME at World Compass Academy Varsity start time at 4:30 JV start time at 5:30

Tournament Send off Jamboree on 12/5 family vs player game at 3:30-4:00 pot luck follows.

Tournament Dates:

Varsity Round 1
12/9
JV Round 1 12/10
Varsity Round 2
12/11
JV Round 2 12/15
Varsity Final 12/16
JV Final 12/17



Tournament locations are TBD. Higher seed hosts tournament games

KIDS SKI FREE WEEK

DECEMBER 6 - 12



Did you know kids under 12 ski free December 6-12 at A-Basin? Click [here](#) to get your free lift tickets!

RMSEL Bits and Pieces

- [Building hours](#)
- [Attendance](#)
- [Belay Fund](#)
- [Email changes](#)
- [Fundraising links](#)
- [Volunteer and Bus Certification](#)
- [Order a yard sign](#)
- [Lost and Found Information](#)
- [Clothing Donation Bin](#)
- [Digital Directory](#)
- [Service Hours](#)
- [PTSC website and links](#)
- [Order clothing labels](#)

🐝 Spelling Bee Winners! 🐝

Congratulations to the crew bee winners who are moving on to the school-wide bee to be held on Monday, January 12th in the Community Room from 8:30 to 11:00. Families are invited.

3rd Grade Winners: Shirley S., Hannah J., Daxton W., Calvin L.

4th/5th Winners: Ari I., Amelia P., Kendrick T., Wilson K. Evelyn L., Addie B., Abby J., Ana D.

6th Grade Winners: Adam M., Avery P., Gavin S., Michael B., Eby H., Mei P., Jack O., Ellis K.

7th/8th Grade Winners: Creston B., Emilia B., Owen R., Rocco B., Everett M., Isaac S., Lucian C-S., Owen J., Sawyer S., Jared C., Evan L., Elijah L., Kahleah W., Simone E., Adon A., Charlie C.



The poster features a red banner at the top with the text "Kindness Club Holiday Fundraiser" in a cursive font. Below the banner is a photograph of two cookie baking packs. The left pack is red and labeled "WINTER WONDERLAND COOKIE CUT OUTS INCLUDED IN THIS PACK!". The right pack is blue and labeled "HANUKKAH COOKIE CUT OUTS INCLUDED IN THIS PACK!". The packs are decorated with festive items like a reindeer, a menorah, and a dreidel. The background of the poster is white with red and green borders. At the bottom, there are two yellow callout boxes with text. The left box says "Purchase your baking pack from Melanie Wheeler or any Kindness Club member. melaniewheeler@rmsel.org". The right box says "Or Jessica Vargas in the Enrollment office".

*Kindness Club
Holiday Fundraiser*

\$10 FOR A ROLL OUT SUGAR COOKIE BAKING PACK IN THE THEME OF WINTER WONDERLAND OR HANUKKAH WITH COOKIE CUTTERS

ON SALE FROM 12/4 WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

*Purchase your baking pack from Melanie Wheeler or any Kindness Club member.
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Or Jessica Vargas in the Enrollment office