



Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning

"As a K-12 community, the mission of the Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning (RMSEL) is to empower students and staff to be learners, thinkers, citizens, and explorers engaged in and inspired by the real world. We are crew, not passengers."

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Dear RMSEL Community,

Thank you so much for your donations to our annual Fun Run and to those of you joined PTSC for the community service event last Saturday. This community impresses me continuously with your dedication to the Expeditionary Learning Design Principles of service and compassion. Additionally, last week several of our high school students joined Eric Dinkel and Erich Ball on a service trip to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. These students represented RMSEL with compassion, collaboration, and purpose, embodying our commitment to contributing to a better world.

On Monday we sent off our kindergarten and first grade on the final fall crew trip of the season—milestone adventures in courage, curiosity, and community. These experiences, from our youngest learners to our oldest, remind us that learning happens through doing, reflecting, and connecting.

In crew, Tiffany Almon (she, her, hers, and why they matter)
Executive Director

Leave No Trace

Please encourage your child to embody the leave no trace principles at home, at school, and in their communities by cleaning up after themselves and contributing to household chores. All teachers assign classroom jobs to instill ownership and pride over the learning spaces we provide at RMSEL; however, we are noticing an uptick in hallway and playground trash. We will continue to remind our students of our Character Values and Leave No Trace principles, but we need your support at home reinforcing this messaging.

High School Task Force

We are looking to increase enrollment at the high school level by highlighting the incredible experiences our high school students engage in every day. If you are interested in joining our High School Task Force and have talents and skills that will help us document, market, and celebrate our phenomenal high school, please contact the PTSC at ptsc@rmisel.org.

Dog for Adoption

A RMSEL family is looking for someone to foster/adopt their 9 year old dog who they can no longer care for. Bear is a corgi/husky mix who suffers from anxiety, but with current medications is living his best life. He is fully vaccinated, great with kids and full of love. If you are interested in learning more and have the capacity to care for one of the sweetest dogs, please reach out to Rachel at 720-935-7078.

Halloween/Fall Celebration Expectations and Details

The Fall Harvest Celebration and Parade will be held from 2:30 - 3:00 on the 31st of October. Celebrations can occur in the classroom from 2 - 2:30 if a teacher chooses to have one, snacks at celebrations will be healthy choices. Parents are welcome to be outside on the blacktop for the parade, but need a visitor's pass if they are inside the building. Trunk or Treat Street is from 4:30 to 5:30 on 10/29.

Healthy Kids Colorado Survey for 7th - 12th Grade

During the week of 10/27/25 our 7th through 12th grade students will take the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey (HKCS), an important survey about student health. The survey asks students about health topics including unintentional injuries and violence; mental health; school safety; substance use; physical activity and nutrition; sexual behavior (optional); and risk and protective factors.

Students do not have to take the survey. The survey takes no longer than one class period to complete. The survey process protects your student's privacy, and no information is collected that can identify an individual student. Only your child will know how they answer. Students do not get school credit for taking the survey, and there is no penalty for not taking the survey.

The survey results will help your school, community groups, and state health agencies to plan programs and services for youth. The survey is supported by the Colorado Departments of Public Health & Environment, Education, Public Safety, the Behavioral Health Administration, and the Attorney General's Office, and is administered by the Colorado School of Public Health every other year. This project has been approved by your school district and the Colorado Multiple Institutional Review Board (COMIRB).

Students receive the survey during class time and are instructed to answer the questions or skip any question they don't understand or don't feel comfortable answering. Students who are not completing the survey do other schoolwork during the survey time. We encourage you to discuss the survey with your child and share your views on their choice to participate. For more information about the study, please visit our website at <http://www.healthykidscolo.org> or call the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey Director, Dr. Ashley Brooks-Russell, at 303-724-8437. For questions regarding IRB approval, please contact COMIRB at 303-724-1055.

To view a copy of your school district's survey, please visit:

- High school survey: <https://bit.ly/HKCS-HS-English-25>
- Middle school survey: <https://bit.ly/HKCS-MS-English-25>

To opt your child out of the Healthy Kids CO Survey click [here](#) and complete this short form by 10/10/25.