

FIELD NOTES

April 9, 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

- **Apr 14 No YMCA Services**
- **Apr 14** Dining Out Fundraiser at Chipotle 4-8 pm
- **Apr 14-17** Teacher Appreciation week
- **Apr 17 No school for 12th Grade**
- **Apr 17 High School Prom**
- **Apr 18** Staff Retreat, **NO SCHOOL**
- **Apr 19** Earth Day Park Clean Up
- **Apr 22** BOCES Meeting RM 201
- **Apr 24** DAC Meeting Rm 201 3:45-4:45 PM
- **Apr 30** HS SLED Talk 5:30 PM, **All welcome**
- **May 2** PTSC meeting
- **May 2** Passage ready conferences **NO SCHOOL**
- **May 12** Kid's Fun Run
- **May 19** Kindness Club fieldwork and final meeting

YMCA

The YMCA is **closed** and services are not available at RMSEL on **Apr 14**.

Upcoming Spring State Assessments Dates

- **Apr 10-11** 5th & 8th Grade CMAS: Science
- **Apr 17** 9th/10th PSAT & 11th SAT (**No School for 12th Grade**)
- **Apr 21-24** 6th Grade CMAS: ELA & Math

Please refrain from scheduling appointments, late arrival, and/or early dismissal during your child's testing dates if possible. We do provide make-up assessment sessions for students when they are ill or unable to attend due to an emergency.

Parent/guardian request for exemption:

In accordance with [policy IKA](#), the parent/guardian of a student enrolled in RMSEL may request that his or her child be exempt from participating in one or more state assessments.

1) The request for exemption must be submitted in writing to Lindsay Emery - District Assessment Coordinator.

2) The parent/guardian will not be required to state the reason for asking for the exemption.

3) The request for exemption may apply to all or specific

state assessments administered to the student during the school year.

4) A request for exemption will be valid for one school year. Requests for exemption from state assessments in subsequent school years require a new written request.

5) Parents/guardians are required to submit their requests for exemption two weeks prior to an assessment window to access an alternative educational activity on campus.

If you have questions about the spring state assessments, please contact Lindsay Emery, at lemery@rmcel.org or 303-759-2076 x2227.

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.

- **Apr 11** Grades 7/8
- **Apr 18** Grades 2/3
- **Apr 25** Grades 4/5
- **May 2** Grades K/1

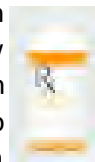
Passage Panels: Celebrating Our Students

Each year, RMSEL students in grades 3, 5, 8, 10, and 12 participate in a portfolio review and passage panel process. It takes 110 volunteers plus 30 staff members to create this authentic experience and celebrate students. **We are still in need of 50 volunteers to participate on panels and engage with students.**

Passage panels are a two-day commitment: a Portfolio Reading Day paired with a Portfolio Presentation Day. Below is the schedule for this year's process:

- **Fri May 9:** Senior Reading Day
- **Fri May 16:** Senior Presentation Day
- **Sat May 10:** Reading Day for grades 3, 5, 8, 10
- **Wed May 21:** Presentation Day for grades 3, 5
- **Thur May 22:** Presentation Day for grades 8, 10

If you are interested in serving on a passage panel or would like more information, email [Margaret](#) or [Lindsay](#).



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Vision and Hearing Screening

Students will have vision and hearing screenings on **4/22** and **4/23**. The 7th and 8th grade crews will be on their Crew Trips; therefore, our nurse, Mary Markle, will work with the 7/8 team to determine a date to complete their screenings. To opt your child out of the vision and hearing screenings, please complete this [form](#) and email it to m_markle@dpsk12.net.

High School Prom

We are thrilled to offer this year's disco-themed prom on **April 17th** including pizza, drinks, desserts, live entertainment, and more. Parent sign-up genius coming next week. Buy your tickets for \$40 by **April 4th**.



Team Max

Sales start on **March 10th**
Purchase bracelets from Natalie

Front Back

TEAM MAX **We Are Crew**

Get your TEAM MAX bracelet today!
Adult and Youth Sizes Available

\$3 each OR 2 for \$5

All proceeds go to support Max and his family

Service Opportunity

Celebrate and take action for Earth Day. The 8th Annual South Platte Renew River Clean-Up is on April 26th. Sign up [here](#).

Global Doing Good/ The Benjamin Project

Global Doing Good /The Benjamin Project has generously donated Gift Cards for Good. Any student K-12 who is interested in receiving \$100 to support service learning is encouraged to participate in The Benjamin Project. It's easy to apply: students interested should be those who are motivated to help others and can complete their own service, with some help from their families, if needed. Melanie Wheeler will support students with registration and answer any questions that you may have. The final day to send in an inquiry to Melanie is **April 12th**. We have just a few Gift Cards left. Contact melaniewheeler@rmsel.org with your interest.

K-8 Yearbook Order Deadlines

Yearbook orders will be based on the presale, so buy yours now! K-8 presale ends on **May 2nd**. K-8 yearbooks are \$15 each. You may pre-order yours by bringing payment to Natalie. Many parents ordered during online registration; if you aren't sure if you ordered then, please contact Natalie at nnewton@rmsel.org for confirmation. If you have any other questions, please see Elizabeth or e-mail her at espruill@rmsel.org.

RMSEL artists of all ages are represented at...



Curtis Center for the Arts

2349 E Orchard Road Greenwood Village, CO 80121

Youth Art Month Exhibit
April 12 to May 3, 2025

Curtis Center is thrilled to announce the return of Youth Art Month! Students from several participating area schools submitted their artwork for inclusion in this special annual exhibition, which aims to showcase the talents of local young artists.

