



FIELD NOTES

August 20, 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

- **Aug 21** Ask a Crew Parent **3-6 pm**
- **Aug 21** DAC Meeting RM 201 **3:45 pm - 4:45 pm**
- **Aug 22** MS Fall Sport Meeting **4:30pm-4:50 pm**
- **Aug 25** 7/8 Crew Trip
- **Aug 29** Lost and Found Clean Out
- **Sept 1** Labor Day - No School
- **Sept 4** Open House **8 am**
- **Sept 4** Picture Day
- **Sept 5** PTSC Meeting, **8-9 am**
- **Sept 5** RMSEL Carnival, **5-8 pm**
- **Sept 7** 6 th Grade Crew Trip
- **Sept 11** DAC Meeting RM 201 **3:45 -4 :45 pm**
- **Sept 17** Half Day Conferences/Book Fair
- **Sept 18** Full Day Conferences/ Book Fair

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.



- **Aug 22** Grade 6
- **Aug 29** Grades 2-3
- **Sep 5** Grades 4-5
- **Sep 19** Grades K-1

Middle School Sports

Boy's Soccer is **FULL** and no longer taking registration forms. **We need people for Ultimate Frisbee!** Your student could be part of bringing the awesome Ultimate Team back to RMSEL that used to be here!

Payments for sports are due by **8/22**. Please make checks payable to RMSEL for \$225 and give to Gemma in the front office.

Fall Sports Season

- Season Dates: August 13 – October 8

Practice Schedule

- Practices are held **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday** and **Friday** from **3:20 pm – 4:30 pm**.
- Girls Volleyball will **also** practice on **Tuesdays 3:20 pm - 5:15 pm**

A Parent Meeting will be held after practice on **Friday, August 22 4:30 pm- 4:50 pm**. It is strongly encouraged that at least one parent or guardian attend.

Games & Competitions

- Games are held on weekdays and typically begin between **4:00 pm – 4:30 pm**.

A season-ending tournament will follow regular season play. For Cross Country our League championship is **10/9** and the State Championship will be on **10/23**.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Carolyn ccarrillo@rmisel.org

RMSEL After School Enrichments

August 25th - October 2nd

After school enrichments for students K-12 will begin on Monday, August 25th. Enrichment descriptions and signup forms are available [here](#) and in the document rack by the office.

Mondays

- Girls in Sports
- Knight Chess School - *Not a RMSEL Enrichment - Outside Agency*

Wednesdays

- Music for Mindfulness

Thursdays

- Crafty Critters

Exhibition Night *Date Change*

Please note that Exhibition Night for grades 7-12 has been rescheduled. It will now take place on **December 17th**.

"We are crew, not passengers!"



PTSC



*** **DATE CHANGE** ***

RMSEL K12 Carnival

Friday September 5th, 2025

Food Trucks! Games! Cake Walk! Crafts! and more!

Save time at the gate: click [HERE](#)
to preorder your tickets and

T-shirts or scan:

If you have already purchased
tickets for the previous date and
would like a refund, please email
ptsc@rmisel.org.

OR you can hold onto your tickets for the new date!



High School 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](#).

Ask a Crew Parent Event

We're excited to invite **both new and existing families** to our upcoming event: **Ask a Crew Parent** – a fun and informal gathering designed to build community and share wisdom across grade levels and Crew experiences! Whether you're just starting your RMSEL journey or you've been here for years, this is an excellent opportunity to connect, ask questions, and offer insights. Parents of all grade levels are encouraged to come—whether you're looking for answers or happy to share what you've learned along the way.

Event Details:

What: Ask a Crew Parent

When: Aug 21st , drop in anytime between 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM

Where: Outdoor Classroom (east side of the building)



Who: All RMSEL families – new & returning

Why: To connect, support each other, and strengthen our school community

This is not a three-hour event—**feel free to come and go anytime during the window** that works best for you. No presentations, no pressure—just relaxed, real conversations about Crew life, Fieldwork, Expeditions, volunteering, and those “I wish I had known...” moments.

“We are crew, not passengers!”



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:



PTSC Fundraising



A new school year means new opportunities to support RMSEL! Keep your eye on Field Notes every week for easy, fun ways to raise money for our school, including:

- Monthly dine-outs
- Shopping rewards programs with companies like King Soopers and Oliver's Labels
- Corporate sponsorships
- Fun events

And we would love help on the Fundraising Committee! If you'd like to join us, please email Greg at glestikow@gmail.com

Girls on the Run is coming to RMSEL Fall of 2025!



Calling all 3-5 grade girls! Join our new team starting in early September. Practices will be twice a week for 75-90 mins, including a GOTR lesson and time for training for the 5K GOTR race in November. Program cost is \$195 for the 10 week session. Registration opens 8/4. The team will meet

on Monday and Wednesdays from 3.00 - 4.30 PM. Please contact Emily Brown for further details emily@estersdenver.com

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. 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.

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.



Student Attendance

You may email **Gemma Marshall** gmarshall@gmail.com 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 Gemma. Unverified absences will be marked as unexcused.

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.



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 school break or long weekend. Here are the clean out dates for the remainder of the school year: **Aug 29th, 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 Natalie at nnewton@rmisel.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.