



September 24, 2025

FIELD NOTES

"We are crew, not passengers!"



IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept 29 Dining Night Out at Ester's 4 PM--8 PM
- Picture retake day October 29, 2025
- Oct 1 Pancake Breakfast 7:30 AM-8:30 AM
- Oct 3 Fun Run
- Oct 3- PTSC meeting, room 201 8-9am
- Oct 4- Family Service Opportunity
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Tiffany's Corner

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.

October Count Each year, all public school districts across the state of Colorado participate in the Student October Count data submission to the Colorado Department of Education(CDE). The purpose of this data collection is to obtain required student level data as provided by the state statute. The October Count is the official student headcount for all Colorado public school districts that determines per pupil funding from the state. **It is important to note that this data will impact the funding that RMSEL will receive.** It is imperative that students attend school from **September 24, 2025, through October 8, 2025**. It is critical that we have all students in attendance on these days, especially on **October 1, 2025**, which is the official count date. Please contact Kandice Wheeler at kwheeler@rmsel.org if you have questions regarding the October Count.



Kinder Toy Donations

Please drop off toys and clothes to be donated to A Precious Child. Drop off in Bailey or Kylie's room until October 24.

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. 2005 - DENVER, CO

1950 S. Holly
Denver, CO 80222





LAST DAY TO SUPPORT BOOK FAIR

Where- The Bookies Store 2085 South Holly St

When- September 17-24

How- Mention "RMSEL" at checkout, or shop online at thebookies.com, enter promo code "RMSEL."

15% of your total purchase on all merchandise will come back to RMSEL!
Don't forget to shop teacher wish lists!



RMSEL Fun Run Is Back!

The K-12 Fun Run is happening **October 3!**
Check your students' back pack for Fun Run Envelope and donation forms!

Help us reach our goal of at least \$15,000!

Show your RMSEL spirit on run day: wear RMSEL gear!



Congratulations

to the following winners from the Carnival:

\$150 to Target (PTSC Passport Completion Drawing) - Arturo Fiera - Parent of Ella Gafford-Fiera in 4th grade

For the "Test of Skill" Games:

Chipotle Lunch with a friend and Tiffany - Corrine Lewis in Caitlyn's Crew

Extra Recess for your whole class- Dagney Loftus in Leigh's Crew

Frozen Fruit Popticle Party- Henry Stewart in Haley's Crew

We will be in touch with your crew leaders to find a time to make your celebration happen!

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

- hiring a school nurse
- Strengthening the Expeditionary Learning model through additional teacher training and professional development
- 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

GOAL \$120,000

You'll have lots of opportunities to contribute throughout the year. You can make a one-time or re-occurring contribution [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 4+ Trip

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](#).



PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Join us for a Pancake breakfast from 7:30-8:30am on October 1! \$10 gets you pancakes and sausage. Gluten Free/Dairy Free pancakes and sausage available. Come early! The line will be long! Parents/Guardians are encouraged to join us.

Coffee for adults.



FAMILY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Does your student need community service hours? Join the RMSEL Crew for a service day @ Cook Park on Oct 4 from 10am to 1 pm. We will be painting tables, mulching trees and picking up trash. Sign up [here](#).



RMSEL Athletics

Boys Soccer

Practice: Wednesday, and Friday: 3:20-4:30 PM:

Games: Monday 9/22 Away Game @ Littleton

Prep start time @ 4:30pm

Thursday 9/25 Away Game @ American

Academy Lincoln Meadows start time @ 4:30pm

Girls Volleyball

Practice: Wednesday and Friday: 3:20-4:30 PM.

As well as Tuesday from 3:20-5:10 PM.

Games: Monday 9/22 Away Game @ Littleton

Prep Varsity start time @ 4:30pm JV start time @ 5:30pm

Thursday 9/25 Away Game @ American Academy
Lincoln Meadows Varsity start time @ 4:30pm JV
start time @ 5:30pm

Cross Country

Practice: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday:
3:20-4:30 PM

Meet Information: Goddard Middle School

Viking Challenge 3k on Thursday 9/25

Location: Goddard Middle School 3800 West
Berry Avenue Littleton, CO 80123

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



RMSEL

4TH ANNUAL CEREAL BOX CHALLENGE NOVEMBER 5, 2025



We encourage all students and
staff to bring in at least one
box of unopened, full-size cereal.

**Cereal Box Challenge will be on
Wednesday, November 5th at 9am**

Did you hear that RMSEL has their own team walking in the Breakthrough T1D walk this year?! We have 3 amazing Type 1 Diabetes warriors that go to RMSEL and have created a team! No need to donate to this cause, unless your heart has a pull to do so. We just want our RMSEL community to walk with us, enjoy the event and overall show their support for these students and their courageous families! If you haven't already signed up to walk with us on October 12th, please do so - click [here](#) for more information about RMSEL's Team Type Onederful!



Give me a "R!"

Looking for a 5th-8th Grade
Cheerleading coach for Q2 and Q3. I
have a person who is willing to help
but cannot fully commit to being
head coach. If you have questions
please feel free to reach out to
ccarrillo@rmsel.org



RMSEL Bits and Pieces

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.

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.

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: 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.

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 19 Grades K-1-PAST DUE



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. If you didn't order the directory but would like access, please email kwheeler@rmsel.org. The cost is \$3.

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 once; 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.

2175 S. Jasmine St. is the best location for fingerprinting

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

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

**THANK
YOU!**




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

Volunteer/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](#)