At RMSEL we are proud to exhibit the art of:

Whit B., Killian H., Amelia H., Jack K., William J., Caroline B., Juniper B., Norah D., Clyfford, Marie M., Amelia P., Cordelia S., Gwen C., Gwen D., Lilah C., Henry W.F., Corrina C., Chloe S., Addison T., Evelyn L., Gus C., Lydia T., Miriam D., Adam C., Meloee M., Lydia H., Simone E., Eli C., Isaac S., Adon A., Yara M., Madison B., Jeremy M., and Andrew J.


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PTSC





Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week April 14-18


Below is what the Teacher Appreciation Committee has planned for the week to show our teachers and staff how much we love and appreciate all that they do! **Please be sure to have your child write notes for Wednesday!**

 **Monday, 4/14** – We're kicking off the week with a special token of appreciation gifted to each teacher on behalf of all families.

 **Tuesday, 4/15** – Teachers and staff will enjoy a provided lunch—a delicious way to say thank you!

 **Wednesday, 4/16** – Teacher Appreciation Notes Day! Please have your child bring in notes, cards, or artwork to share their gratitude. We've attached a template for inspiration, or feel free to create your own! Please don't forget our admin and special service providers! (Link to [Staff List](#))

 **Thursday, 4/17** – Chair Massage Day! Our hardworking teachers and staff will be treated to relaxing onsite chair massages.

 **Friday, 4/18** – A Chipotle-catered lunch will be provided at their off-site retreat—a perfect way to wrap up the week!

Family Service Opportunity!

Are you looking for something to do with your family this Earth Day? RMSEL will be gathering at Garland park on April 19th from

9am-noonish to help clean up the park and that section of Cherry Creek. Meet us in the baseball parking lot. Wear RMSEL shirts if you have them! Please bring trash bags and gloves. Email questions to our Sustainability committee at

Heather.m.hector@gmail.com. We'd love to see how much your family collects and/or the weirdest piece of trash you find! Please use the email above to share how you helped celebrate our beautiful planet. **Adult supervision requested. Please do not just drop off your child.**



Thank you to all those who participated in our Auction "Together We Thrive in 2025," and **special thanks to Carolynne, Cathy, Allyson, and Randa** for all of the thoughtful planning and time that went in to making it all happen. It was truly a night to remember. We were able to raise **over \$32,000!**

We need YOU

The PTSC is committed to becoming our own 501c(3) non-profit for next year. In order to do so, we are looking to fill two roles for the 2025-26 school year. Seeking a **Treasure** (must feel confident in management of financial books), and **Vice-Chair** (will be in a "learning" role for 25-26, and then would take over as Chair for 26-27). If you are interested or have questions, please reach out to Ruthie at ptsc@rmsel.org or click [here](#) for more details.



We have currently raised almost **\$1600** from Dine Outs this year! Mark your calendar to join us for our **final Dine Out at Chipotle on Monday April 14 from 4-8** at the 820 S Monaco Parkway location. Mention RMSEL at check out for 25% of proceeds to come back to RMSEL! Dine in and carry out (code WN2A8E7 for online orders).

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PTSC Fundraising

Did you know there are many ways to help RMSEL in reaching our fundraising goals?

Here are a few:

- Shop at King Soopers and designate RMSEL as your Community Rewards beneficiary. [Here's how](#).
- Become a Corporate Sponsor like Esters, Closet Factory, and Stream Realty! You can support RMSEL and build visibility for your business in the community. See our sponsorship tiers [here](#), and contact PTSC@RMSEL.org with questions.



Volunteer

If you are interested in volunteering or getting bus driver certification, [click this link](#) for the information for the fingerprint process. This is the only way to get background clearance for volunteering. It also includes the steps, after getting background clearance, for getting bus driver certification. If you have any questions, please contact the office at (303)759-2076.

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 school break or long weekend. Here are the clean out dates for the remainder of the school year: **Apr 11**, May 1, May 20.

RMSEL Office Hours

The RMSEL office is open daily from 7:30 am until 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.



Student Attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the attendance line at 303-759-2076 and press "1" no later than 8:30 am to notify the office. Unverified absences will be marked as unexcused. Please remind your student to check in at the office if they come to school late or return from an appointment so their attendance can be updated.

Spring Crew Trip Gear Lists

Check out the Spring [Crew Trip 2025 Gear Lists](#). Use these lists to prepare for the Spring Crew Trip season

Clothing Donation Bin at RMSEL

85% of textile waste ends up in landfills occupying unnecessary landfill space, which equates to an astounding 22+ BILLION POUNDS of unnecessary dumping of clothes, shoes, and textiles into landfills each year. The Clothes Bin® Textile Recycling program offers schools and organizations an opportunity to increase educational awareness of textile recycling, convenience to students, parents, and neighbors who have materials they will not use, and raises money for our school.

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 front of the building. RMSEL receives \$1 per pound of clothes donated. **In February our community donated 25 bags with a return of \$21.16 to RMSEL.**

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.

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.

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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.

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. For volunteer opportunities click here: <https://www.rmselftsc.com/volunteer-committee>.

Opportunities are updated weekly, so check back frequently!

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.

Parking

This is a friendly reminder that the 6 eastern-most parking spots (near the flagpole) are traditionally reserved for the school administration team. Parking along the fence is reserved for staff parking and buses. Our auction winners who purchased spots (designated by “reserved” signage adjacent to the building) appreciate your cooperation in observing these reserved areas. The remaining spaces are open to families and students. Thank you!

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 Natalie at nnewton@rmselftsc.org.

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